



USA-2000 Labeling Standards - Down & Feather Products (Jan. 2009) Bedding and Apparel

The American Down & Feather Council (ADFC) supports the standards developed by ABFLO and first enacted as regulation by the State of California. Documents referenced include:

1. ASTM D-4522: Performance Specifications for Down and Feather Fillings for Textile Products.
1.1: "Requirements for fillings for industry products such as wearing apparel, sleeping bags, and comforters."
2. January 1999 FTC Bulletin: "Advertising and Labeling of Feather and Down Products."
3. ABFLO 1999 (& Successive Years) Guidelines: "Labeling of Down and Feather Products."
4. IDFB Test Regulations & Technical Manual: IDFB is the International Down & Feather Bureau.
5. April 16, 2000 California Regulation on Down and Feather Products.

Down Products Any product with at least 75% down cluster may be labeled "DOWN." The minimum down cluster % **MUST** be listed.

Cleanliness Requirement

Oxygen of 10 or less and Turbidity of 300mm or greater.

Down/Feather Blends The minimum down cluster content of blended products must be labeled. No tolerance is allowed.

Requirement for Hypoallergenic or Super-Clean Claims

Oxygen of 4.8 or less and Turbidity of 500mm or greater.

Feather Products The label "WATERFOWL FEATHERS" may be used if the product has at least 80% waterfowl feathers.

Fill Power Claims

After proper conditioning, the fill power of finished products should be ± 5% of claim. Steam Conditioning is the official IDFB method.

Labeling of Other Components If other components exceed the maximums in the chart below, the component % must be labeled.

Species (GOOSE or DUCK)

Products can be labeled by species if 90% of the plumage is of that species.

Effective Date Products manufactured after September 1, 2000 must use the new label standards.

Fabric Claims

See FTC guide: "Threading Your Way Through the Labeling Requirements Under the Textile and Wool Acts."

Testing Methods The testing methods of IDFB are the official testing methods of the ASTM, IABFLO and ADFC.

Other Product Claims

FTC law requires that advertising or labeling claims must have proof to back up both express/explicit and implied claims. The ADFC reviews product claims as part of the ADFC compliance program.

Labeling Format on Law Tag Label See IABFLO documents and/or website for correct labeling formats.

Composition Requirements

General Label	(REQUIRED SUB-LABEL)	Minimum Required Down Cluster	Maximum Landfowl Feathers*	Max Damaged Feathers*	Maximum Residue*	Maximum Down Fiber*	Maximum Feather Fiber*
Down	(MINIMUM 95% DOWN)	95%	2.0%	2.0%	2.0%	5%	5%
	(MINIMUM 90% DOWN)	90%	2.0%	2.0%	2.0%	10%	10%
	(MINIMUM 85% DOWN)	85%	2.0%	2.0%	2.0%	10%	10%
	(MINIMUM 80% DOWN)	80%	2.0%	2.0%	2.0%	10%	10%
	(MINIMUM 75% DOWN)	75%	2.0%	2.0%	2.0%	10%	10%
DOWN & WATERFOWL FEATHERS	(DOWN 70%, FEATHERS 30%)	70%	2.0%	2.1%	2.0%	10%	10%
	(DOWN 65%, FEATHERS 35%)	65%	2.0%	2.1%	2.0%	10%	10%
	(DOWN 60%, FEATHERS 40%)	60%	2.0%	2.8%	2.0%	10%	10%
	(DOWN 55%, FEATHERS 45%)	55%	2.3%	3.2%	2.0%	10%	10%
	(DOWN 50%, FEATHERS 50%)	50%	2.5%	3.5%	2.0%	10%	10%
WATERFOWL FEATHERS & DOWN	(FEATHERS 55%, DOWN 45%)	45%	2.7%	3.8%	2.0%	10%	10%
	(FEATHERS 60%, DOWN 40%)	40%	3.0%	4.2%	2.0%	10%	10%
	(FEATHERS 65%, DOWN 35%)	35%	3.2%	4.5%	2.0%	10%	10%
	(FEATHERS 70%, DOWN 30%)	30%	3.5%	4.9%	2.0%	10%	10%
	(FEATHERS 75%, DOWN 25%)	25%	3.7%	5.2%	2.0%	10%	10%
	(FEATHERS 80%, DOWN 20%)	20%	4.0%	5.6%	2.0%	10%	10%
	(FEATHERS 85%, DOWN 15%)	15%	4.2%	5.9%	2.0%	10%	10%
(FEATHERS 90%, DOWN 10%)	10%	4.5%	6.3%	2.0%	10%	10%	
(FEATHERS 95%, DOWN 5%)	5%	4.8%	6.7%	2.0%	10%	10%	
WATERFOWL FEATHERS		--	5.0%	7.0%	2.0%	10%	10%

* If Components exceed listed Maximum, such component percentages must be clearly labeled on the law tag label.