

**DRUG TARIFF TECHNICAL SPECIFICATION
FOR GRADUATED COMPRESSION HOSIERY - NO 40 (revised 2022)**

The following specifications are necessary to ensure 'fitness for purpose'.

Graduated compression hosiery refers to, thigh length garments and knee length garments which have a defined heel for men and women.

All garments must comply with the UK Medical Devices Regulations 2002
All garments must conform to BS661210: 2018+A1: 2022 as to the

- Test method (Annex A) described therein.
- Compression profile
- Durability of compression on repeated washing
- Stiffness of elastic garments
- Marking and labelling

All garments must have a knitted in heel (reciprocated) and can have an open or closed toe.

Compression values to conform to Specification 40 (revised)

Drug Tariff Compression Class	Compression manufacturing tolerance at ankle (mm Hg)	Compression range at ankle (mm Hg) Published scale in Drug Tariff*
Class I	14-19	14-17
Class II	16-25	18-24
Class III	24-35	25-35

*These have been refined to a continuous scale for clarity

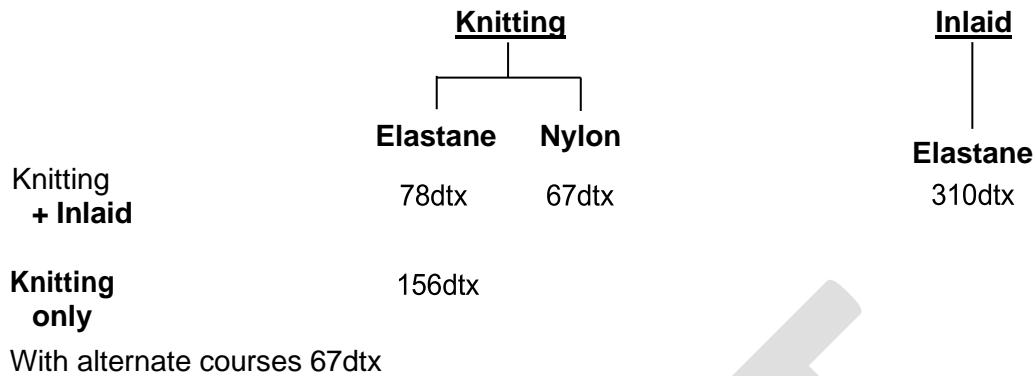
CLASS I COMPRESSION

All garments must be manufactured so that when tested they fall within the following compression tolerance: 14-19 mm Hg

Hosiery conforming to Class I must contain either:

- A One knitted elastic thread in at least every second course.
- B One knitted elastic thread carried into at least every second course, or
- C An inlaid elastomeric thread in at least every third course.

The yarns must not have a finer count than:



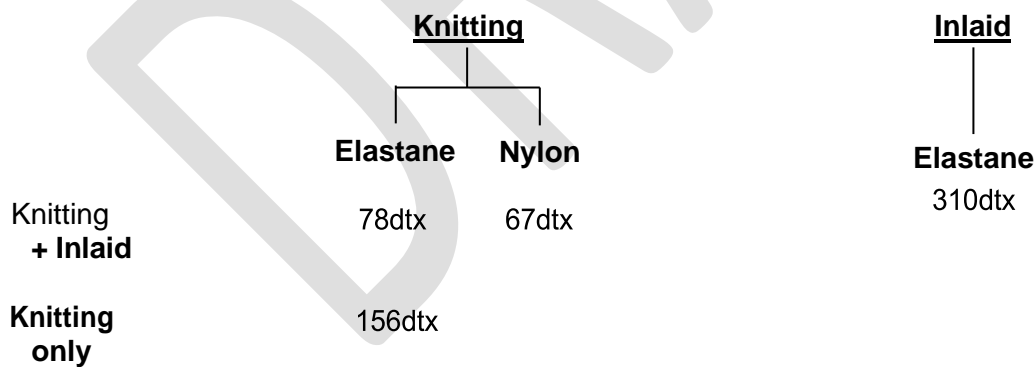
CLASS II COMPRESSION

All garments must be manufactured so that when tested they fall within the following compression tolerance: 16-25 mm Hg

Hosiery conforming to Class II must contain either:

- A One knitted elastic thread in at least every second course.
- B One knitted elastic thread carried into at least every second course, or
- C An inlaid elastomeric thread in at least every third course.

The yarns must not have a finer count than:



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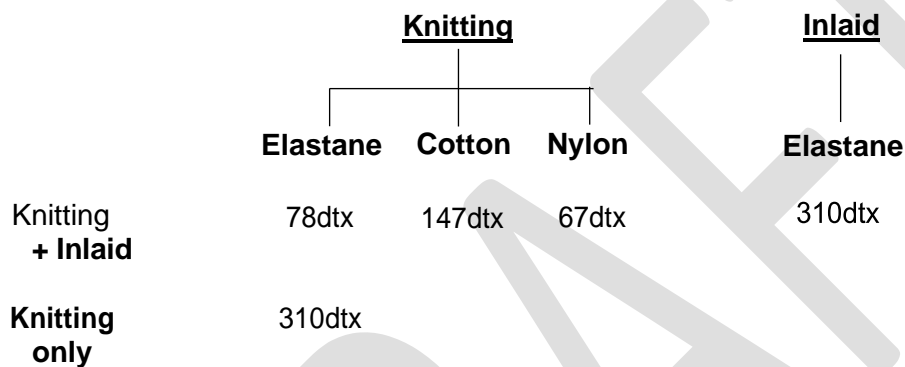
CLASS III COMPRESSION

All garments must be manufactured so that when tested they fall within the following compression tolerance: 24-35 mm Hg

Hosiery conforming to Class III must contain either:

- A One knitted elastic thread in each course.
- B One knitted elastic thread carried into at least every second course, or
- C An inlaid elastomeric thread in at least every second course.

The yarns must not have a finer count than:



HOSIERY MADE TO INDIVIDUAL MEASUREMENTS

The following must apply:

- 1 Compression Stockings made to the patients' individual measurements are available in all three compression classes and should be specified or supplied whenever irregular limb dimensions are present and cannot be fitted with standard sizes.
- 2 All garments are specifically shaped during manufacture and must have a knitted-in heel (reciprocated) and open, or closed toe.
- 3 Seams and finishes must be designed to form no restrictions and must be flat and soft against the limb.