

VENDOR MANUAL

2020 VERSION 3.0

SECTION 7 – Testing/Labeling/Product Compliance

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OVERVIEW

POLICY STATEMENT

This section provides the administrative procedures and requirements under the Destination Maternity Testing Program. Destination Maternity is committed to delivering quality merchandise to the DM customer. These guidelines are based on the mandate that all Apparel merchandise purchased by DM must be tested to meet all applicable laws and regulatory requirements, in addition to ensuring compliance with DM customer satisfaction and acceptability.

PERFORMANCE STANDARDS

Destination Maternity performance standards are used as a guideline for the evaluation of DM Apparel product acceptability. Most test methods and test procedures are originated from:

- ASTM (American Society of Testing and Materials)
- AATCC (American Association of Textile Chemists and Colorists)
- ISO (International Organization for Standardization)
- CPSC (Consumer Product Safety Commission)
- FTC (Federal Trade Commission)
- California Proposition 65
- US State Regulations

TESTING REQUIREMENTS

All apparel produced for Destination Maternity is required to be tested under the DM Testing program guidelines to ensure DM quality and performance expectations are fully met in time for production. Vendors should be aware of the quality expectation levels prior to negotiating prices, pricing commitments and order agreements. Over testing is highly discouraged as it increases the garment cost brought back to DM. Every effort should be made to ensure that the DM testing guidelines are well understood and adhered to so that proper consolidation and cost of testing per style or program of styles is determined properly prior to purchase order confirmation. NOTE: [Failure to properly consolidate testing will result in the testing overcharge assessed and DM garment cost adjusted on purchase order. Any overcharge assessed after shipping will be incurred by the vendor via an off- set expense for the overcharged amount.](#)

For all questions related to Testing & Care Labeling Compliance please contact Testing point person: Mari Alessi Kowalski at: mkowalski@destinationmaternity.com

REGULATORY REQUIREMENTS & CONSUMER PRODUCT SAFETY

[FTC LABELING REQUIREMENTS](#)

Destination Maternity vendors are responsible for ensuring that products produced for DM comply with applicable laws and regulations governing packaging and product labeling. Applicable laws and regulations include but are not limited to the following:

- Country of Origin Labeling
- Textile Fibers Products Identification Act
- Wool Products Labeling Act
- Fair Packaging and Labeling Act
- Uniform Packaging and Labeling Regulation
- Uniform Packaging and Labeling Regulation and Uniform Label Laws.

In addition to the above, all labeling must also comply with current U.S. Federal Trade Commission (FTC) requirements and with all U.S. Customs Service regulations. It is the responsibility of the vendor to understand and apply all labeling rules and requirements.

[COUNTRY OF ORIGIN/RN#/CA#](#)

All product shipped to Destination Maternity must exhibit the following

- Country of Origin
- Destination Maternity RN# 79913
- Destination Maternity CA# 11414

There are **NO EXCEPTIONS** to the above. Vendors must comply, or DM will be forced to bring product into compliance and Non-Compliance Charges will be assessed against the purchase order affected. [For further information about Federal Labeling Requirement, you may contact the FTC:](#)

U.S. Federal Trade Commission
Website: www.ftc.gov

Reference information is available on the FTC's Textile, Wool, Fur and Apparel Matters webpage: www.ftc.gov/os/statues/testilejump.htm and the FTC's Facts for Businesses: Threading Your Way Through the Labeling Requirements under the Textile and Wool Acts: <http://business.ftc.gov/documents/bus21-threading-your-way-through-labeling-requirements-under-textile-and-wool-acts> * See Textile and Apparel Rules of Origin, U.S. Customs and Border Protection, for additional information on Rules of Origin for Textile and Apparel products. Vendors must review the [REGULATORY REQUIREMENTS & CONSUMER PRODUCT SAFETY DOCUMENT](#) accessible in the [Forms Download Link](#), on the Vendor Manual Dashboard, **SECTION 7 FORMS**.

CERTIFIED TESTING LAB

To streamline the communication and clarity of the Destination Maternity Testing Program as well as ensure the best technical and customer service to DM and its Vendors, the following Testing Lab is the only Certified Testing under the Destination Maternity Apparel Testing program:



Unless otherwise specified ALL testing for DM is to be performed at Intertek Testing Lab as per the DM Testing Program Guidance. The DM Testing program is managed between the US and HK Intertek offices in conjunction with the Destination Maternity Testing Team located at the DM corporate office. Intertek Program Managers will ensure DM Vendors and all global lab locations are working in unison within the testing program guidance for all testing submitted on DM's behalf. [Failure to use the DM Certified testing lab will result in the total cost of testing to be deducted from the Garment Cost confirmed on the DM Purchase order.](#)

[CONTACT INFORMATION](#)

Intertek Contact information is provided in the [Forms Download Link](#) on the Vendor Manual Dashboard, Vendors should review:

- Intertek Global Lab Locations
- Destination Maternity Test Request form (TRF) NOTE: This is the only testing form that may be submitted to the lab for testing on behalf of Destination Maternity. Submission using any other form is NOT PERMITTED and will result in testing hold/delays and Vendor is responsible to rectify immediately.

[SAMPLE COLLECTION CENTER](#)

Vendors manufacturing DM styles in the USA must use [Intertek Korea Lab](#) in lieu of testing at the Intertek Lab located in USA (Illinois) as cost of testing in the USA would be price prohibitive. The ITS Sample Collection Center in Los Angeles, CA will accommodate all DM Vendors and they will expedite fabric/garments to the Korea Lab on behalf of DM Vendors:

- [Vendors in the LA area call ITS directly for a sample Pick-Up.](#)
- [Vendors outside the LA area can mail samples directly to the ITS Sample Collection Center in Vernon, CA.](#)

NOTE: Sending Details are outlined in the [Global Testing Program 2017 Document](#) accessible in the [Forms Download Link](#) and Vendors must download all additional testing forms from the [Forms Download Link](#), on the Vendor Manual Dashboard, [SECTION 7 FORMS](#).

TESTING PROGRAM

The Destination Maternity Global Testing Program encompass a streamlined testing SOP managed by DM testing team and ITS Laboratory. Testing's is Mandatory for ALL Brands except for Market Pea Collection. Methods derived from AATCC/ASTM/CPSC methodology and test menus are consolidated down to 4 'core' test menus that are referred to as Test Protocols. The program also includes expanded sample plans, price lists, additional testing guidance, Coded Care System and Testing Consolidation Planning guidance included for best understanding of program requirements.

Highlights

Destination Maternity styles must test under the [Global Testing Program](#). This 'core' Testing Program guidance includes all tests, test methods, testing requirements, discounted pricing, required sampling plan and testing turn time in a consolidated document:

- One Global Testing Program with consolidated Test Protocols.
- One Lab/ One Test Request Form (TRF) for Standard Care Label and One for Heat Seal/Booklet Care labels
- AZO Dye Testing Required on [Darkest Color Only](#)
- Coded Care System

Within the updated Testing Program have the following Test Protocols:

- KNIT
- WOVEN
- NURSING BRA
- SWIM

Testing is performed on Bulk Quality Fabric (Fabric Test & Additional Color Test) and Production Quality Garments (Garment test). Exceptions that require testing in [Garment Form Only](#) are:

- Sweaters
- Denim
- Garment / Pigment Dye styles/Special Wet Processing
- Knit Burn Out Styles

NOTE: In addition to the above there is a [Zipper Test Protocol](#) available, for Vendors who cannot secure a DM Nominated Supplier Zipper (YKK, Talon, LiRui & Ideal) for production. Testing under this protocol should be the exception, not the rule and requires permission from DM Global Sourcing. Test Protocols include the following:

1. Test Name, Method & Requirement for Fabric, Additional Color & Garment Testing
2. Additional Notes/Guidance
3. Sample Plan
4. Price List: Testing, Inspections & Audits
5. How to Test Guidance
6. Sample Collection Center address in Los Angeles for Vendors manufacturing in the USA.

