



# Wescorp Smocks Grounding, Testing and Maintenance

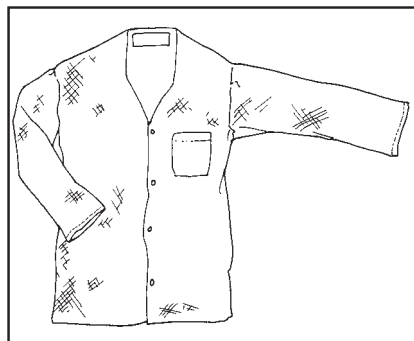


Figure 1. Charleswater Wescorp Smock with Elastic Cuffs.

## Description

Per IEC 61340-5-2 paragraph 5.2.5, "Garments on which high levels of static electricity can be generated are one of the causes of ESD damage. It is important that such charged garments do not come into contact with ESDs. The covering garments need to be grounded, either through direct contact with the wearer's skin, or by alternative means such as being electrically connected to a wrist strap. It is important that the ESD protective garment sleeves cover the end of the inner garment sleeves."

Outfitting a work force in ESD smocks is the single most powerful step to demonstrate a company's commitment to their ESD control program. The Charleswater ESD protective smock is designed to be antistatic, low tribocharging, and offers protection from electrostatic fields generated by clothing on the user's body. Using high quality material with a minimum 9% carbon nylon monofilament, the smock creates a Faraday Cage around the torso of the wearer. Static charges generated by the wearer and wearer's clothing will be shielded from ESD susceptible products. The dissipative material becomes part of the ground path to remove static charges. The smock is jacket length and the color is blue.

The smock is constructed of a lightweight dissipative material which incorporates texturized polyester and a minimum of 9% carbon nylon monofilament. The conductive nylon fibers are woven in a chain-link design throughout the material, providing continuous and consistent charge

dissipation. All of the seams in the garment are designed to maintain electrical continuity from panel to panel and from sleeve to sleeve in accordance with the ESD Association Garment Standard, ESD-STM2.1.

The elastic in sleeve end is designed to provide contact of dissipative fabric with user's skin to provide path to ground.

The conductive fabric in smock is a conductor. If not grounded, the smock can become an isolated charged conductor. Proper ESD control requires that "All conductors in the environment, including personnel, must be . . . connected and attached to a known ground", there is no occasion "when grounding the garment is not required" in an ESD protected area. If not grounded via a wrist strap coil cord, ground ESD garment via the person's wrist removing charges using foot grounders, to ESD protective flooring.

ESD protective smocks are available in the following styles and sizes:

Item#	Size	Chest	Sleeve
72051	Small	86-91 cm	86.36 cm
72052	Medium	96-101 cm	87.31 cm
72053	Large	106-112 cm	88.90 cm
72054	X Large	117-122 cm	90.17 cm
72055	2X Large	127-132 cm	90.17 cm

## Installation

Follow the directions below for proper installation and grounding of the ESD smock.

1. Put on the smock and fasten all of the snaps on the front of the smock, making sure that clothing is not exposed outside of the smock.
2. Make sure the elastic in sleeve cuff is snug on your wrist. Place a wristband on your wrist. Connect a grounded coil cord to the wristband. (Alternatively, foot grounders and ESD protected flooring can provide path to ground.)

The user and the smock will now be properly grounded. The user needs to verify that the smock is grounded through skin contact.

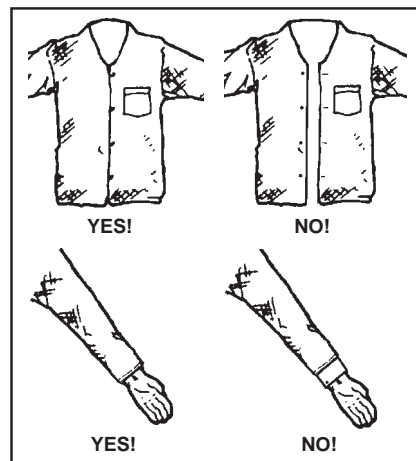


Figure 2. Proper installation of smock on wearer's body

**NOTE: PROPER ESD CONTROL REQUIRES THAT THE GROUND CORD SELECTED FOR GROUNDING OF PERSONNEL CONTAIN A BUILT-IN CURRENT LIMITING 1 MEGOHM RESISTOR.**

