The Association for Contract Textiles is a professional not-for-profit trade association comprised of companies involved in the design, development, production and promotion of textiles for commercial interiors. ACT was founded in 1985 to address a variety of issues related to contract fabrics. Membership includes textile distributors, furniture manufacturers, fiber producers, textile mills, finishers, testing labs, and design consultants representing all levels of the supply chain.

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*Wyzenbeek double rub numbers can be misleading.
In an effort to bring further clarity to the appropriate consideration of Wyzenbeek and Martindale test results, textile companies and furniture manufacturers that use the ACT certification mark for abrasion on their samples must include the following statement whenever publishing test results exceeding the ACT high-traffic abrasion guideline.

“Abrasion test results exceeding ACT Performance Guidelines are not an indicator of product lifespan. Multiple factors affect fabric durability and appearance retention.”

ACT reminds you that there are many points to consider when specifying textiles. Wyzenbeek and Martindale test results are only part of the equation in fully assessing a textile’s predicted durability and appearance retention. All of the following issues should be included in any such assessment:

• Type of Setting or Facility
• Specific Demands of End-Use Applications
• Durability Characteristics of the Textile
• Lightfastness
• Physical Properties
• Colorfastness
• Surface Abrasion Resistance
• Protocols of Maintenance and Cleaning
• A Material’s Ability to Withstand Cleaning Products and Disinfectants
• Aspects of End Product Manufacturing

Collectively, these considerations will facilitate your selection of the most appropriate fabric for the project.

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