TESTING PROGRAM GUIDANCE

The Destination Maternity Global Testing Program requires the following procedures to be adhered to always. Failure to follow the Testing Program Guidance outlined below is not acceptable and will result in delays to the testing cycle and will be considered non-compliance.

Destination Maternity Vendors are NOT permitted to customize or change any of the DM Test Protocols. However, Vendors are permitted to run [Individual Testing](#), as needed, to [Confirm or Deny](#) specific test results as directed by Destination Maternity or to re-test specific test failures during preliminary and production testing processes. NOTE: any deviation to the above testing requirements requires the permission of the Destination Maternity Testing Team in advance of testing. Contact: mkowalski@destinationmaternity.com

CLAIMS

Any claims made on a product i.e. Branded Fiber, Fabric Properties (weight, stitch count etc.) Special finishes (Crinkle, Resin Treatments, Water resistance etc.) Appropriate tests will automatically be applied for substantiation purposes and these tests will also be billed outside the DM package Price.

NEW STYLES OR NEW PROGRAM OF STYLES

- New styles or programs (multiple styles in the same fabrication) must be fully tested under the appropriated Destination Maternity Test Package(s) and include all compulsory testing i.e.: Fabric, Add Color, and Garment testing per style.
- For Program testing that encompasses multiple styles- Jackets and pants are always tested. For a program of like items, test the most constructed style (one or two) in the program (lined, embellished, trimmed etc.) that best represent all like styles construction as [REPRESENTATIVE OF ALL](#).

RE-ORDERS & ON-GOING PROGRAMS

- Re-orders shipping more than 1 year past a previous [PP Approval](#) must be tested as a [NEW](#) program under the appropriate Destination Maternity Test package(s). This means new Fabric test, add color test and garment testing as well as an updated CLL (Care Label Layout) is required.
- Re-orders shipping less than 6 months from a previous PO/Shipment must be tested as a [NEW](#) program if any element of the order has changed, this includes: new factory, supplier, spinning, dyeing, weaving, knitting, finishing, garment construction or the addition of any embellishment/trim/heat seal/screen print/decoration. This means new fabric, additional Colorway(s) and Garment tests as well as updated CLL (Care Label Layout) are required

ADDITIONAL COLORWAYS

- Additional Colors on order per style or program of styles must be tested for Colorfastness and PH Value.
- When testing additional colorways, testing must be submitted at the same time as the Fabric Testing so that the care label approval can be confirmed for ALL colors on order - NO exceptions.
- Styles / Programs with 5 or more colors on order do not require all colors to be tested - vendors must choose one Light, one Medium and one Dark color way to test as **REPRESENTATIVE OF ALL COLOWAYS**. Vendors will be held responsible to ensure that colorfastness achieved for the colors tested, is achieved on all colors in production.
- When choosing the Light color to be tested DO NOT choose white or cream – white/cream color ways **DO NOT** require Additional Color Testing.
- Vendors must reference the Additional Color Test Protocol.

NEW COLORWAYS

- All new colors adopted must be tested for Colorfastness & PH Value.
- Vendors are responsible to expedite this testing automatically upon lab dip approval and in time for delivery of the new colorway.
- Vendors must reference the appropriate Additional Color Test Protocol.

SWIMWEAR NEW COLORWAYS

- All new swimwear colors adopted must be dunk tested by the vendor at bulk fabric/color approval stage, after fabric quality is approved by DM and when bulk yardage is secured for testing and sampling.
- 1/2 yard of each color on order (per style) should be dunk tested.
- Yardage for dunk testing should be tested by factory and internal results and digital photos should be recorded on the attached DM spread sheet.
- Internal dunk test spreadsheet results should be provided to Testing Team with Testing Package at Care Label review/approval stage. Care labels will not be approved without internal dunk test results.

GREIGE FABRIC COMMITMENTS

- Greige fabric commitments are subject to completion of lab testing.
- All new fabric adoptions should be preliminarily tested in fabric form on available colors (Bright or dark colors unless only light colors will be used in bulk) to establish acceptable DM performance on the fabric prior to fabric adoption.
- This preliminary testing may not be used in place of the required pre-production testing submitted for care label approval and should not be submitted as such.

RE-TESTS

- ✎ Fabric, or garments tested that have critical failures to DM performance standards and **CANNOT BE CORRECTED** in time for production require review and disposition from DM testing and sourcing teams.
- ✎ Fabrics that **CAN BE CORRECTED** in time for production require the vendor to expedite corrective action automatically and to provide a Re-Test for passing results prior to Pre-Pro Submittal to DM.
- ✎ The Cost of Re-Tests are the sole responsibility of the vendor and may not be built into the garment cost brought to DM.

WET PROCESSING (GARMENT DYE, PIGMENT DYE, OVERDYED, TIE DYE, DIP DYE ETC.)

Specialty dye styles such as Garment Dye, Pigment Dye, Overdyed, Dip Dye, Tie Dye etc. require testing to be performed in **GARMENT** form only.

- Garments must be production quality/color/finish/construction exactly as bulk production. No Exceptions.
- Colorfastness to laundering and crocking standards published for wet processed styles must be adhered to for production. Styles that do not meet these standards are subject to review and or cancellation.
- Appearance to Laundering is required on **ALL COLORWAYS**, in production quality garment form – no exceptions.

NOTE: Care Labels must not be inserted into garments that will be washed or garment dyed until after the processing has been completed. The main brand /coo labels may be inserted into the garments prior to processing only if the process WILL NOT discolor or otherwise damage the appearance of the label. If the main label will be affected by the treatment, it must be applied again after the final processing.

DENIM & SWEATER STYLES

- Denim and Sweater styles require testing to be performed in **GARMENT** form only.
- Garments must be production quality/color/finish/construction exactly as bulk production. No Exceptions.
- Ongoing Denim styles must be tested internally by factory quarterly to ensure on-going purchase orders colorfastness (CF to wash & crocking) is matching the annual ITS test report. Deviations in production are not permitted and all internal factory data must be available to DM upon request.

STYLES WITH BELTS/TRIM/EMBELLISHMENT

- Styles with Belts (Metal/Plastic/Faux Leather), Trim/Decoration/Embellishment etc. will be automatically be evaluated for mandatory state regulations including but not limited to California Prop 65, CPSC, and Illinois Lead Prevention Act.

STYLES WITH HEAT SEALS

- Styles with heat seals must have the heat seal applied to a fabric panel in lei of a sample (bulk production quality fabric panel and heat seal application) and tested at

FABRIC TESTING STAGE to ensure there is ample time to correct heat seal applications that do not pass appearance to laundering and dry clean.

- Fabric panel minimum size is 12x12
- For color, specific heat seals (contrasting color heat seals per colorway) fabric panels submitted must be representative of each bulk production color combination to ensure passing results for appearance to laundering and dry clean.

STYLES WITH SCREEN PRINTS

- Styles with screen printing, the inks are required to be **LEAD & CADMIUM FREE**. Vendors are responsible to provide proof of Lead / Cadmium free inks. Acceptable forms of proof are a COC (Certificate of Conformity) from ink supplier and/or third-party testing from a certified independent lab. All proof documents must be dated the current year – expired documentation will not be accepted. If vendor cannot provide this proof, Lead and Cadmium testing will be run at the vendor's expense and may not be built into the cost of garments.
- Styles with screen prints must have the screen print applied to a fabric panel in lieu of a sample (bulk production quality fabric panel and screen print application) and tested at Fabric Testing Stage to ensure there is ample time to correct screen print applications that do not pass appearance to laundering and dry clean.
- Fabric panel minimum size is 12x12 dependent on-screen print size.
- For programs with different screen prints per colorway, fabric panels submitted may be consolidated to be representative of each bulk production color combination to ensure passing results for appearance to laundering and dry clean for each colorway. Vendors should carefully choose the screen prints that **represent all**.
- For Team Screen Prints (MLB, NFL) if 3rd party COC/Test report is not available, screen prints should be consolidated to reduce the cost of testing. Vendor is responsible to choose the appropriate number of team screen prints that represents **all colors** for all screen prints for each of the teams. Only these specific screen prints will be tested for Lead, Cadmium and appearance to laundering. Vendors should prepare fabric panels to represent the team screen prints that match the consolidation plan.

