



# colour counts

**Colour is everywhere. Brands use it as a vehicle for selling product or as a fashion theme of the moment. But fashion is increasingly fickle and transient. Demands for 'the right colour' typically involve two or three garments, often more, in a range of different fibres and styles that must colour match, or at least blend within narrow tolerances of acceptability.**

Conversely, there are corporate uniforms and other core fashion items in classic shades that run for consecutive seasons, but still need to match over several production runs.

In such a global, diverse and rapidly changing world, reliable electronic communication and control of colour is essential. SDC-CAS delivers this dependability.

Add to this the imperative for designers and buyers to purchase exactly the same colour at different locations around the world, and the demands become even more complex and difficult to manage.

This is where SDC-CAS has a crucial role to play. The SDC's independent Colour Accreditation Scheme for textiles is an international proficiency scheme delivering global assessment and communication across and between all points of the supply chain. It is increasingly recognised by leading UK and international retailers and brand owners as vital to supporting quality and reputation.

SDC-CAS provides the confidence and reassurance to accept results electronically without the need for samples and physical inspection. It speeds and simplifies the whole process by reducing lead times - repeatedly by several weeks - avoiding over-dyeing and eliminating the duplication of expensive expertise and effort. It therefore saves time, money and valuable resource.

The scheme is operated by Bureau Veritas CPS on behalf of the Society. BV is an organisation with worldwide experience of laboratory training and accreditation audits. The accreditation itself is carried out by named and trained experts on behalf of SDC-CAS.



## colour accreditation with validation

### SDC-CAS delivers:

- **P**roduct integrity
- **S**peed to market
- **G**enuine cost savings
- **S**tandardisation
- **S**implification

So take control of colour and unlock the potential of your supply chain. Independent and integrated, SDC-CAS allows you to measure and communicate colour around the world. It converts colour creativity into colour certainty by ensuring consistent assessment and uniform colour communication.

For the retailer/specifier it guarantees that everyone is working to the same standards - regardless of their position and function in the chain and irrespective of where they are in the world.

For the supplier it provides the assurance that garments are being produced to the highest standards of colour management developed by the SDC and recognised by major retailers worldwide.

**Only from the Society of Dyers**

## SDC-CAS: the benefits

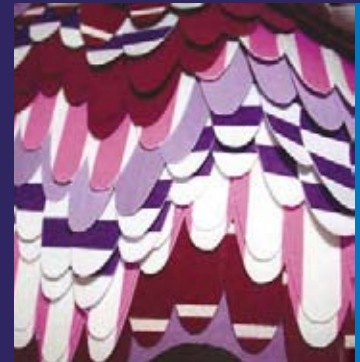
- Developed and operated by the Society of Dyers and Colourists, the world's only professional body and chartered society dedicated to colour
- Totally independent of retailers, equipment suppliers and manufacturers
- Harnesses the knowledge and expertise of colour experts from all parts of the textile supply chain
- Produces real, tangible benefits at every point in the chain
- Incorporates integrated training and publications
- ISO 17,024:2003 audited for complete security and consistency
- Universal and proven in application

## SDC-CAS: the application

- Visual and instrumental colour matching
- Textiles throughout the global supply chain
- Retailers, garment suppliers, buyers, specifiers and manufacturers
- All approved and maintained equipment and software

## SDC-CAS: the operating manual

- This details the parties involved in the accreditation process and their respective responsibilities
- Plus all the stages of gaining accreditation and the validation process itself
- Plus the initial checklists and all the documents against which the accreditation process will be checked



## SDC-CAS: the key personnel

- The SDC-CAS manager has overall responsibility for the scheme and is a direct employee of the SDC
- The manager ensures that all accreditors have achieved the required level of expertise and that SDC-CAS is administered independently to the highest possible standards
- Initial contact and final accreditation is also the responsibility of SDC-CAS, together with any major non-compliances

Bureau Veritas CPS is the lead accreditor for the scheme. All accreditors are trained by the SDC to be competent in colour management. BV CPS has overall control of the accreditation timetable and is the principal point of contact during the accreditation process and for subsequent re-accreditations. Bureau Veritas manages all minor non-compliances.

## SDC-CAS: the three stages

**There are three distinct stages to securing a certificate of compliance:**

- A pre-registration review of established protocols
- An on-site visit and appraisal of existing equipment and operational procedures
- Finally, the formal accreditation of both technology and procedures as meeting the strict criteria dictated by the scheme

The accreditation scheme is further backed by a validation scheme which ensures that the highest standards are maintained throughout the period between accreditations.

## SDC-CAS

the same criteria...

...producing the correct colour

...anywhere in the world

...at the right time

**a n d C o l o u r i s t s**



# The Society of Dyers and Colourists

Respected and recognised globally, the Society, founded in 1884, is an independent, not-for-profit educational charity and the world's only chartered professional body dedicated to colour. It is the natural focus and authority on all matters relating to colour application, control, standards and performance. It has more than 80 years of experience in the development of colour-related standards and has been responsible for introducing many of the standards used today for the colour fastness performance of textiles and for colour measurement. It has held the secretariats of both BSI and ISO colour related standard bodies.

## Bureau Veritas CPS

Founded in 1828, Bureau Veritas, the Society's chosen lead accreditor, enjoys the benefit of a network that covers 140 countries and includes 700 offices and laboratories employing over 23,000 staff. Highly respected like the SDC, it enjoys an international reputation and offers an extensive range of services and solutions in the fields of certification, conformity, assessment, consulting and training.



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