



Schedule of testing charges for

Ultraviolet Protection Factor (UPF) Testing

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ARPANSA operates a service for measuring the Ultraviolet Protection Factor (UPF) rating of sun protective materials. UPF testing is performed according to Australian Standard AS/NZS4399. UPF testing request forms are available from the ARPANSA UPF Testing Service or from the ARPANSA web site. The preferred sample size is one meter by half a meter of each fabric. ARPANSA may reject samples that are too small to be tested effectively. Garments and other products may also be submitted for testing but will be cut during the testing process. If a garment is comprised of several fabrics or colours, each is tested and charged separately. UPF testing is usually performed within ten days of receipt of samples, often sooner, depending on laboratory workload. Samples are processed in order of receipt. An additional Express Testing charge of 50% of the standard charge applies to each sample that requires processing out of sequence. ARPANSA requests payment in advance the first time a company uses the UPF Testing Service.

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Number of Samples	Cost per sample (\$) including Australian GST	Cost per sample (\$) excluding Australian GST
1 to 10	103.00	93.64
11 to 20	94.00	85.45
21 to 30	85.50	77.73
31 to 40	77.00	70.00
More than 40	68.40	62.18

Australian companies pay the charges in the GST-included column. Non-Australian companies pay the charges in the GST-exempt column. All prices are in Australian dollars. The preferred methods of payment are in Australian dollars, either by bank cheque made out to "ARPANSA", by electronic funds transfer (EFT) or by credit card. Note that overseas EFT payments attract an additional bank fee of AUD\$20 per transaction. Contact the ARPANSA accounts section for specific details of payment by EFT and credit card.

Notes about Fabric Sampling and Identification

To obtain meaningful UPF results it is essential that samples sent for UPF testing are representative of the bulk of material. Due to manufacturing variations, UPF results for one batch of material may not apply to different batches of the same material.

The Australian/New Zealand standard for sun protective clothing, AS/NZS 4399, specifies certain requirements for test reports. These include adequate descriptions of the **type** and **colour** of the material tested. ARPANSA cannot issue an AS/NZS 4399 compliant report unless adequate descriptions are supplied with samples.

Notes for Licensees of the UPF Certification Trade Mark

Licensees may wish to make use of the free retests that ARPANSA offers with licence agreements. To qualify as a retest, a sample must be of similar specification material and colour to the original sample tested. Indicate if a sample is a retest by entering the ARPANSA job code for the original sample into the "Retest" column of the testing request form to ensure that no invoice is raised.



Fabrics tested at ARPANSA will be automatically added to your licence agreement unless you indicate otherwise.

UPF test reports performed on samples that are less than 200mm x 300mm in size may not be accepted for use in the UPF Certification Scheme.

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