



## Select – the wonders of wool

Select is the epitome of tranquil simplicity. It is easy on the eye, blends in everywhere and offers unsurpassed quality and functionality.

Select is a classic woollen upholstery fabric distinguished by its understated, unicoloured elegance and its basic, authentic look that exudes sublime craftsmanship and first class quality. With its tranquil simplicity it is easy on the eye – and easy to like. Its tightly woven relief structure blends in everywhere – from office landscapes to hotel lounges – leaving a discreet yet significant mark and adding an extra dimension of functionality and classic elegance.

### Quality through generations

Select is made from 85% pure, new wool from New Zealand, where sheep farmers have refined their farming methods through generations. Today, their wool is recognised as the best in the world meeting even the highest quality, environmental and ethical standards. New Zealand farmers produce their wool with respect for nature and with animal welfare as an absolute top priority ensuring exceptionally strong, clean and white wool of unsurpassable quality.

### Completely free from chemicals

The cleanness, whiteness and superior quality of New Zealand wool mean that carbonising, optical brighteners and other chemical treatments which weaken the fibres and damage the wool's natural properties are unnecessary. Consequently, the wool used for Select has only gone through a gentle and eco-friendly washing process, before it is dyed. It has not been carbonised and no artificial softeners, antibacterial treatments, anti-peeling agents, toxic dyes or other harmful chemicals have been added in the process. It is pure, clean wool fibres with all the natural properties intact that make New Zealand wool one of a kind.

### Superior user health and safety

Made from natural wool fibres and absolutely free from harmful chemicals, Select does not emit pollutants or odours that affect indoor climates, cause allergies and compromise human health and comfort. As the fabric has not undergone any surface treatments, and the dyes used for the fabric are all eco-friendly, skin contact with the fabric is absolutely safe.

Select is OekoTex certified, and the certification verifies that the fabric is absolutely safe and harmless to health – both for the end users as well as for the production staff working with the fabric throughout the textile production and upholstery processes.

### A fabric with an infinite lifespan

In Select the exceptional strength and durability of wool have been maximised by mixing the wool fibres with 15% polyamide. The compact spun and tightly woven yarns form a fabric with a closed surface texture almost impenetrable to dust and dirt. The result is an extremely durable – and almost indestructible – fabric with a rating of 200,000 Martindale. With its superior abrasion resistance, Select has an almost infinite lifespan and is highly suitable for even the most demanding high-traffic environments such as airports, hospitals, educational institutions and public transportation defined by intense use round-the-clock, 365 days a year.



### Naturally dirt and water repellent

The wool used for Select is distinguished by its natural dirt repellent property. Wool fibres contain lanolin which is a naturally occurring waxy coating that makes wool inherently water and dirt repellent. Made from uncarbonised wool with natural levels of lanolin, Select offers excellent dirt repellency and is consequently very easy to maintain.

### Inherently flame retardant

When it comes to fire safety, the performance of wool exceeds that of all other common textile fibres. Wool is inherently flame retardant, as the high water and nitrogen content ensures that wool has a higher ignition threshold than other fibres. Instead of burning and supporting the development of flames, wool will instead smoulder and self-distinguish, once the initial ignition source is removed. In the unlikely event that wool ignites, it will not melt, stick to the skin or produce very toxic gases.

Made from wool fibres, Select is inherently fire retardant and offers superior fire resistance. The fabric is tested to several fire standards and is the safe choice for residential as well as commercial environments.

### Regulating heat and moisture

In contrast to synthetic fibres, wool is characterised by its superior insulating properties and its capacity to gain and release heat and to absorb moisture. Made of wool, Select offers highly comfortable seating regardless of the changing seasons keeping users comfortably cool during the summer and warm and cozy, when its cold outside.

### Colours that stand out

One of many adverse effects of chemical treatments such as bleaching is that the chemicals affect the wool's ability to absorb dyes and cause the colours to change over time. The New Zealand wool used for Select is, however, the perfect base for beautiful, long-lasting and colour fast dyes that stays the same year after year regardless of wear and tear.

Unlike many other types of wool, the New Zealand wool used for Select is completely pure, lustrous and free of black fibres and other impurities. Wool without black fibres results in more beautiful, bright and clean colours, and Select offers a comprehensive colour palette with 58 colours including classic, all-time favourites as well as new colour trends. With a contemporary mix of cold and warm colours, eye-catching brights and graphic neutrals, there is a colour to match any piece of furniture and any interior design. The dyes used for Select – and all other Gabriel fabrics – are eco-friendly and completely free of heavy metals and other harmful chemicals.

### Select – the sustainable choice

With its extraordinary long service life – and made from all-natural wool fibres without the use of harmful chemicals – Select is the eco-friendly choice for all types of furniture and interiors. Unlike other textile fibres, wool is a rapidly renewable source as each sheep grows a new fleece every year. Wool products, like Select, are durable, have long lifespans, stay beautiful over time and are consequently used longer than other textile fibres. Finally, wool is nature's own material and can be safely returned to nature's own cycle at the end of its service life.

Select carries the EU Ecolabel which guarantees high environmental standards and verifies Gabriel's commitment to reducing our impact on the environment.