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## VizLite™ 305K Yellow / Silver FR Reflective Material

### Product Information

VizLite™ 305K Flame Retardant Florescent Yellow / Silver perforated reflective material is intended for use on Flame retardant PPE clothing such as Fire Fighting clothing to enhance visibility in low light and night time conditions and to meet the requirement for heat resistance.

### Design Features

VizLite™ 305K Flame Retardant Florescent Yellow / Silver Reflective Material is comprised of a poly/cotton backing with a Proban treatment constructed as follows:

Silver reflective element - a layer of microscopic glass beads bonded onto a polymer substrate applied to the centre of the florescent yellow flame-retardant backing.

Florescent yellow element – does not contain glass beads and is not reflective.

When a beam of light from an oncoming vehicle meets the silver reflective material, the light reflects back to the light source and enhances the visibility of the wearer to the vehicle driver.

### Product Performance and Certification

This product is certified by Centro Tessile Cotoniero e Abbigliamento Laboratory in Italy to **EN ISO 20471:2013+A1:2016** - High Visibility warning clothing, **EN 469:2005+A1:2006** – Protective clothing for firefighting; **EN ISO 14116:2015** – Clothing to protect against heat and flame. Limited flame spread materials, materials assemblies **EN ISO 11611:2015** – Protective clothing for use in welding and allied processes; **EN ISO 11612:2015** – Clothing to protect against heat and flame; **EN 15614:2007** – Protective clothing for firefighters – Laboratory test method and performance requirements for wildland clothing.

However, the following should be noted: The central silver-grey element complies with clause 6 of **EN ISO 20471**.

**This product is certified to be used in protective clothing against heat and flame and not for high visibility clothing for which it is required that the part of retro-reflective material is at least 50mm high.**

### Retro-reflective Performance

VizLite 305K Flame Retardant Fluorescent Yellow / Silver Reflective Material –

- The central reflective element meets and exceeds the levels of brightness required under EN ISO 20471:2013 when new and after test exposure EN ISO 20471:2013 clause 6.2.3
- The Fluorescent Yellow element meets with the colour performance requirements for materials with combined performance of EN ISO 20471:2013 when new and after xenon test, washing (50 cycles at 60°C flat dry), dry cleaning (5 cycles with perchloroethylene)
- The Fluorescent Yellow element meets with the photometric performance requirements of new material with separate performance when new, after exposure to abrasion, flexing, folding and cold temperature variation, influence of rainfall, washing (50 cycles 60°C flat dry), dry cleaning (5 cycles with perchloroethylene)
- The central silver reflective element measures 1.9cm for 5cm wide material and 2.5cm for 7.5cm wide material
- Is washable to 60°C Domestic wash up to 50 wash cycles with tumble dry at max 60°C
- Offers 5 dry cleaning cycles

### EN 469:2005+A1:2006 – Protective clothing for firefighting

- Retro-reflective performance requirements as received and after Resistance to heat (180°C)
- Retro-reflective performance requirements after oven treatment (180°C), after 50 cycles at 60°C washing
- Limited flame spread as received and after 50 cycles washing 60°C with tumble dry at max 60°C



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**EN ISO 14116:2015 – Clothing to protect against heat and flame, Limited flame spread materials, material assemblies and clothing**

- Limited flame spread – surface ignition before and after 50 cycles washing 60°C with tumble dry at max 60°C

**EN ISO 11611:2015 – Protective clothing for use in welding and allied processes**

- Limited flame spread – surface ignition (level A1 before and after 50 cycles washing 60°C with tumble dry at max 60°C

**EN ISO 11612:2015 – Clothing to protect against heat and flame**

- Heat resistance at a temperature of 180°C (after 50 cycles washing 60°C with tumble dry at max 60°C
- Limited flame spread – Surface ignition (after 50 cycles washing 60°C with tumble dry at max 60°C

**EN 15614:2007 – Protective clothing for firefighters – Laboratory test method and performance requirements for wildland clothing**

- Limited flame spread – Surface ignition (after 50 cycles washing 60°C with tumble dry at max 60°C
- Heat resistance at a temperature of 180°C as received and after 50 cycles washing 60°C with tumble dry at max 60°C
- Heat resistance at a temperature of 260°C as received and after 50 cycles washing 60°C with tumble dry at max 60°C
- Retroreflective and fluorescent performance

### Ecological Performance

VizLite™ 305K have been certified by Shirley Technologies in the England to standard 100 BY OEKO TEX, product class II have shown that the above-mentioned goods meet the human-ecological requirements of the standard presently established for products without direct contact with skin.

The certified articles fulfil the requirements of annex XVII of REACH (incl. the use of azo-dyes, nickel, etc.) as

well as the American requirement regarding total content of lead in children's articles (CPSIA)

### Product Application

Retro-Reflective warning garments are mainly used in environments where the wearer is working alongside vehicles. These garments improve visibility of the wearer and thus reduce the risk of being struck by a vehicle e.g. highways, railway lines, airports, warehouses, dockyards.

VizLite™ 305K Fabric is recommended when these garments also require flame and heat resistance such as Firefighting clothing and flame-resistant PPE.

VizLite™ 305K Fabric is not recommended for use in garments used in heavy wear environments and is not suitable for industrial laundry.

### Product Usage

#### Cutting

- Suitable for cutting by hand (using very sharp cutting tools) or by guillotine
- Cuts should be made from the reflective surface.

