

## Two New Test Methods for Drying Rate of Fabric Published by AATCC

As sportswear and outdoor active wears gained more attention from consumers, the demand for test methods for moisture management of fabric increased as well. In addition to *2008 AATCC-ASTM International Moisture Management Technical Supplement: Applicable to Apparel, Linens, and Soft Goods*, AATCC published two new test methods for evaluation of fabric drying rate.

- *AATCC Test Method 200-2013, Drying Rate of Textiles at their Absorbent Capacity: Air Flow Method*  
This test method examines the drying rate of a fabric at its absorbent capacity while the sample is exposed to air flow condition.
- *AATCC Test Method 201-2013, Drying Rate of Fabrics: Heated Plate Method*  
This test method examines the drying rate of a fabric, exposed to a prescribed volume of water, while in contact with a heated plate set at 37°C. It simulates the skin surface temperature at which the human body starts to perspire.