

GAIA – PRODUCT PERFORMANCE

PROPERTY	STANDARD	SPECIFICATION ACHIEVED
Composition	N/A	73% Recycled Polypropylene, 27% Recycled Polyester
Weight (g/m2)	(+/- 5%)	580gsm
Width (cm)	Flat measure	138cm
Fabric Type	N/A	Boucle Weave
Tensile Strength (N)	BS EN ISO 13934-1	>600N
Tear Strength (N)	BS EN ISO 13937-3	>25N
Seam Slippage (mm)	BS EN ISO 13936-2	<6mm
Martindale Abrasion (cycles)	BS EN ISO 12947-2	50,000
Martindale Pilling (cycles)	BS EN ISO 12945-2	Grade 4/5
Colour Fastness to Rubbing (grade)	BS EN ISO 105 X12	Dry – Grade 4/5 Wet – Grade 4/5
Colour Fastness to Light (grade)	BS EN ISO 105 B02	Grade 5
Flammability		BS5852 Crib 5 IMO FTPC Part 8 Upholstery
End Uses		Upholstery
Cleaning instructions	<p>Vacuum the surface regularly to remove dust and dirt Regular cleaning will help to keep the fabric appearance and prolong its useful life. Wipe clean using a microfibre cloth with warm water for most spillages. Use mild soap for more stubborn dirt. Ensure all cleaning products are removed from the surface as this can inhibit the SR performance. Never use polish, stain remover, solvent or abrasive cleaning cloths. Do not machine wash, dry clean or tumble dry. NB It is always advised to check the suitability of any upholstery cleaning fluid by applying to an area out of sight. Avoid any contact with bleach-based cleaning agents as this can cause significant damage to the fabric.</p>	
Installation Instructions	<p><u>Usable width of fabric</u></p> <p>Our fabric widths are quoted as the usable width only. The supplied fabric will be wider, incorporating the selvedge. This selvedge on either side of the fabric is finished to prevent unravelling and is often made of different and/or heavier threads than the woven fabric and sometimes in a different weave. The selvedge should be cut off and discarded and not used in the construction of your item.</p>	

Incorporating the selvedge, even if only slightly, can lead to seam slippage over time.

Use of glue with Upholstery Fabrics

Spray adhesives should be tested on a cutting of fabric prior to use. Spray adhesives have varying time to allow movement before setting. Once set, movement may damage the flame retardant backing. Hot glue should also be tested on a cutting of fabric prior to use. Hot glues have varying temperature thresholds and have been known, in some cases, to damage fabric fibres and/or fabric backing.

The weave structure is also an important factor in whether glue is an appropriate method for fixing upholstery fabric. Some fabrics are inherently flame retardant and therefore do not require an additional flame-resistant backing and some flame-retardant backings are made from natural, absorbent fibres; as such these fabrics may have an open weave, which could allow some types of glue to penetrate to the surface of the fabric and/or effect the handle of the finished fabric. Always test a cutting of fabric to ensure that the glue chosen does not penetrate or alter the handle of the fabric to an unacceptable degree.

Use of Upholstery fabric on loosely supported or large expanses of foam

Some fabrics are flexible in weave; the benefit of this is that the fabric is easier to work around tight angles and corners, however for such fabrics care should be taken to judge their suitability for large expanses of foam or for use in loosely supported cushions. Fabric with higher stretch will naturally do so under high loads. When used on un-sprung bases and/or over larger expanses of foam, the pressure and load of weight at the centre of the fabrics is high, and as a result, flexible fabrics may 'bag' or deform over time, this is especially so when cushions are sewn or otherwise fixed into position, as the fabric has less chance to re-gain its structure. It is always advisable to test the flexibility and re-gain of the fabric chosen for the use to which it is being put to assess suitability. Samples of fabrics are available free of charge, upon request. It is the contractor's responsibility to ensure all cleaning and installation instructions are passed onto the end user.