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Question:

According to clause 5.6 all materials, incl. contrast material, shall fulfil the water vapour resistance. What shall be done if only a very small area is covered by such contrast material, e.g. for side inserts or the lowest seam part (see picture) and therefore doesn't cover the major part of torso? Do they also have to fulfil the Ret < 5, even if the size would hardly harm the physiological climate of the wearer?



Solution:

The area of those small inserts shall not be relevant (hem, edges, side, armpits) as long as they do not cover the vapour relevant places and the size of those inserts altogether do not exceed 10% of background material.