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Question:

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1) In the case of structural closures made of buttons, how should they be tested?
Further do they have to have a maximum distance between each button?

2) In the case of Velcro fasteners, how should we test them?

Solution:

1) Testing of structural closures made of buttons –The seam strength test according to Annex B of EN 13594:2015 is used with the center of the button being taken to be the stitching line for the specimen drawing.

There is no maximunm distance but when tested gaps shall not be reated in the opening between the buttons

2) Testing of structural closures made by velcro/hook and loop - It has to be applied the seam strength test according to Annex B of EN 13594:2015 with the sample overlapped for 1 cm and considering the median line of the overlapped portion supposing to be the stitching line for the specimen drawing.