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ESD Statshield[®] Protective Smocks Grounding, Testing and Maintenance





Figure 1. Desco Statshield® Premium Lab Coat with Conductive Cuffs. Also available in Jacket length.

Description

Statshield Smocks are a Groundable Static Control Garment System meeting the ANSI/ESD S20.20-2007 required limit of < 3.5 X 10E7 ohm RTG tested per ANSI/ ESD STM2.1.

"While a person may be grounded using a wrist strap or other grounding methods, that does not mean that insulative clothing fabrics can dissipate a charge to that person's skin and then to ground. Personnel clothing usually is electrically separate or isolated from the body." "Groundable Static Control Garment System, Garments that are used to establish the primary ground path for a person shall provide a resistance of less than 35 megohms from the person to the groundable point of the garment."[ESD TR20.20-2008 section 5.3.13 Garments]

Outfitting a work force in ESD smocks is an important step to demonstrate a company's commitment to their ESD control program. The Desco Statshield® 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 guality 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 available in two lengths -- the lab coat length and the jacket length. Both lengths are available in two styles - with snaps and with conductive elastic cuffs. Smocks are available in six colors -- blue, white, teal, burgundy, black, and camouflage.



Figure 2. Desco Statshield® Premium Jacket with Snaps. Also available in Jacket length.

The Desco Statshield® premium smock incorporates our "hip-to-cuff" grounding feature which allows for hands-free grounding with no tugging at the operator's wrist. This feature allows connection of a ground cord to a 4mm snap stud on the hip. A seam of carbon-suffused threads provides a secure and direct electrical connection from the snap stud on the hip to conductive elastic cuffs, providing a highly reliable connection via the user's skin. The smock will quickly and effectively ground the person when used in this manner.

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.

"After verifying that the garment has electrical conductivity through all panels, the garment should be electrically bonded to the grounding system of the wearer so as not to act as a floating conductor." [ESD TR20.20-2008 section 5.3.13 Garments] The conductive fabric in smock is a conductor. If not grounded, the smock can become an isolated charged conductor. If not grounded via a wrist strap coil cord, ground the ESD garment using ESD footwear to ESD flooring.

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

LAB COATS WITH SNAPS				LAB COATS WITH CUFFS							
	Blue	White	Teal	Chest	Sleeve		Blue	White	Teal	Chest S	Sleeve
X Small	<u>73600</u>	<u>73620</u>	<u>73640</u>	30"-32"	33 3/8"	X Small	<u>73610</u>	<u>73630</u>	<u>73650</u>	30"-32" 3	33 3/4"
Small	<u>73601</u>	<u>73621</u>	<u>73641</u>	34"-36"	34"	Small	<u>73611</u>	<u>73631</u>	<u>73651</u>	34"-36" 3	34"
Medium	<u>73602</u>	<u>73622</u>	<u>73642</u>	38"-40"	34 3/8"	Medium	<u>73612</u>	<u>73632</u>	<u>73652</u>	38"-40" 3	34 3/8"
Large	<u>73603</u>	<u>73623</u>	<u>73643</u>	42"-44"	35"	Large	<u>73613</u>	<u>73633</u>	<u>73653</u>	42"-44" 3	35"
X Large	<u>73604</u>	<u>73624</u>	<u>73644</u>	46"-48"	35 1/2"	X Large	<u>73614</u>	<u>73634</u>	<u>73654</u>	46"-48" 3	35 1/2"
2X Large	<u>73605</u>	<u>73625</u>	<u>73645</u>	50"-52"	35 1/2"	2X Large	<u>73615</u>	<u>73635</u>	<u>73655</u>	50"-52" 3	35 1/2"
3X Large	<u>73606</u>	<u>73626</u>	<u>73646</u>	54"-56"	37 1/2"	3X Large	<u>73616</u>	<u>73636</u>	<u>73656</u>	54"-56" 3	37 1/2"
4X Large	<u>73607</u>	<u>73627</u>	<u>73647</u>	58"-60"	36 1/2"	4X Large	<u>73617</u>	<u>73637</u>	<u>73657</u>	58"-60" 3	36 1/2"
5X Large	<u>73608</u>	<u>73628</u>	<u>73648</u>	62"-64"	36"	5X Large	<u>73618</u>	<u>73638</u>	<u>73658</u>	62"-64" 3	36"
6X Large	<u>73609</u>	<u>73629</u>	<u>73649</u>	66"-68"	36"	6X Large	<u>73619</u>	<u>73639</u>	<u>73659</u>	66"-68" 3	36"

JACKETS WITH SNAPS						
	Blue	White	Teal	Chest	Sleeve	
X Small	<u>73699</u>	<u>73820</u>	<u>73840</u>	30"-32"	33 3/8"	
Small	<u>73700</u>	<u>73821</u>	<u>73841</u>	34"-36"	34"	
Medium	<u>73710</u>	<u>73822</u>	<u>73842</u>	38"-40"	34 3/8"	
Large	<u>73720</u>	<u>73823</u>	<u>73843</u>	42"-44"	35"	
X Large	<u>73730</u>	<u>73824</u>	<u>73844</u>	46"-48"	35 1/2"	
2X Large	<u>73740</u>	<u>73825</u>	<u>73845</u>	50"-52"	35 1/2"	
3X Large	<u>73741</u>	<u>73826</u>	<u>73846</u>	54"-56"	37 1/2"	
4X Large	<u>73742</u>	<u>73827</u>	<u>73847</u>	58"-60"	36 1/2"	
5X Large	<u>73743</u>	<u>73828</u>	<u>73848</u>	62"-64"	36"	
6X Large	<u>73744</u>	<u>73829</u>	<u>73849</u>	66"-68"	36"	

