Lay up fabrics by machine in the clothing industry

Level 3  
Credits 12  

Purpose  People credited with this unit standard are able to: lay up multiple plies of fabric by machine; adapt working practice for different materials; maintain a laying up machine; and load and unload rolls or bales of material.

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Standard setting body (SSB)  Competenz  

Accreditation and Moderation Action Plan (AMAP) reference 0030  
This AMAP can be accessed at http://www.nzqa.govt.nz/framework/search/index.do.

Special notes


2  Range  
   Thick or rigid  – denim, 9 gauge knitted.  
   Thin or stretch  – lycra, nylon, lace, gauze single jersey.  
   Slippery  – lycra, nylon.  
   Open  – net, lace.
3 Definition

*Workplace procedures* refer to the verbal or documented procedures for performing work activities and include health and safety, operational, environmental, and quality management requirements. They may refer to manuals, manufacturer's specifications, codes of practice, or policy statements.

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**Elements and performance criteria**

**Element 1**

Lay up multiple plies of fabric by machine.

**Performance criteria**

1.1 Plies are free from creases, all ripples are removed, and near edge is vertically stacked and straight.

   Range minimum of two plies.

1.2 The bench or base paper is identified with splice marks or block marks.

1.3 End stops are set consistent with fabric behaviour under tension.

1.4 End loss does not exceed given tolerances for each fabric.

1.5 Plies are cut straight or lapped according to type of fabric, product, and lay system.

**Element 2**

Adapt working practice for different fabrics.

Range minimum of two fabrics.

**Performance criteria**


2.2 Tension of laid material is consistent throughout the lay.

2.3 Maximum depth is consistent with type of cutting equipment to be used.

2.4 Quality standards with regard to flaws meet workplace procedures.
Element 3
Maintain a laying up machine.

Performance criteria

3.1 The machine is lubricated and maintained according to manufacturer's specifications.
3.2 Electronic sensors or other edge straightening devices are checked for accuracy according to manufacturer's specifications.
3.3 End cutters and end stops where used are set and used according to manufacturer's specifications.
3.4 Machine faults are identified and reported according to workplace procedures.
3.5 All maintenance procedures are in accordance with workplace procedures.

Element 4
Load and unload rolls or bales of material.

Performance criteria

4.1 Rolls or bales are loaded to the machine manufacturer's specifications.
4.2 Fabric is threaded according to the machine manufacturer's specifications.
4.3 Surplus material is removed from the machine and wrapped or tied according to workplace procedures.
4.4 Unused fabric is returned to stock and recorded according to workplace procedures.
4.5 Records of labour and fabric usage meet workplace procedures.

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