STYLES WITH 'SECRET FIT BELLY®'

- Styles with a secret fit belly **DO NOT** require separate testing for the **SFB TUBE** that is sloped, cut and attached to the garment.
- DM manages the SFB testing annually with the SFB supplier. Upon placing orders with our SFB Supplier, Vendors should request Fiber Content Information from the supplier to accurately capture for Care Labeling purposes. Vendors may also request the SFB Test Report.
- DM will have annual SFB testing on file - Vendors **DO NOT** need to submit our SFB Test Report back to us during testing approval.
- The SFB provides a maternity function and the SFB fiber content will need to be sectionally disclosed on the care label.

STYLES WITH 'OTHER' BELLY'S (Cut/Sew Mid-Belly/Under-Belly/Fold-Over Belly)

- Styles with a cotton / spandex jersey or interlock belly (Under, Mid Belly) DOES require a separate fabric test for the belly fabric as it provides a maternity function and the Belly's Fiber Content will need to be sectionally disclosed on the care label.
- Belly fabric yardage should be provided at the same time as Self Fabric and Additional Colors Fabric at Fabric Testing Stage.

STYLES WITH COMBO FABRICS (INCLUDING LININGS)

- Styles with a combo fabric or linings that cover 15% or more of the total body of the style requires separate fabric testing on the combo or lining fabric.
- Combo or Lining fabric should be provided at the same time as Self Fabric and Additional Colors Fabric at Fabric Testing Stage.
- Styles with multiple combo fabrics stitched together that make up the self-fabrication – the style must be tested in **GARMENT FORM ONLY** – no exceptions.

BRAS

- Engineered Bras must have all shell, wing, lining fabrics fully tested – This means the outer bra shell fabric, Cup lining fabric, Nursing Sling Lining and Wing fabrics will each require a full fabric test per style or program of styles.
- Molded cups do not require any separate testing however production cups must be exhibited in bra samples at garment testing stage – no exceptions
- Lace trimmings, and combo fabrics not used for functionality do not require separate full fabric testing or Fiber Content testing. They will be disclosed as 'Exclusive of Trim or Decoration'.

NURSING STYLES

- Color Fastness to Saliva will automatically be tested on all nursing products to ensure there is no color transfer of dyestuffs from the apparel to baby when nursing.
- In addition to Saliva, Nursing styles may not have any failing Color Fastness Testing (Crocking, CF to wash and dry clean) dye transfer near baby when nursing will not be permitted.
- Failing Crocking, CF to wash/dry clean and saliva results are not acceptable, and waivers will not be issued – No exceptions.
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FULLY LINED & ACTIVE STYLES

- Fully lined and active styles require Colorfastness to Perspiration testing.
- Color Fastness to Perspiration will automatically be tested to ensure there is no color transfer from the apparel onto skin.
- Failing CF to Perspiration results are not acceptable and waivers will not be issued – no exception.

SETS (2PC/3PC/4PC)

- A 'set' is defined as 2 or more distinct pieces sold together as one item with one style number and one price.
- Each fabric and garment that make up the set must be fully tested unless all pieces of the set are using the same base fabric /fiber content.

- No matter if the set pieces are connected by a loop and snap, are permanently stitched at join point OR the pieces are fully detachable (attached by swiftack) each piece of the set requires its own care label.
- For sets that encompass distinctly different fabrication/fiber content per piece – each piece of the set requires its own unique fiber content and Coded Care Instructions determined by testing. In cases where the pieces are all the same fabric/fiber content then all pieces can share the same fiber content and Coded Care Instructions if no piece in the set requires additional care or data based on embellishment or trim.
- Sets that are fully detachable may not share Fiber/Coded Care instructions unless they are made of identical fabric, fiber content & construction.

FLAMMABILITY REQUIREMENTS

- Destination Maternity **DOES NOT** permit the use of Class 2 or Class 3 flammability for its apparel fabrics. Only Class 1 fabrics will be permitted for DM Production.
- Vendors must ensure that fabric used meets the flammability requirements and cooperate with any product recalls or withdrawals from the marketplace due to non-compliant goods
- Flame retardant finishes are not permitted.
- All fabrics tested for DM will be evaluated for Flammability, however only suspect fabrics will be tested for flammability. An exemption notice will be issued within all DM Test reports for fabrics that are exempt from flammability testing.
- A flammability COC (certificate of Compliance) will automatically be included in every Destination Maternity test report that is run at DM certified lab.
- Fabrics that FAIL Class 1 flammability are subject to immediate cancelation – no exceptions.

AZO DYE REQUIREMENTS

- AZO Dye testing or proof of AZO Free Dyes is required on all DM apparel products - no exceptions.
- Destination Maternity does not permit Care Label Approval on fabrics that fail outside the DM requirement for AZO Dye Colorants: none detected up to 20 ppm.
- AZO Dye testing is performed on the darkest color on order. If the darkest color passes, this testing will be representative of all colorways and no further AZO dye testing will be required on additional colorways. If AZO testing fails on darkest color on order, fabric must be corrected & retested in time for production. In addition, all colorways on order will be subject to AZO Dye testing. The cost of the additional AZO dye testing that resulted from initial failing test results will be at the vendor's expense and may not be built into the testing cost built into the garment cost.
- All colors except white/cream require testing for AZO Dye Colorants.

FORMALDEHYDE REQUIREMENTS

- Formaldehyde may cause an allergic reaction. Formaldehyde content for Adult Maternity Apparel must be <75ppm. NOTE: Exception if the Adult Maternity Apparel Style is sold with a Baby Bodysuit or Sweater Formaldehyde must meet the children's standard <20ppm.
- Destination Maternity does not permit Care Label Approval on fabrics that fail outside the DM requirement for Formaldehyde: none detected up to 75 ppm (adult) or 20 ppm (baby).
- Formaldehyde that exceeds the standard above is considered carcinogenic and failing Formaldehyde test results are not acceptable and waivers will not be issued – No exceptions.

NICKEL REQUIREMENTS

- Nickel may cause an allergic reaction when in direct contact with skin. Nickel requirement for Maternity Apparel must be Nickel Free (Max 0.5 ug. /cm sq.)
- Nickel Leaching that exceeds the DM standard are not acceptable and waivers will not be issued – NO exceptions.

CALIFORNIA PROPOSITION 65 (Lead, Phthalates, Cadmium)

All product tested at Garment Testing Stage will be automatically evaluated for all applicable California Prop 65 Testing based on the style(s) submitted.

- Apparel – constructed with /composed of any beads, sequins, plastic & metal trim components (i.e., buttons, D-rings, toggles, etc.) belts, PU, PVC * other plastics materials.
- Apparel with detachable belts constructed with/composed of PU, PVC or other plastics & metal components
- Apparel with non-detachable or detachable jewelry
- Apparel products consisting of finishes, i.e.: wrinkle resistance, stain resistance, crinkle/pre-crinkle finishes

LABELING AND CARE INSTRUCTIONS















Destination Maternity Vendors are responsible for compliant and legal labeling and packaging for the apparel products they produce for DM. The regulations and guidelines for labeling are very detailed, therefore it is important for vendors to be highly proficient regarding the FTC labeling guidelines. Textile labeling information can be found at the [FTC \(Federal Trade Commission Textile and Wool act\) website](https://www.ftc.gov/federal-trade-commission-textile-and-wool-act):

Please Click the Link to access the FTC website at: www.ftc.gov

<https://www.ftc.gov/tips-advice/business-center/guidance/threading-your-way-through-labeling-requirements-under-textile>

LABELING REGULATIONS	
COUNTRY OF ORIGIN	The country of origin (COO) must be displayed on a permanent label in the CB neck or CB waistband of the garment.
BELTS	All belts require Country of Origin (Tri-Lingual) marking permanently stamped (non-fabric belts) or attached (white bondable label or coated paper sewn in label. (Metal chain type belts require white COO hangtag with black type and attached with locking swiftack). <u>No Exceptions</u>
	If product has a non-fabric belt (Faux Leather, Metal Chain type or Non-Fabric Material) COO marking must be permanently <u>stamped or attached</u> (bondable label or sewn hangtag)
FIBER CONTENT	Fiber content must be displayed by generic name (i.e.: cotton, nylon, rayon, etc.)
	Each fiber present in the amount of five (5) percent or more of the garment must be declared as a percentage of the total fiber weight of the product. Fiber Percentages must be listed in descending order.
	Sectional Fiber Disclosure is required for the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Items having combo fabrics differing in fiber content i.e.: Sleeve fabric is different than body fabric – each sections fiber content must be declared on the label. b) Styles with filling (example; down or poly filled outerwear). Filling must be tested, and material content must be declared on the label.

