

DILLARD'S MINIMUM CONSTRUCTION GUIDELINES ADDENDUM FOR SWEATERS

This specification refers to the minimum construction specifications to be used in the production of Dillard's Private Brand merchandise.

- All production garments must meet requirements of all applicable Dillard's Product Performance Specifications including dimensional stability and color permanence to crocking prior to production.
- All samples sent to BV for testing should be submitted with the fabrics and components that will be used in production.
- The merchandise must also comply with all applicable Federal regulations, including those that refer to fiber content, care labeling and flammability.
- The Manufacturer to assure compliance with Dillard's Product Performance Specifications must test all components of the merchandise.
- Flammability - All wearing apparel must meet the requirements of Federal Flammability Standards 16-CFR, Part 1610. Children's sleepwear must meet the requirements of Federal Flammability Standards 16-CFR, Part 1615 and 1616.
- Components on all children's apparel must comply with the Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) Sharp Point regulations as described in 16-CFR, Section 1500.48.
- Components on all apparel intended for children under the age of 3 must also comply with the CPSC Small Part regulations as described in 16-CFR, Part 1501.
- Care Labels -The care labels must comply with Dillard's Care Label Policy as outlined in the Dillard's Quality Assurance Manufacturer Program Reference Guide. All component parts of a garment, such as findings, linings, and zippers, must be compatible with the care instructions of the garment.

All tickets and labels, including care, fiber content and country of origin labels, must be in compliance with Federal regulations.

All garments must have the Manufacturer's or Dillard's RN# 58909 permanently sewn into the garment. The RN# 58909 must be located on the label containing fiber content and country of origin. All Dillard's private label merchandise should contain the Dillard's assigned Vendor RN# 58909.

- Design of garment concerning size and placement of embellishments must be proportionally graded and scaled to maintain the integrity of style throughout all sizes and ranges. For example, design lines, yokes, pockets, screens and engineered patterns must be aesthetically balanced from size range to size range.
- Styles must be processed through the Dillard's Garment Fit Evaluation Sample Approval Procedures.
- All garments produced in compliance with Dillard's contract(s) are to conform to the specifications hereunder in their entirety. No deviations are permissible, unless authorized in the Garment Fit Evaluation Report (GFE Report). There are to be no changes in type and/or grade of workmanship of trimmings and findings without written consent of the Dillard's Product Technician and/or Technical/Pattern Manager.

FABRICS

1. All fabrics to be randomly examined for shade variations, damages and flaws.
2. Only "First Quality" fabrics are to be used.
3. Yarn size, yarn quality and yarn content should be as stated on the Dillard's contract(s).
4. All fabrics, shell, lining, interfacing, and interlining, must be fully compatible with the care instructions for each individual item.
5. The Manufacturer is to compare all fabrics and yarn from each delivery with the approved swatch for color, weight, construction, content, finish and hand.
6. Shade sorting of dye lots is essential.

TRIMMINGS AND FINDINGS

1. Separating pre-cut zippers must be constructed with a top stop that is large enough to prevent the slider from being removed from the zipper teeth when the zipper is open. Sliders on separating zippers are on the right side of the garment when unzipped, unless specified differently in our specification package Bill of Material.
2. Vislon, Nylon coil or metal zippers are to be YKK or IDEAL Fastener Corporation. Aluminum tooth zippers are not acceptable in Dillard's Private Brand merchandise, unless approved by Testing Center. For metal zippers, brass is preferred.

For domestic and foreign Manufacturers, the approved zipper manufacturers are: YKK or IDEAL Fastener Corporation.

3. Safety pins and straight pins are not permitted on children's merchandise. On other merchandise, decorations that cannot be laundered in the same manner as stated in the care instructions of the garment may be attached with a safety pin as stated on the Spec Package.
4. FUSING - Collars, cuffs, body fronts, and large part fusing is to be done on a fusing machine. Steam presses and hand irons are not acceptable. The fusing cycle must ensure proper adhesion, appearance and durability.
5. SHOULDER PADS - Molded fiberfill shoulder pads are preferred, although foam pads may be

used when approved by Product Technicians for styling and fit. Otherwise, foam pads should not be used. All pads must be appropriately affixed to garments in a secure manner and should not show on outside of garment.

