

VELCRO® Brand

# **MST IRR & IRR FR Hook and Loop**

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#### PRODUCT DESCRIPTION



VELCRO® Brand MST IRR & IRR FR Hook and Loop fastening systems are woven fabrics made of 100% polyamide, designed to comply with more frequent openings.

VELCRO® Brand MST IRR & IRR FR Hook and Loop fastening systems have special properties and characteristics; reflectivity to improve the camouflage of soldiers in nocturnal environments and flame retardant treatment to slow flame propagation in the product.

#### **COUNTRY OF ORIGIN**

#### Spain

#### PRODUCT CONSTRUCTION

Fastening system	VELCRO® Brand MST IRR & IRR FR Hook and Loop
Construction	Woven fabric
Composition	Polyamide 6
Thickness	Hook: 1.90 mm * Loop: 2.34 mm *
Weight	Hook: 310 g/m <sup>2</sup> * Loop: 340 g/m <sup>2</sup> *
Widths available	16, 20, 25, 30, 38, 50 and 100 mm.

<sup>\*</sup>Average based on recorded values. The specifications are for reference.

#### PRODUCT COMBINATIONS

VELCRO® Brand MST IRR & IRR FR Hook and Loop products are designed to be combined between them, and Hook part could be used against VELCRO® Brand MTT IR Velour too.

### **SPECIAL CHARACTERISTICS**



#### **Outdoor use**

Since the product is made with polyamide, which has a known tendency to degrade in UV light, the VELCRO® Brand MST IRR & IRR FR Hook and Loop product is not recommended for direct, prolonged exposure to UV light.



### Resistance to solvents

The polyamide used in these fastening systems is resistant to cleaning with solvents or dry cleaning (e.g. tetrachloroethylene) and to accidental exposure to the most common solvents, but it is not resistant to prolonged exposure and its resistance to fluids used for transport, such as gasoline, motor oil and transmission fluids, has not been tested. We recommend testing the product for its specific application.

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#### Fire resistance

**VELCRO® Brand MST IRR FRT Hook and Loop** are treated with a flame retardant to comply with the standard:

- FAR 25.853 Vertical Test: 12 s.
- EN-ISO 11612:2015 "Protective clothing Clothing to protect against heat and flame – Minimum performance requirements" - Test according to ISO 15025, Procedure A.



#### Water/Moisture resistance

The mechanical properties of polyamide hook and loop fasteners degrade when exposed to water/high humidity (>80% RH) for long periods of time. These properties are typically recovered when the product dries.



#### Sterilisation

These products have not been tested for physical sterilisation (autoclave, steam, gamma rays, etc.) or chemical sterilisation (ethylene oxide, hydrogen peroxide, etc.).



#### Colour fastness

VELCRO® Brand MST IRR & IRR FRT IRR Hook and Loop guarantees the following colour fastness:

Colour fastness to rubbing (ISO 105 X-12): Min. 4

Colour fastness to water (ISO 105 E-01): Min. 4

Colour fastness to sea water (ISO 105 E-02): Min. 4

Colour fastness to light (ISO 105-B-02): Min. 5 (dark colours); min. 4 (white and light colours)

Colour fastness to perspiration (ISO 105 E-04): Min. 4



#### **Biocompatibility**

**VELCRO® Brand MST IRR & IRR FRT Hook and Loop** has not been tested for biocompatibility.



## Electrostatic discharge

**VELCRO® Brand MST IRR & IRR FRT Hook and Loop** has not been tested for electrostatic discharge after opening and closing the fastener. These products must first be tested in applications where electrostatic discharge is a concern.



## Seam strength

**VELCRO® Brand MST IRR & IRR FRT Hook and Loop** can be applied to several substrates by sewing, ultrasonic welding and adhesives. Users must test each method to see which best suits their application.

Sewing: VELCRO® Brand MST IRR & IRR FRT Hook and Loop can be sewn using similar methods for other polyamide fabrics. A square stitch should be used when possible, but all common stitches also offer adequate strength. The choice of thread will depend on the application and substrate, but it should offer similar strength to stitching.

Ultrasonic welding: **VELCRO® Brand MST IRR & IRR FRT Hook and Loop** can be applied by ultrasonic welding to similar materials. Users must check with the manufacturer of the ultrasonic welding equipment to determine the specific welding parameters for the various mechanical arms and materials used and the output power.

# SUGGESTED APPLICATIONS

Below is a brief description of the typical applications in which the **VELCRO® Brand MST IRR & IRR FRT Hook and Loop** fasteners may be used.

We recommend testing the product before use since the conditions specific to each application may cause differences in performance.

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#### **MILITARY & GOVERNMENT**

#### Military Equipment and Clothing

**VELCRO® Brand MST IRR & IRR FRT Hook and Loop** are fasteners designed to meet the needs of police and military forces (police, army, etc.) by replacing the use of zips and guaranteeing functionality for the life time of the product. The product is supplied with special reflective (IRR) and fire retardant (FRT) properties.

# REGULATORY ELEMENTS

For product declarations of conformity on regulatory elements and additional information, contact productcompliance\_emea@velcro.com.

#### **PRODUCT USE**

The information, statements and comments contained within this document are based on our experience and testing and are believed to be accurate. However, because there are many factors involved in specific applications that can impact end use and performance, product users should always test the product for its ability to meet the requirements of their specific use and method of application.

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Given the diversity of our products, we recommend that our customers verify that the product satisfies the requirements of their application. The customer is responsible for the application and use of the product.

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