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	c) Style with Secret Fit Belly (SFB): The SFB is maternity specific function and fiber must be declared on the care label.														
RN#	All labels must display the Destination Maternity RN Identification number: RN# 79913 for all DM Branded product.														
CA#	All Labels must display the Destination Maternity CA Identification number: CA# 11414 for all DM Branded Product.														
CARE LABEL	Garment care labels must be <u>permanently attached</u> and can withstand <u>10 launderings</u> or the <u>useful life</u> of the product, whichever is less. The label, the care and any additional written information must remain legible for this length of time.														
	Care label must comply with State & Federal Regulations. For packaged product, if care label is not visible through packaging, the care instructions must be repeated on the packaging.														
CARE SYMBOLS	Care symbols are required on all care labels- ASTM symbols – all 5 - must be exhibited, in correct order on ever care label produced for DM. These symbols must match the written care instructions. Use of these symbols is mandatory unless otherwise instructed by DM Testing Team - NO EXCEPTIONS:														
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BRAND / COUNTRY OF ORIGIN / SIZE LABEL REQUIREMENTS

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- Destination Maternity Brand /Country of Origin (COO)/SIZE labels are woven and color matched. The COO/SIZE label must be permanently attached to the bottom of all DM Brand Labels.
- COO & SIZE information must be exhibited in Tri-Lingual Language: English/French (CAN)/Spanish (MEX) – no exceptions
- All garments shipping to Destination Maternity must have the appropriate Woven Brand & COO/SIZE Label or Heat Seal equivalent exhibited in the center back neck or waistband of the garment.
- For 2, 3 or 4pc Sets – **EACH PIECE** of the set also requires full labeling:
 - DM Brand & COO/SIZE label or Heat Seal equivalent (CB Neck or CB Waist mandatory).
 - Care Label inside side seam (placement standard unless otherwise directed by Tech).
 - The care label requires the words 2pc set, 3Pc set or 4pc set on front care label.
- Label Placements will be advised by Technical Designer per style within all DM Tech Packs.

Dependent on Brand Label Design – COO and Size can be exhibited vertically or horizontally, and DM approved artwork should always be followed:



STANDARD CARE LABEL REQUIREMENTS

Destination Maternity Care labels are made of a DM approved quality white recycled double-sided poly satin slit edge printable material. Care instructions are printed on BOTH sides of care label and the required dimension are: **38mm Wide x 95mm Long (95mm includes 10mm sew space)**. PLEASE NOTE THE FOLLOWING:

- DM Recycled satin quality is available globally and Vendors are required to locally source and print our care labels.

- To ensure care labels are as identical as possible – New Vendors will be provided with DM Care Label Quality Sample and will be required to source an appropriate quality match for submission to the DM Testing Team for a One-Time Approval before producing any care labels for production.
- All Care Label data (front & back) must be exhibited in full Tri Lingual Language: English/French (CAN)/Spanish (MEX) – No Exceptions.

FRONT CARE LABEL REQUIREMENTS: MANDATORY

- Fiber content in English/French/Spanish
- Spanish Fiber Content only is required to be ALL lowercase (example: 100% poliester) *this is a mandatory regulatory requirement for Mexico. Failure to comply could result in cancellation of international PO.
- Protective fiber content wording in English/French/Spanish *if applicable (example: Exclusive of Decoration)
- Destination Maternity [RN#79913 & CA#11414](#)
- Destination Maternity Style # i.e.: 99422 *NOTE only the numeric # should be present on label not the word 'Style #'.
- Patent information (Number or Patent pending) in English/French/Spanish (When applicable)
- 2, 3, or 4 pc Set in English/French/Spanish (When applicable)
- Country of Origin in English/French/Spanish

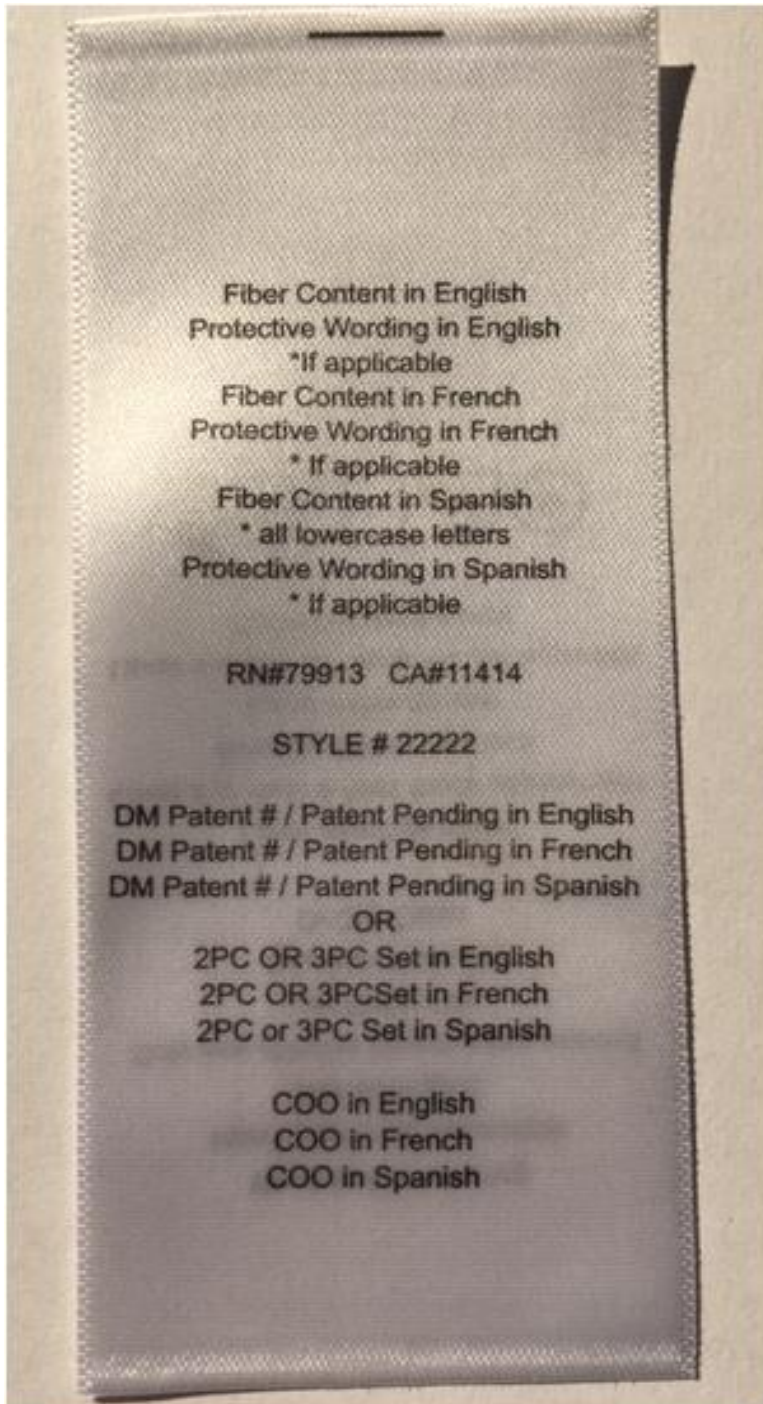
BACK CARE LABEL REQUIREMENTS: MANDATORY

- Care Instructions in full Tri Lingual Language: English/French (CAN)/Spanish (MEX) – No Exceptions.
- 5 Care Symbols : 1) Wash, 2) Bleach, 3) Dry, 4) Iron & 5) Dry Clean): ASTM / US symbols.