#### Recommended Fabrics

- Polyester or Polyester mix products either woven or knitted with a weight between 150 and 200g/SQM.
- Not suitable for stretchy fabrics such as Lycra or those containing Lycra as results can be poor.
- All substrate materials should be chosen based on suitability for intended use and laundry properties

#### Sewing

- VizLite™ 305K Fabric can be applied direct to fabric panels before a garment is sewn together.
- Stitching should be at a distance of 3mm from the edge of reflective material to reduce fraying.
- Where separate pieces of reflective material meet on a garment, care should be taken to



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match the visible appearance.

- Any variations in appearance however will not affect the retro-reflective properties of the reflective material.

### Stitching

- A double lock stitch with a maximum 5 stitches per cm is recommended.
- For substrates up to 250g/m<sup>2</sup> needle size NM80 -90 is recommended. For substrates greater than 250g/m<sup>2</sup> a larger needle size would be required.
- A Teflon coated needle and Pressure foot is recommended to enable a smooth fabric transition.
- Thread tension should be kept to a minimum.
- Tension on both upper and lower threads must be matched to ensure there is no puckering.
- Thread should be matched to the substrate i.e. Flame retardant. All threads should be shrink proof and be suitable for sewing at higher speeds.
- The guide on 2-Needle machines should be set at 2-3 mm above the width of the reflective fabric. This will decrease the chance of puckering by a difference in tension between the reflective fabric and the substrate.

### Storage and shipping

- Rolls should be stored in the packaging they are supplied in.
- Cut pieces should be stored flat
- Opened rolls should either be stored in their original packaging or suspended by the use of a rod through the middle of the roll.
- VizLite™305K fabric should be stored in an area that is cool, dry and with low humidity.
- Precautions should be taken to protect the material from coming into contact with perspiration, strong acids, or compounds containing high levels of sulphur or chlorine. Contamination by these substances may affect the aesthetic appearance of the VizLite™305K fabric.
- During Transportation and Shipping it is best to keep an ambient condition.

### Handling

- VizLite™305K fabric should be handled carefully in hot and humid conditions.
- The area in which the materials are handled may need the need of cooling or dehumidifying equipment to keep the area cool and dry.
- Avoid the contamination of the product with dirt, grease or solvents as this could produce staining that will affect the retro-reflective qualities of the fabric.

### Wash and Care

VizLite™305K fabric is designed to be washed at 60° C in a Domestic wash, up to a minimum 50 cycles before the retro-reflective qualities are affected. However the following washing instructions should be closely followed;

- Do not pre-soak
- Do not use a pre-wash program
- Recommended wash program is for coloured clothing wash
- Do not wash at a higher temperature than 60°C
- Recommended wash Temperature is 30-60°C
- Maximum Program time 50 minutes
- Maximum wash time at highest wash temperature 12 minutes
- Domestic washing powders for delicate and coloured fabrics are recommended

### Stain removal

- VizLite™ 305K material should be tested for wash conditions before using the material. This can be achieved by mixing a solution of detergent and water and applying with a sponge or cloth to the material. For stain removal of grease or mineral oils, use a clean cloth dipped into white spirits. Wipe clean with water afterwards.
- Chemical splashes should be removed with a clean dry cloth.
- Neutralise splashes of strong acid or alkalis immediately with plenty of clean water
- Dispose any material that comes into contact with toxic or harmful substances in a safe and responsible manner.



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Do not use the following types of products to clean/treat stains on this garment;

- Heavy duty products or stain removal products with a high alkaline content.
- Micro-emulsions or high ph-products
- Bleaches
- Aromatic solvents

**The use of the above will affect the lifespan of the retro-reflective material.**

### Ironing

- Iron on reverse of material if possible
- Iron using medium heat setting.
- Do not use steam

### Specialist cleaning and dry cleaning

- VizLite™ 305K fabric is not suitable for Industrial laundry methods
- VizLite™ 305K material is suitable for dry cleaning up to 5 times

### Drying

- Line drying is the preferred method of drying
- This product can be tumble dried at a maximum temperature of 60°C up to 50 times.

### Maintenance issues

VizLite™ 305K fabric's retro-reflective properties will be affected by any of the following treatments;

- Coating or Spraying the garment with oils, protective waxes, paints or inks.
- Application of products such as leather spray or waxes.
- Harsh physical application of abrasive wire brushes or sand paper.

High Visibility Warning clothes should be inspected regularly and maintained in good condition. Any signs of wear and tear may affect the performance of the garment in relation to EN ISO 20471:2013

If the performance of the retro reflective material falls below  $R = 100 \text{ cd/lx/m}^2$  the garment should be replaced.

### General Safety Information

#### Visibility Limits of VizLite™ 305K fabrics

There are various uncontrollable environmental factors that will affect visibility; these include smoke, hail, snow, mist, dust and fog. Fog, smoke, mist, and dust can all affect the dispersal of light from headlights and retro reflective performance.

The VizLite™ 305K fabric is tested for performance during exposure to rainfall, and exceeds the requirements of EN ISO 20471:2013. Brightness levels will return after the material dries out.

The retro-reflective qualities can also be diminished by the wearer depending on issues such as the line of sight, other equipment and obstacles in the working environment, and not wearing the garment fastened. The wearer should be aware of these limitations and take the necessary action.

### Important notice to Purchaser / Converter / Wearer

Because of the unlimited variety of potential applications for products, BEFORE product use the converter and/ or product manufacturer must determine that the products are suitable for the intended use and are compatible with other component materials. The Purchaser is solely responsible for determining the proper amount and placement of products. While reflective products enhance visibility, no reflective product can ensure visibility on safety under all possible conditions. Neither Viz Reflectives or any Viz Reflectives authorised converter shall be liable for any incidental, special or consequential damages relating to the use or inability to use the products regardless of legal theory used.