All pads must maintain shape after laundering. It is recommended that fiberfill pads utilize acrylic-based resins and that all component parts of the pad are properly stabilized together to maintain shape.

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6. VELCRO – Hook and loop fastener strips must be compatible with garment, and fasten securely. Children edges are to be rounded.
7. THREAD - Polyester core, spun polyester, or nylon thread of the appropriate size is to be used in keeping with the seam and fabric composition. Exceptions may be made for decorative stitching.

Monofilament thread is not allowed in any sewing operation of any merchandise. Exceptions may be made for certain decorative stitching, when specified on the Spec Package.

8. Quick Stretch Tape – Used in garments when specified.
9. On Children's garments with embroidery, when specified over-the-back fusible must be used.

SWEATER KNITS

1. All seams are to be Linked two stitches in unless it is specified differently in the descriptive sheet.
2. All sweater parts should be knit to shape (i.e. fully fashioned). For example front, back, sleeves.
3. Buttons are put on by the 304 stitch.
4. Button holes are put into a garment by using 304 stitch or by knitting them in.
5. When embroidery is done on a sweater, make sure the backing is cut close to the edge and is clean looking.
6. Use dyed to match elastic in the bottom bands and cuffs, when applicable.

7. Hand stitch or link down both sides of a zipper facing when applicable. Zipper tape should not be exposed in any way.
8. Mitered corners at the inside bottom of a V neck must be tacked.
9. Cashmere or Fine gauge Sweaters:
 - a. Mitered V inside tubular must be fully fashioned to eliminate excess fabric inside.
 - b. All tubular join seams must be linked at first row of stitches.
 - c. Invisible seams: Cuffs and back neck from inside shoulder to inside shoulder should be closed by hand stitching.

CONSTRUCTION

1. Sewing machines to be correctly adjusted to ensure a quality product.
2. Needle size and point type to be in keeping with fabric type and weight.
3. Thread tensions on all machines must be adjusted for individual fabrics. Any one seam distorted or puckered because of incorrect thread tension will be considered cause for return.
4. All buttons 304 stitch, snaps, and fasteners should be applied securely with appropriate equipment and function properly. Wrapped button shanks may be required as specified in the Spec Package.
5. When quick stretch tape is specified in a garment, the tape should be overlapped onto the underside of the linked seam, so the quick stretch tape is hidden and does not come in contact with the body when worn, with the exception of fully fashioned back shoulders.

6. EXTENDED MEASUREMENTS –

The standard extended neck measurements are as follows:

Children's:

Preemie	19" minimum
Newborn, 0-9 mos.	19" minimum
Infant, 12-24 mos., 2 yrs	20" minimum
Juvenile, 3-7	22" minimum
Big Girls, 7-16	22" minimum
Big Boys, 8-20	22" minimum

Women's

24" minimum

Men's

Regular Men	24" minimum
Big & Tall Men	25" minimum

There may be exceptions for certain types of merchandise (leotards, bathing suits), which must extend to the hip or shoulder measurement. These specific requirements will be noted on the Spec Package.

Rib Elastic must meet stretch and recovery standards approved at confirmation.

FINISHING

1. Garments to be fully thread clipped inside and outside.

PRESSING

1. Garments are to be fully pressed except when fabric does not allow pressing.

PACKAGING

1. All merchandise is to be packaged in accordance with Dillard's Packaging Specifications as assigned.
2. All trim items, such as woven or printed sewn in labels, plastic bags, folding cartons, corrugated boxes, hangers, snaps, buttons, and the like bearing Dillard's private brand logos are to be made in accordance with issued Dillard's Specifications.