The Following must NOT be printed on any DM Care Labels

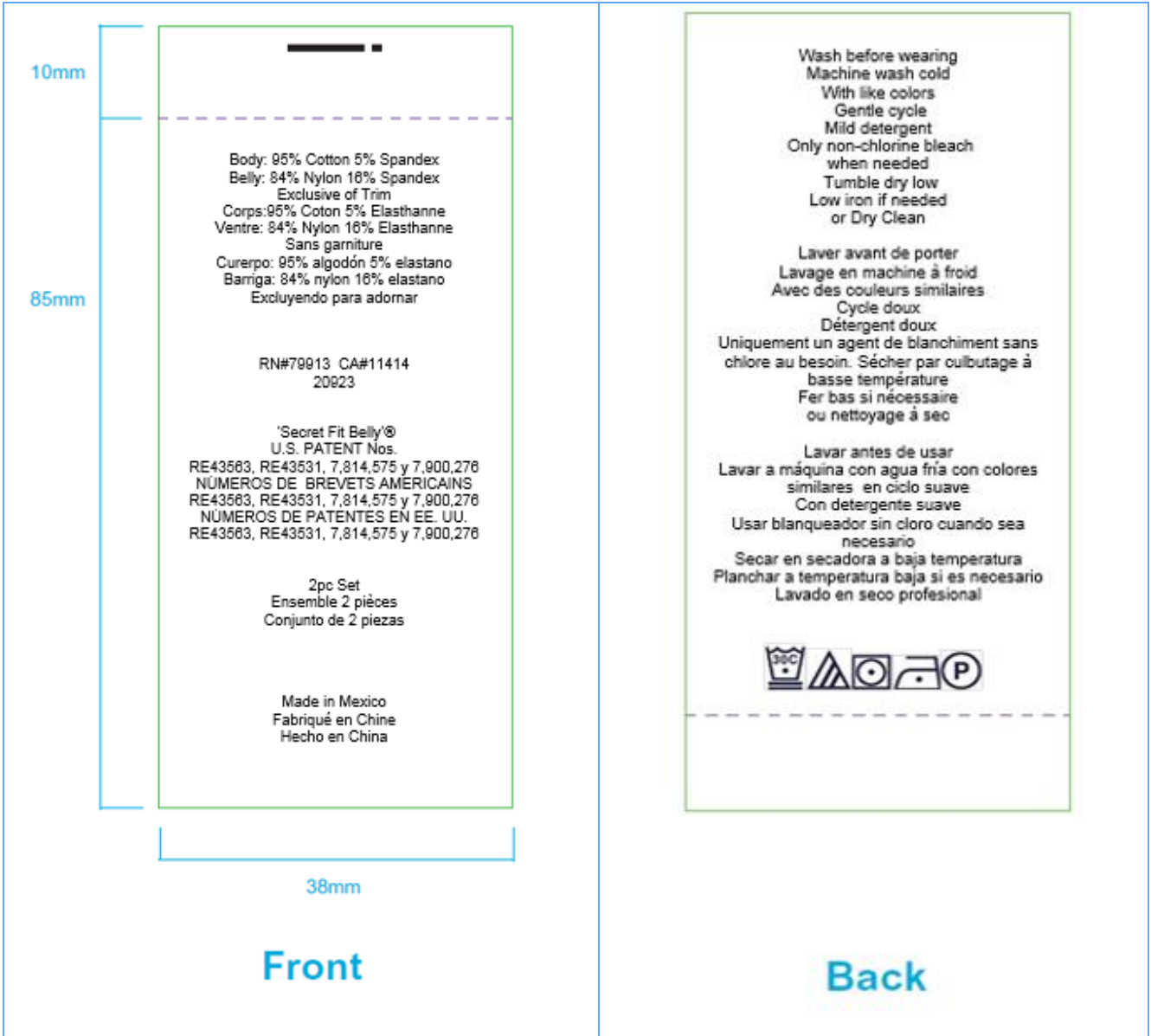
- UPC number (Bar Code)
- DM Color Number
- DM PO (Purchase Order) Number
- DM Size
- **EXCEPTION:** 4-layer Booklet Care Label or DM Heat Seal care labels do require Size/Color Number. Always follow the DM approved artwork provided.

WHITE RECYCLED SATIN CARE LABEL MATERIAL



TRI-LINGUAL CARE LABEL ARTWORK

Example: DMCARE-TRI-02



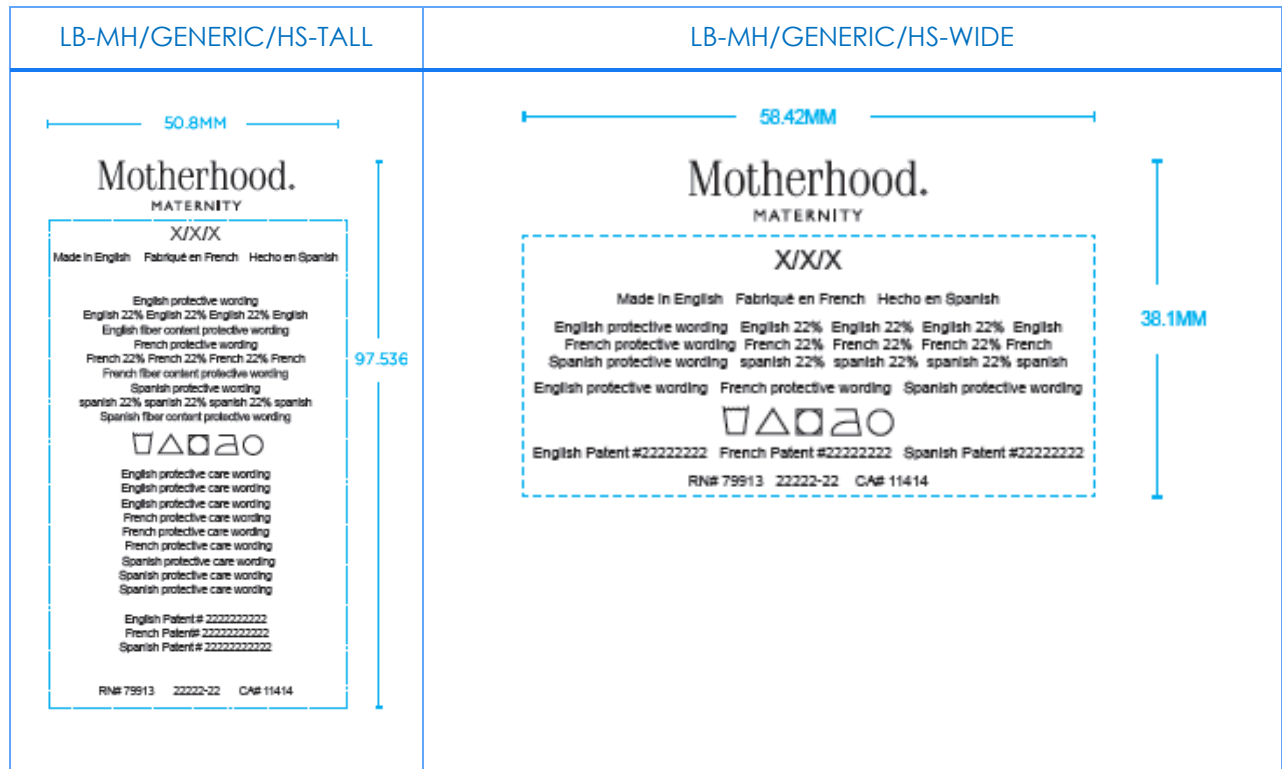
SPECIAL ATTENTION: Only the front care label has variable data that changes based on Fiber Content, Style#, Country of Origin and the need for Patent # or 2pc/3pc set dependent on style. Back Care label is coded care and symbols that may not be changed without permission from DM Testing Team.

