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Drift, Proximity



Bloc

in the nude

Momentum Textiles introduces the industry's first 100 percent solution-dyed recycled nylon fabric

This year at NeoCon®, Momentum Textiles will bare it all with the Naked Nylon Collection. Why naked? It's a solution-dyed, recycled nylon that needs no topcoats or treatments to perform. It is inherently bleach cleanable and withstands abrasion naturally. It's about as pure and simple as a performance textile gets.

Developing this seemingly simple product took two years. Momentum partnered with Unifi, a company specializing in producing and processing multifilament polyester and nylon textured yarn. "We approached Unifi as part of our ongoing effort to source and help create new sustainable options," says Eddie Elizondo, director of marketing at Momentum. The result: a contract-rated upholstery composed of 100 percent Repreve® solution-dyed recycled nylon (made from post-industrial nylon).



Craft




Twist

"To date, recycled polyester has been the only meaningful recycled yarn, and its capabilities have been thoroughly explored. Our industry and our customers are looking for additional, meaningful recycled options," says Elizondo. He also notes the popularity of solution-dyed nylon fabrics because they can be cleaned with bleach and are very durable, even without topcoats or additives. Yet there hasn't been a 100 percent recycled product until now.

The backing also is constructed of nylon, which makes Naked Nylon recyclable at the end of its life. Because the yarns are solution-dyed, colors are locked in during the fiber extrusion process, making the fabric resistant to fading and extremely colorfast (exceeding ACT standards by over more than times), and it can withstand 100,000-plus double rubs. This product also can contribute to LEED-CI and LEED-NC credits for recycled content materials.

Created by senior designer Sara Balderi and the Momentum design team, Naked Nylon is based on the design concept "Nature (Re)Interpreted."

Balderi looked to nature for inspiration and ultimately found it in the sculptural elements of land art. "Because solution-dyed nylon yarns are filament fibers, they can be flat in appearance," says Shantel McGowan, design director. As a result, the design team worked with Unifi to create a broader range of brighter hues, and incorporating texture with specialty yarns with various dimensions and surface qualities became a priority.

Naked Nylon features six patterns with a total of 42 SKUs. Patterns like Drift are simple with a strié accent, while Estrella and Proximity are more direct references to land art with organic, dynamic elements. The product itself is versatile and is intended to suit a variety of interiors. And the breadth of Naked Nylon—from both performance and aesthetic standpoints—makes it appropriate upholstery in healthcare, education, restaurant, and public space applications. 

Look for Naked Nylon at NeoCon® Showroom 10-147.
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