

Annex D – Testing of cut down samples taken from full sized mattress:

If it is necessary to cut down the mattress to conduct the testing, the following shall be taken into consideration: -

Where the sample is comprised of a section cut from a full-size mattress, the sample shall:

- Where possible be cut from the corner of the original product to retain as much as possible of the tape edge and structural integrity;
- Contain all fillings as per the original product;
- Retain a section of the border around the full perimeter of the retained edge to allow for vertical, as well as horizontal tensioning;
- Be clipped in position using bulldog clips (Sprung Mattresses) or pins (Foam Core products), such that representative tensioning as per the original product is achieved;
- There should be no large creases or air pockets beneath the fabric or quilted panel, especially in cases where the panel fabric being tested is a plain cover, without any other filling material between it and the padded unit / foam core;
- Tension should be applied to the tape edge by clipping the border section. This should remove any excessive wrinkling of the tape caused when the section was cut from the original product and the tension of the material lost as a consequence;
- Care should be taken not to over tension the sample as this would compress the filling materials excessively;
- The sample should be clipped to either a section of the products own spring unit or foam core or to a framed spring unit rig of the above dimensions;

Testing conducted on 'cut down' samples shall be regarded as indicative only and is strongly discouraged except as an option of last resort.