
Overview

This standard covers the skills and knowledge required to construct upholstery foundations.

This involves:

1. selecting and applying suspensions that suit load bearing requirements
2. applying fillings and forming the shape of the items to be upholstered
3. working in ways which maintain your own and others' safety

This standard is aimed at people working in the upholstery and soft furnishings industry.

Performance criteria

You must be able to:

1. comply with health, safety and environmental requirements, relevant statutory regulations and industry standards/codes of practice at all times
2. identify and confirm specifications for the work being undertaken
3. work with colleagues to achieve the specifications
4. check the frames are of suitable type, dimension and condition for the upholstery to be carried out
5. set aside frames which are in an unsuitable condition for upholstery
6. select suspensions of a suitable type and quantity to meet the load bearing requirements
7. space and align the suspensions to provide sufficient support following standard operating procedures
8. secure suspensions to meet load-bearing requirements for item following standard operating procedures
9. secure suspensions in place using type and size of fixing that is suitable for item and specification
10. use suitable construction for type of furniture, design and required edge details following standard operating procedures
11. check tensioning of the suspensions is suitable to provide strength and rigidity of foundation needed by specification
12. select fillings that are of suitable quality for the upholstery to be carried out following standard operating procedures
13. check fillings are sufficient to form shapes to required dimensions
14. position and form fillings to the required shape, density and depth following standard operating procedures
15. secure fillings in place using methods which are suited to type of filling and location following standard operating procedures
16. carry out work to the required quality and output to meet production schedules and targets
17. identify any problems and deal with them according to standard operating procedures
18. record information in the appropriate information systems

Knowledge and understanding

You need to know and understand:

1. the relevant health, safety and environmental requirements, relevant statutory regulations and industry standards/codes of practice that have to be complied with
2. how to confirm the specifications for the work being undertaken
3. the level of detail is required in a specification
4. the meaning of terms used in technical specifications for upholstery
5. why it is important to check the condition of the frame before starting to apply suspensions and factors showing a frame was unsuitable
6. types of suspensions used and for what purposes
7. the principles behind spacing and alignment of suspensions
8. why suspensions may need to be secured to each other and the implications of not doing this
9. how to secure suspensions in place and which fixings to use for different types of suspension
10. why suspensions need to be tensioned and the implications of over and under-tensioning
11. appropriate construction methods to use and why
12. fillings used in upholstery and for what purposes
13. the handling requirements which apply to materials
14. methods used to fix fillings in place and when to use them
15. the implications of using insufficient fillings, or of applying them unevenly, and how to overcome problems these can cause
16. type of problems that can occur and the standard operating procedures for dealing with them
17. information systems used and why it is important to record information

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