HEAT SEAL CARE LABEL REQUIREMENTS

Heat Seal Care Labels have the same care instructions requirements as regular woven care labels – however the Heat Seal Care Labels **DO NOT** include the English/French/Spanish Care Instructions Listed out, instead the care symbols suffice as the full care instructions as there is limited space on heat seals. Protective wording (partial legends) are the only wording listed out in English, French and Spanish. Heat seals are branded with DM Brand and include COO, Size, & Color # – they are essentially an all in one label covering the Brand, Country of Origin, Size and Care Instructions requirements.

1. DM Heat Seal Artwork must be followed always. DM Artwork is located within the Vendor BOM in DeSL tech pack. NOTE: If artwork is missing contact the appropriate Product Manager.
2. Vendors must locally source and produce heat seals based on the DM artwork provided. Vendors must first approve their artwork draft with their supplier to ensure it matches the DM artwork exactly.
3. Vendors must NOT submit artwork draft to Testing Team for care approval. The artwork must be fully approved between the Vendor and their local supplier before submitting Testing Package with heat seal care label layout to testing team for care approval.

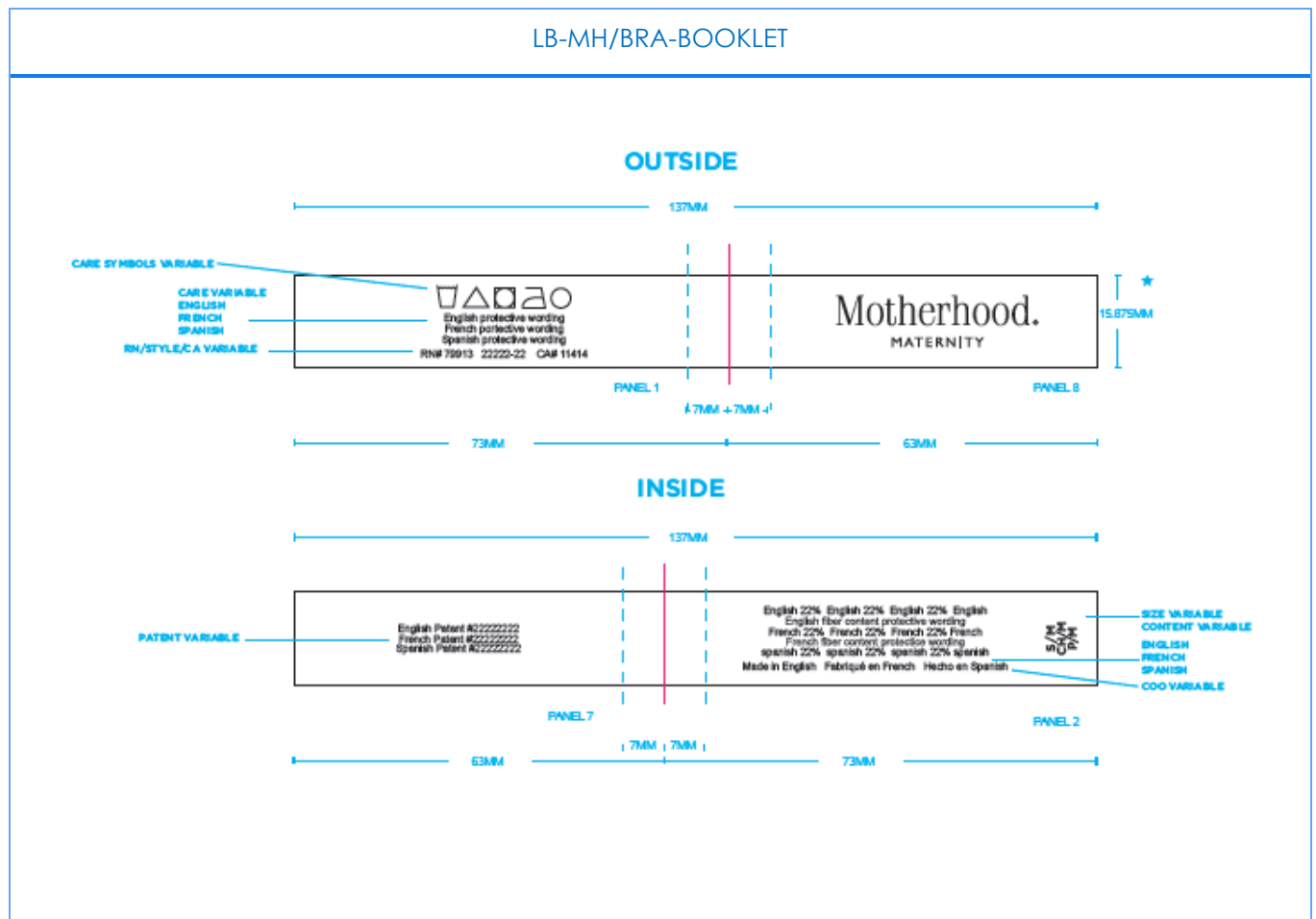
TRI-LINGUAL HEAT SEAL / CARE LABEL ARTWORK EXAMPLE



BRA CARE LABEL REQUIREMENTS

DM Woven Bra Care Labels are a different quality & color (MH) than the standard apparel care label. Bra styles use the Booklet Label which is a recycled satin 2 layer w/4-sides printed booklet care label. The care data is printed horizontally except for COO & Size. NOTE: The DM artwork must be followed in the DeSL tech pack.

TRI-LINGUAL BRA CARE LABEL ARTWORK EXAMPLE



NOTE: Booklet care labels **DO NOT** include the English/French/Spanish Care Instructions Listed Out, instead the care symbols suffice as the full care instructions as there is limited space on the small booklet label. Protective wording (partial legends) are the only wording listed out in English, French and Spanish. The label is branded with DM Brand and include COO, Size, & Color # – they are essentially an all in one label covering the Brand, Country of Origin, Size and Care Instructions requirements.

CARE INSTRUCTIONS

VM SECTION 7: TESTING/LABELING /PRODUCT COMPLIANCE

To streamline care approvals and improve care accuracy, Destination Maternity has a Coded Care System. The appropriate DM care code to be used for Testing will be exhibited within the DeSL system, initially in the Vendor BOM tab within the Tech Pack per style. NOTE: DM coded care is assigned by DM Testing Team based on the Vendors FDS/Lab Tests submitted. See below how Coded Care Looks in DeSL:



- Vendors may not deviate from the DM care code provided to them.
- To help ensure accuracy at the lab, vendors are required to indicate the DM care code from DeSL and choose the same code on the DM Test Request Form (TRF) submitted to the lab.
- Vendors must accurately cross reference care code and choose the correct one. Incorrect care codes will be subject to automatic revision by DM Testing Lab.
- In cases where fabric or color way fails a coded care instruction, DM lab test report will confirm the recommended DM coded care instruction based on the fabric and color way test reporting.

DM Coded Care Instructions List is included in the Care Label Layout Document accessible in the [Forms Download Link](#), on the Vendor Manual Dashboard, [SECTION 7 FORMS](#).