JACKETS WITH CUFFS

	Blue	White	Teal	Burgundy	Black	Camo	Chest	Sleeve
X Small	<u>73749</u>	<u>73830</u>	<u>73850</u>	<u>73900</u>	<u>73860</u>	<u>73870</u>	30"-32"	33 3/4"
Small	<u>73750</u>	<u>73831</u>	<u>73851</u>	<u>73901</u>	<u>73861</u>	<u>73871</u>	34"-36"	34"
Medium	<u>73755</u>	<u>73832</u>	<u>73852</u>	<u>73902</u>	<u>73862</u>	<u>73872</u>	38"-40"	34 3/8"
Large	<u>73760</u>	<u>73833</u>	<u>73853</u>	<u>73903</u>	<u>73863</u>	<u>73873</u>	42"-44"	35"
X Large	<u>73765</u>	<u>73834</u>	<u>73854</u>	<u>73904</u>	<u>73864</u>	<u>73874</u>	46"-48"	35 1/2"
2X Large	<u>73770</u>	<u>73835</u>	<u>73855</u>	<u>73905</u>	<u>73865</u>	<u>73875</u>	50"-52"	35 1/2"
3X Large	<u>73771</u>	<u>73836</u>	<u>73856</u>	<u>73906</u>	<u>73866</u>	<u>73876</u>	54"-56"	37 1/2"
4X Large	<u>73772</u>	<u>73837</u>	<u>73857</u>	<u>73907</u>	<u>73867</u>	<u>73877</u>	58"-60"	36 1/2"
5X Large	<u>73773</u>	<u>73838</u>	<u>73858</u>	<u>73908</u>	<u>73868</u>	<u>73878</u>	62"-64"	36"
6X Large	<u>73774</u>	<u>73839</u>	<u>73859</u>	<u>73909</u>	<u>73869</u>	<u>73879</u>	66"-68"	36"

Note: Black & Camo Jackets with Cuffs contain a Badge Holder Tab and Two Sleeve Pen Pockets.



Installation

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



Figure 3. Proper installation of smock wearer's body

- 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. Throughout use, it is essential that conductive cuff be in intimate contact with wrist skin; conductive cuff should never be allowed to be pulled up and over shirt sleeve.
- 3. Install a ground cord to the snap stud located above the left hand hip pocket. Connect the other end of the ground cord to a verified ground point such as a grounding block or common point mat ground.



Figure 4. Grounding the smock

The user and the smock will now be properly grounded. The "hip to cuff" grounding feature allows greater freedom of movement of user's arms and hands, and a reliable path to ground while the ESD smock offers extra protection against damaging electrostatic fields which may be generated by the user's clothing.

NOTE: ANSI/ESD S20.20 REQUIRES THAT THE GROUND CORD SELECTED FOR GROUNDING OF PERSONNEL CONTAIN A BUILT-IN CURRENT LIMITING 1 MEGOHM RESISTOR.

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.



Figure 5. Testing and monitoring of smock and ground cord assembly

Grounding Integrity Testing

For daily testing or monitoring of the grounding integrity of Desco ESD protective smocks and ground cords, we recommend the use of standard wrist strap testers or singlewire 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 Test Kit Item #19780. Place the two five-pound electrodes on different panels to test. 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 ANSI/ESD S20.20, TR20.20, and the ESD Association Garment Standard, ESD-STM2.1. Desco has several testers available for this purpose. For more information ask for specification drawings or operating instruction manuals by item number.



Figure 6. Testers

Maintenance

For proper operation, the ESD protective smock must be laundered periodically. Woolite works well. Liquid detergents are better than dry in that there is less caking and frictional wear. Launder garment in cool or warm water, tumble dry with low heat or hang dry. Launder the smocks by hand or with a washing machine. Use a standard household machine on gentle cycle or use an industrial machine if "Pony" (typically under 200 pound loads) machines are used. It is not recommended to launder these garments in heavy industrial laundry machines as it will lead to premature wear. Garments should be tumbled dry using low heat. **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, Desco Statshield® 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 Fabric Content	2.2 oz per square yard Texturized polyester and a minimum of 9% carbon mono-filament nylon.
Carbon Mono-filament	Conductive at 10e4 ohms, nonflaking and non-sloughing.
Surface Resistance	10e5 - 10e6 ohms, per ESD-STM2.1 of Fabric
Static Decay Rate	5000 volts to 500 volts in less than 0.1 seconds, per FTMS-101C
Glass Transition Temp Flash Point	250°F 1040°F

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

Desco expressly warrants that for a period of two (2) years from the date of purchase or (100) one hundred wash cycles, whichever occurs first, Desco Statshield® ESD Smocks will be free of defects in material (parts) and workmanship (labor). Within the warranty period, a credit for purchase of replacement Desco Statshield® ESD Smocks, or, at our option, the Statshield® ESD Smock will be repaired or replaced free of charge. If product credit is issued, the amount will be calculated by multiplying the unused portion of the expected two year or 100 wash cycle life times the original unit purchase price. Call Customer Service at 909-627-8178 for a Return Material Authorization (RMA) and proper shipping instructions. 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 Desco factory. Warranty repairs will take approximately two weeks.

If your unit is out of warranty, call Customer Service at 909-627-8178 (Chino, CA) or 781-821-8370 (Canton, MA) for a Return Material Authorization (RMA) and proper shipping instructions and address. Desco will quote repair charges necessary to bring your unit up to factory standards.

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