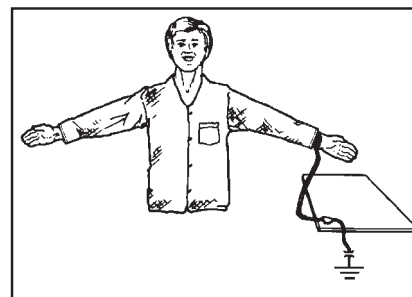


Figure 3. Grounding the smock.

## Heat Sealed Patches

It is possible to heat seal patches to our smocks. The patch should be small and the smock should be tested before and after application.

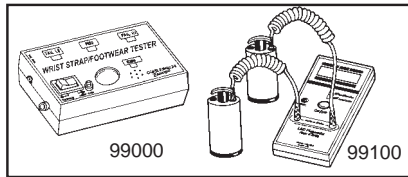
## Grounding Integrity Testing

For daily testing or monitoring of the grounding integrity of Charleswater ESD protective smocks and ground cords, we recommend the use of standard wrist strap testers or single-wire workstation continuous monitors.

Panel to panel conductivity is essential so as not to leave portions of the smock as isolated charged conductors. Panel to panel conductivity is easy to test using our Surface Resistance/ Resistivity Test Kit Item #99100, by placing 5 pound electrodes on different panels. Unless properly grounded, the smocks can hold a charge and become a possible source for discharge to ESD susceptible products. For additional information, refer to IEC 61340-5 and the ESD Association Garment Standard, ESD-STM2.1.

Charleswater has several testers available for this purpose. For more information ask for specification drawings or operating instruction manuals by item number.

Figure 5. Testers



## Maintenance

For proper operation, the ESD protective smock must be laundered periodically. Launder garment in cool or warm water, tumble dry with low heat or hang dry. **DO NOT BLEACH.** The carbon-suffused mono-filament nylon is sensitive to heat and should not be exposed to laundering heat in excess of 120°F. Use only non-ionic softeners and detergents when laundering. Under normal wearing and recommended washing conditions, Charleswater ESD protective smocks will maintain their usefulness and effectiveness for a minimum of 100 washings. Some other ESD smocks have as little as 1% suffused carbon and lose their ESD protective qualities after a few washings.

## Specifications

### Fabric Weight

76.3 grams/sq metre

### Fabric Content

Texturized polyester and a minimum of 9% carbon mono-filament nylon..

### Carbon Mono-filament

Conductive at  $10^4$  ohms, non-flaking and non-sloughing.

### Surface Resistivity of Fabric

$10^5$  -  $10^6$  ohms, per ESD-STM2.1

### Static Decay Rate

5000 volts to 500 volts in less than 0.1 seconds, per FTMS-101C

### Glass Transition Temp

121°C

### Flash Point

560°C

**Note: Material sample swatches are available upon request. Fabric lots vary slightly in color and weight. If you have any question please don't hesitate to request a sample material from our Customer Service Team.**

## Limited Warranty

Charleswater expressly warrants that for a period of one (1) year from the date of purchase or (100) one-hundred wash cycles, our ESD smocks and components will be free of defects in material (parts) and workmanship (labour). Within the warranty period, a unit will be tested, repaired or replaced at Charleswater's option, free of charge. Call Customer Service at 00 44 (0) 1892-665313 for a Return Material Authorisation (RMA) and for proper shipping instructions and address. You should include a copy of your original packing slip, invoice, or other proof of purchase date. Any unit under warranty should be shipped prepaid to the Charleswater factory. Warranty replacements will take approximately two weeks.

If your unit is out of warranty, call Customer Service at 00 44 (0) 1892 - 665313 for a Return Material Authorisation (RMA) and proper shipping instructions and address. Ship your unit freight prepaid. Charleswater will quote repair charges necessary to bring your unit up to factory standards.

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