

Performance Days

Awards for blended banana fiber fabric

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The Performance Days open to visitors on March 15-16, 2023, in Munich/Germany. The functional fabric fair for sourcing fabrics and accessories will take place as a hybrid event, which means visitors will also have the opportunity to follow the event online in digital form. In addition, all relevant information, current trends, and extended tools are available to interested parties online all year round via The Loop platform.

The spring edition of Performance Days 2023 will showcase the fabric highlights along with accessory trends in the individual categories for the spring/summer season 2025 at the Performance Forum.

In the Marketplace, as usual, visitors also can view more than 20,000 exhibitors' products, including the fabric highlights of the individual categories which the Performance Forum has to offer. In order to provide visitors with as realistic a feel, design and structure as possible, the Performance Forum has been equipped with new 3D technology, including innovative tools such as 3D images, video animations and U3MA files for download.

The Eco Performance Award goes to Chia Her Industrial Co., Ltd., Taipei/Taiwan for “RY03010-011”. The fabric “Banana HA & Tencel Tropical Check” is a blend of 80% Tencel™ and Abacá fiber. The fiber is also known as Manila hemp, which is extremely similar to banana fiber and is originally native to the Philippines. The sustainable natural fiber has several strengths- from its sustainable extraction to its durability. The material is also lightweight, making it the ideal summer fabric, being three times more tear-resistant than cotton. It can absorb up to 30 percent moisture without feeling damp and is also especially easy to take care of. The dried fibers of the Abacá plant are processed into a fine paper, which is then cut into stripes and spun into a particularly tear-resistant yarn.

Unlike other natural fibers Abacá plants require no pesticides, herbicides or irrigation.

Growing Abacá plants can reduce erosion, increase biodiversity and enrich the soil.

Jury Statement: “The banana fibers lend the fabric a technical component. The look is extraordinary, demonstrating the courage to be edgy, and fitting in well with the current zeitgeist. The extremely lightweight fabric also convinces with a good feel and is ideal for a trendy summer look.”

The Performance Award goes to Green Threads Inc., Osaka/Japan, for its lightweight, technical and sustainable “CWA1219DW0”. The fabric “Lightest Rec. PA Downproof Ripstop” from the “Lightweight & Downproof” category is made of 100% recycled polyamide (PA). At an unbeatable 18 g/m², the material is one of the lightest ripstop downproof qualities around.

Manufactured according to the latest technical standards, the fabric is made from 4 and 7 denier multi-fibers obtained from mechanically recycled PA. The surface consists of a PFC-free, yet water-repellent layer. On the inside, a water-based acrylic coating is used, making the material resistant.

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