

New Series of Material Snapshots Released by Textile Exchange

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Texas – Textile Exchange is excited to announce the release of the second set of 13 new documents within the full suite of Material Snapshots, produced in 2015 with financial support from VF Corporation and in collaboration with Brown and Wilmanns Environmental, LLC.

The new Material Snapshots offer a deeper dive into the life cycle issues of 27 fibers and materials, covering both “preferred” and “conventional” options (full list [available here](#)). Each snapshot combines available LCA data and information with detailed literature reviews to provide a reliable and comprehensive, yet succinct, analysis. Included in each snapshot is an overview of: unit process descriptions; process inputs and outputs; performance and processing attributes; potential social and ethical concerns; availability, certification and pricing details; suggested questions to ask when sourcing the material; and system diagrams.

The new snapshots are designed for more technical users such as materials, sourcing, and sustainability professionals. They are not aimed at users looking for a more summary view of a fiber or material; for that, Textile Exchange offers a set of 33 Material Summaries, produced in 2013/14 with support from VF Corporation (previously also referred to as “Material Snapshots”). The two sets of resources – the existing Material Summaries and the new Material Snapshots - are designed to be used alongside each other within an organization to help educate and enable informed, intelligent fiber and material choices.

The new Material Snapshots are available free to Textile Exchange members, or can be [purchased](#) by non-members. A full list of available Snapshots and Summaries is included in the Material Snapshot [Background](#) document.

A webinar was held on 25th February to recap on the Material Summaries and introduce the new Material Snapshots, explaining how these resources can help businesses make more informed decisions around material choices. A recording of the webinar is [available here](#).

Textile Exchange is grateful to VF Corporation for their generous sponsorship of both the original and expanded snapshots, and for making them available to TE members.

About Textile Exchange

Textile Exchange (TE), founded in 2002, is a global non-profit organization that works closely with all sectors of the textile supply chain to find the best ways to minimize and even reverse the negative impacts on people, air, water, animals, and soil created by this \$1.7 trillion industry. TE accomplishes this by providing the knowledge and tools this industry needs to make significant improvements in three core areas: Fiber and Materials, Integrity and Standards, and Supply Chain. A truly global organization, TE is headquartered in the United States with Staff and Ambassadors located in ten countries. To learn more about Textile Exchange, visit: TextileExchange.org. Follow TE on Twitter at [@TextileExchange](#).