BACK: CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX FOR DM CARE APPROVED IN DESL TECH PACK			
<p>DMCARE-TRI-01 <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Wash before wearing Hand wash cold separately Mild detergent Only non-chlorine bleach when needed Lay flat to dry Low iron if needed or Dry Clean</p> <p>Laver avant de porter Laver à la main à l'eau froide séparément Détergent doux Utiliser seulement un agent de blanchiment sans chlore au besoin Étendre à plat pour sécher Repasser à basse température au besoin ou nettoyer à sec</p> <p>Lavar antes de usar Lavar a mano con agua fría por separado Con detergente suave Usar blanqueador sin cloro cuando sea necesario Secar horizontal Planchar a temperatura baja si es necesario Lavado en seco profesional</p> <p></p>	<p>DMCARE-TRI-02 <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Wash before wearing Machine wash cold With like colors Gentle cycle Mild detergent Only non-chlorine bleach when needed Tumble dry low Low iron if needed or Dry Clean</p> <p>Laver avant de porter Laver à la machine à l'eau froide Avec des couleurs semblables Cycle délicat Détergent doux Utiliser seulement un agent de blanchiment sans chlore au besoin Sécher par culbutage à basse température Repasser à basse température au besoin ou nettoyer à sec</p> <p>Lavar antes de usar Lavar a máquina con agua fría con colores similares en ciclo suave Con detergente suave Usar blanqueador sin cloro cuando sea necesario Secar en secadora a baja temperatura Planchar a temperatura baja si es necesario Lavado en seco profesional</p> <p></p>	<p>DMCARE-TRI-03 <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Wash before wearing Machine wash cold With like colors Gentle cycle Mild detergent Only non-chlorine bleach when needed Lay flat to dry Low iron if needed or Dry Clean</p> <p>Laver avant de porter Laver à la machine à l'eau froide avec des couleurs semblables Cycle délicat Détergent doux Utiliser seulement un agent de blanchiment sans chlore au besoin Étendre à plat pour sécher Repasser à basse température au besoin ou nettoyer à sec</p>	<p>DMCARE-TRI-04 <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Dry Clean Only Nettoyer à sec seulement Ne pas laver Ne pas javelliser Ne pas sécher en machine Ne pas repasser</p> <p>No lavar a máquina No usar blanqueador No secar No planchar Lavado en seco profesional</p> <p></p>

LABORATORY TESTING

Laboratory testing is a key milestone at pre-production stage. Vendors are required to make their fabric mills aware of Destination Maternity fabric standards and fabric mills are to ensure that the fabric meets the standards and the bulk reference approved before producing bulk quality fabric for testing or production. The mill cannot ship substandard fabric to the Factory without the express approval of DM testing and sourcing teams.

- For testing that fails the DM Coded Care Proposed, an appropriate DM Coded Care will be advised, OR a dialog will be initiated regarding a corrective action required dependent on testing failures. Vendor is required to resolve any quality issues before Fit Approval Stage is completed. Re-testing may be required to confirm corrective action achieves DM standard required.
- In cases where the same fabrication is used for multiple styles with different delivery dates, the styles with the first deliveries will be submitted for full fabric and garment testing on the most constructed style. Styles with subsequent deliveries will be tested to additional color test packages only.
- Vendors may only submit testing to DM Certified Testing Lab (Intertek) on DM Testing Forms.
- Vendors must adhere to sample plans to prevent testing delays.
- DM Coded Care Label approval is based on bulk Fabric, Additional Color and Trim Testing. Timing requirements are listed below.

TIMING REQUIREMENTS

Preliminary Testing (Dev. Stage): Preliminary testing may be required dependent on fabric / construction concerns and this testing must be performed between 1st & 2nd fit stage when Vendors have bulk production quality fabric available for fit/photo samples and testing (either in fabric or garment form dependent on concern). The Testing Team or Global Sourcing Team will trigger the need for preliminary testing.

Pre-Production Testing stage: At the same time the last Fit Sample is submitted to the Technical Designer for approval, Fabric Test(s), Additional Color Test(s) and Trim Test(s) (If applicable) should be submitted to the lab for full testing to confirm DM Coded Care Assigned is acceptable.

Production Testing stage: At the same time the PP Sample is sent to the Technical Design Team for approval, 5 production quality PP Samples should be sent to the lab for Garment Testing to confirm finished garments conform to the Approved DM Coded Care Label.

Vendors must build their testing Time and Action appropriately to support the above Testing Submittal Timing.

TESTING SUBMISSION AND CARE LABEL APPROVAL

Testing Submission to DM Testing Team: Pre-Production Stage

Complete below within **5 BUSINESS DAYS** after Fit Approval Date:

1. Vendor Submits DM Testing Package to Testing Team: Fabric Test/Add Color Tests/Trim Tests (if applicable) and Coded Care Label Layout Form (CLL) via e-mail to Testing Associate.
2. DM reviews/approves DM Coded Care Instructions for printing. Regular Turn Time: a) 3-4 working days. b) Dec-Jan (prior to Chinese New Year) 4-5 working days dependent on volume.
3. Testing comments and disposition are shared with Vendors in the DeSL system, Testing Details Tab of the appropriate Tech Pack. Please note the following:
4. **TESTING REJECTED:** Critical failures at Pre-Production stage requires review and disposition by DM Testing and Sourcing Teams & Vendors will be required to perform corrective action and re-test to passing or style may be subject to cancellation.
5. **TESTING APPROVED:** Vendors print care labels.

Vendors who fail to print Care Label after approval/in time for production do so at their own risk and are solely responsible to make up lost production time to maintain agreed upon delivery.

Testing Submission to DM Testing Team: Production Stage

Complete below within **5 BUSSINESS DAYS** after Pre-Pro Approval Date/or 60 days prior to FF date whichever occurs first:

1. Vendor Submits Garment Test Report via e-mail to Testing Associate
2. DM Testing Team will confirm the Garment Test conforms to DM Coded Care Label approved at Pre-Production Stage. Confirmation will be shared in the DeSL System, Testing Details Tab of the appropriate Tech Pack. Critical Failures at Production Stage Garment Testing should be the **EXCEPTION** not the rule.
3. Garment tests that fail and require **Coded Care Label** changes, the Vendor is responsible to re-print care labels in time for production without disruption to delivery date.

NOTE: Vendors cannot complete the Garment Classification Process (WAG) and Automated Commercial Invoice (ACI) in the DM system without completed testing process. WAG requires Vendors to input their test reports for fabric properties, end use and fiber content by style and color-way.

For the ACI Process the DM system requires inputting of all test report information per style, fabrication and color. NOTE: Vendors should refer to (WAG) Garment Classification (WAG) / ACI Automated Commercial Invoice Web Procedures Training Guide Document located in the [Forms download Link](#), on the Vendor Manual Dashboard, [SECTION 9 FORMS](#).

