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## **TECHNICAL BULLETIN 47**

### **Method of Measuring the Finished Size of Comforters and Bedspreads**

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## METHOD OF MEASURING THE FINISHED SIZE OF COMFORTERS AND BEDSPREADS

### SCOPE

Technical Information Bulletin Number 47 sets forth the method that must be used when measuring bedding products (comforters, bedspreads). Use this method to determine if a bedding product complies with the finished size stated on the official law label, hang tags, or advertising materials.

### EQUIPMENT

1. Flat surface
2. Steel tape measure

### PROCEDURE

All measurements are made with a steel tape to the nearest 1/16 inch.

#### TO MEASURE LENGTH – Applies to All Sizes

1. Lay out the comforter fully in a relaxed state, without tension, on a flat surface.
2. Take three length measurements, one at each outer edge of the comforter and one in the center of the comforter. Do not measure ruffles or other fabric beyond the filled edge. (**See Figures 1 and 2** for proper and improper methods of measurement.)
3. Average the three measurements and report result as length of comforter in inches.
4. When corners are rounded, take measurements at a point immediately below the curvature. (**See Figure 3.**)

TO MEASURE WIDTH – Applies to All Sizes

1. Lay out the comforter fully in a relaxed state, without tension, on a flat surface.
2. Take three width measurements, one at each outer edge of the comforter and one in the center of the comforter. Do not measure ruffles or other fabric beyond the filled edge. (**See Figures 1 and 2** for proper and improper methods of measurement.)
3. Average the three measurements and report result as width of comforter in inches.
4. When corners are rounded, take measurements at a point immediately below the curvature. (**See Figure 3.**)

**Figure 1: Correct Methods of Measurement**



**Correct** method of measurement.  
Measured at start of filled edge.



**Correct** method of measurement.  
Measured at end of filled edge.

**Figure 2: Incorrect Method of Measurement**



**Incorrect** method of measurement.  
Measured at start of unfilled edge.

**Figure 3:** Proper Method of Measurement When Corners are Rounded (Lines at Measurement Locations)