WARNING HANG TAG

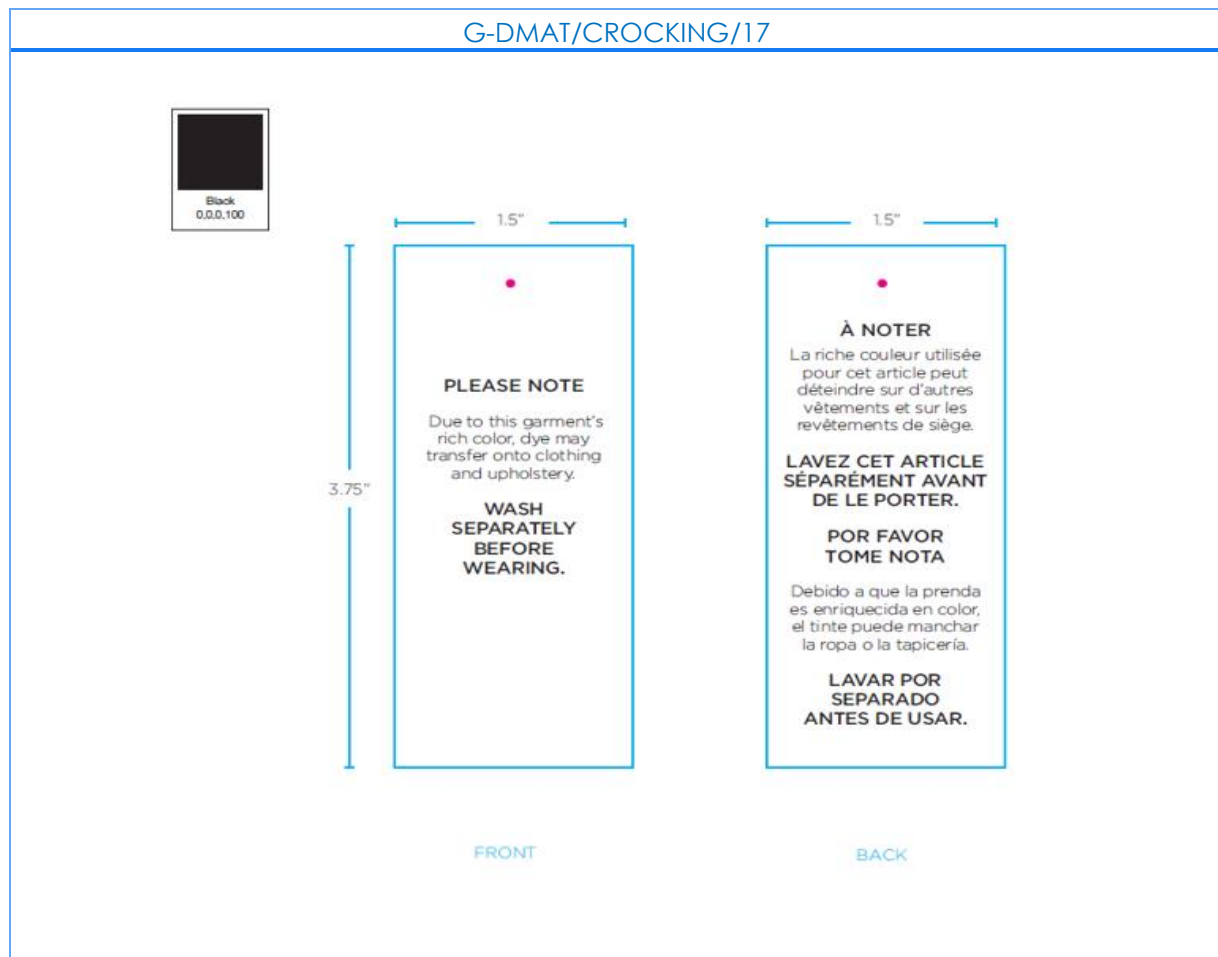
CROCKING/SPECIALTY DYE HANG TAG REQUIRMENTS

The following product or wet processing requires a specialty warning hang tag to warn against color fading, color transfer or how to best maintain color:

- Dark Denim: Indigo dye, Black Over dye
- Tie Dye, Dip Dye, Hand Ikat, Pigment, Pigment prints, Circular Screen Prints or Neon Pigment Dye

The need for the Warning Hang Tag will be communicated to Vendors, by the Testing Team, in the DeSL Tech Pack (Testing Details Tab & Testing Comments). The Warning Hangtag should be locally sourced and produced by Vendor Suppliers exactly following DM artwork provided in the Vendor Bill of Materials (BOM) tab of the DeSL Tech Pack.

Examples of DM Standard Warning or Specialty Dye Hang Tags: 12 pt. white cardstock



MARKET VENDOR- BOUGHT-OFF-LINE REQUIREMENTS

Destination Maternity styles sourced and purchased directly by the DM Merchant team instead of the Sourcing team are considered Market Vendor-Bought Off-Line Styles. These styles are predominantly A Pea in the Pod styles, however they may be purchased for any DM Brand [Motherhood or JS]. Market Vendor-Bought Off-Line Styles are defined as having exclusively only Vendors Branding, marketing, labeling and sizing. In some cases, dependent on the brands fit/sizing the Merchant may designate that DM will be adjusting the fit or specs to be closer to the DM standard sizing. A Market Vendor -Bought Offline style should never exhibit any Destination Maternity Branding – no matter what DM Brand style is assigned to.

TESTING

Market Vendor-Bought Off-Line Styles **DO NOT** require testing under the DM Global Testing program however Vendors are expected to have robust testing and quality control systems in place throughout their own supply chains and to ensure that proof of care labeling, quality, regulatory tests, fiber content and country of origin diligence is available to DM upon request. Examples of acceptable documentation are 3rd. party test reports from an accredited lab, Certificates of Conformity and BOL. DM reserves the right to request testing and COO documents at any time as deemed necessary. **EXCEPTION: Vendors shipping FOB/FCA will be required to provide their test reports for uploading into DM web portal System at time of WAG [Garment Classification process with DM Customs Compliance Team]. Vendors cannot ship without test report proof.**

BRANDING, MARKETING & LABELING

DM understands that Market Vendor-Bought Off-Line Styles have their own standards for product branding, labeling, ticketing and packaging that is unique to the Vendor/Brand we are purchasing from. All Vendor branding/marketing/labeling must be agreed upon by DM Merchant. No matter what the styles branding, marketing and labeling all must be compliant to FTC labeling guidelines and be compliant to be sold in the US / Canada and cannot ship into DM without the following:

1. **Brand/COO/Size Label:** Placement at CB neck or CB Waist *In cases where a Vendors Branding DOES NOT include a permanently attached woven and color matched Country of Origin label and the Country of Origin only resides on the Vendors care label – the care label placement must be shifted to the CB neck or CB waist OR a separate Country of Origin label must be created and sewn into the CB neck or CB waist for DM styles.

2. **Care Label:** Permanently attached in a conspicuous location inside garment. Must include English and French Language, Fiber Content, COO, Care Instructions, RN#, CA#:
 - a. If vendors DO NOT have an RN # they may print Destination Maternity RN#79913 OR print their Company Name & Address on the care label. -If vendors DO NOT have a CA# they may print Destination Maternity CA#11414.
 - b. If vendors DO NOT have a CA# they may print Destination Maternity CA#11414.
3. **Marketing Hangtags or 'Other':** Permitted with review / approval from Merchant
4. **Style Ticket:** Vendors must confirm with Buyer if DM Style ticket will be on the product purchased or if the Vendor Swing ticket will be on the product. NOTE: in either case PRICE is NOT PERMITTED on the ticket attached to our product.
5. **Style Sticker for Polybag:** the style sticker is required on all product shipped to DM. Please follow sticker requirements in [SECTION 10 TICKET/PACKING/CARTON REQUIREMENTS](#). If you cannot meet this requirement you must alert Merchant for guidance.

FLAT PACK IN POLYBABY

Market Vendor-Bought Off-Line Styles must be shipped as all other DM apparel styles; folded and flat packed in a clear poly bag with a tri-lingual suffocation warning that follows the guidance [SECTION 10 TICKET/PACKING/CARTON REQUIREMENTS](#). This includes bras, panties and swim – ALL PRODUCT is flat packed. DM will allow Vendors own standard flat folding methods if it does not distort or damage the product in transit or at point of sale and if the flat packed product in polybag meets the DM min/max dimensions that fit our sorting equipment. Vendors must adhere to [SECTION 10 TICKET/PACKING/CARTON REQUIREMENTS](#) and reach out to Merchant with any concerns prior to shipping into our DC.

CARTONS/CARTON LABELING

Vendors must not assume their standard packing of product in carton, carton dimensions, specs and quality as well as outer carton labeling will work well or align with DM Distribution Center Automation or receiving requirements - Vendors must follow [SECTION 10 TICKET/PACKING/CARTON REQUIREMENTS](#) and work directly with the Merchant to confirm and approve all the following:

1. [Carton Packing can meet DM Requirement](#)
2. [Carton dimensions, quality, wall strength, weight, burst etc. can meet DM Requirements](#)
3. [Carton labeling can meet DM requirements](#)

In cases where a vendor is shipping an odd sized product or has an issue, they must undergo a pack ship review with Merchant and DM Distribution Center Supervisor before anything can be shipped into our DC.

In addition to all the above Vendors must ultimately follow all applicable requirements listed in the Vendor Manual to prevent Non-Compliance Charges. While we understand we are

purchasing a Vendor Branded product that has its own unique Branding, Marketing and Labeling – it is very important that Vendors work directly with Merchant and DM DC [when necessary] to ensure compliance to packing/shipping/ticketing/quality etc. adheres to DM requirements. All concerns or questions must be reviewed with DM Merchant at the outset of the order to prevent non-compliance charges. In addition to this the following sections are especially critical to comply to:

- SECTION 1 VENDOR ONBOARDING & CERTIFICATION
- SECTION 6 TECHNICAL DESIGN SAMPLE AND FIT REQUIREMENTS
- SECTION 7 TESTING/LABELING/PRODUCT COMPLIANCE
- SECTION 8 QUALITY ASSURANCE REQUIREMENTS
- SECTION 9 LOGISTICS
- SECTION 10 TICKET/PACKING/CARTON REQUIREMENTS