

The purpose of this document is to assist manufacturers, supplier, and/or buyers in meeting the standards specified by QB/T 1196-2012. It is specifically designed to help meet the various quality requirements for the following:

1. Meeting Down and Feather Requirements for QB/T 1196-2012
2. Meeting Fabric and Textile Requirements for QB/T 1196-2012
3. Meeting Finished Product Appearance and Labeling Requirements for QB/T 1196-2012

Prefix: About QB/T 1196-2012:

QB/T 1196-2012 is an amendment QB/T 1196-1991. This standard specifies the terms and definitions, requirements, test methods, inspection rules as well as the labeling, packing, transportation and storage of down & feather pillows. It is applicable to down and feather pillows that are mainly filled with down and feathers and take various textile fabrics.

Classification: Products are classified into three categories based on testing results: Premier, First Class, and Qualified. These various requirements are outlined in the testing requirements below.

1. Meeting Down and Feather Requirements for QB/T 1196-2012:

Down and Feather components are tested using the GB/T 10288-2003 methods and evaluated according to QB/T 1196-2012 requirements (see chart 1).

Additional Details:

Content:

- Components must meet minimum requirements given by QB/T 1196-2012 (see chart 1).
- For products with blended materials, the percentage of down and feather should be at least 50% of the total filling and the down components must also meet minimum requirements given by QB/T 1196-2012 (see chart 1).

Goose or Duck Species:

- Goose down labeled as 80% or greater requires species testing **only** on down.
- Goose down labeled as less than 80% requires species testing for both down **and** feather.
- Unidentified down and feather are reclassified according to the known percentage ratio of duck and down. Goose products must contain a minimum of 85% Goose (see chart 1).

Color Separation:

- Only products labelled **white** goose or **white** duck down will require color separation. These products must meet minimum requirements given by QB/T 1196-2012 (see chart 1).

Fill Power:

- Fill Power is tested according to QB/T steam method and measured in GB cylinder and plate. Fill Power must meet minimum requirements given by QB/T 1196-2012 (see chart 1).

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Chart 1: QB/T 1196-2012 Down and Feather Requirements

	Down Cluster %	Down Cluster Tolerance %	Down Fiber % ≤	Feather Fiber% ≤	Landfowl % ≤	Damaged Feather % ≤	Colored Down and Feather * % ≤	Quill Feather % ≤	Residue % ≤	Fill Power (cm) ≥	Duck Down & Feather % ≤
Goose Down and Feather	Feather	--	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	2.0	10.0	3.0	8.0	15
	5	-2.0	10.0	10.0	5.0	5.0	1.5	3.0	2.0	10.0	15
	10	-3.0	10.0	10.0	4.5	5.0	1.5	3.0	1.5	11.0	15
	20	-3.0	10.0	10.0	4.0	5.0	1.5	3.0	1.5	12.0	15
	30	-3.0	10.0	10.0	3.5	5.0	1.5	2.0	1.5	13.0	15
	40	-3.0	10.0	10.0	3.0	5.0	1.5	2.0	1.5	14.0	15
	50	-5.0	10.0	10.0	2.5	3.0	1.0	2.0	1.2	15.5	15
	60	-5.0	10.0	10.0	2.0	3.0	1.0	1.0	1.2	17.0	15
	70	-5.0	10.0	10.0	1.5	2.0	1.0	0.5	1.2	18.0	15
	75	-5.0	10.0	10.0	1.5	2.0	1.0	0.5	1.2	18.5	15
	80	-5.0	10.0	10.0	1.0	2.0	1.0	0.5	1.2	19.0	15
	85	-5.0	10.0	10.0	1.0	2.0	1.0	0.5	1.0	19.5	15
	90	-5.0	10.0	10.0	1.0	2.0	1.0	0.5	1.0	20.0	15
	95	-5.0	5.0	5.0	1.0	2.0	1.0	0.5	1.0	20.5	15
Duck Down and Feather	Feather	--	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	2.0	10.0	3.0	7.5	N/A
	5	-2.0	10.0	10.0	5.0	5.0	1.5	3.0	2.0	9.0	
	10	-3.0	10.0	10.0	4.5	5.0	1.5	3.0	1.5	10.0	
	20	-3.0	10.0	10.0	4.0	5.0	1.5	3.0	1.5	11.0	
	30	-3.0	10.0	10.0	3.5	5.0	1.5	2.0	1.5	12.0	
	40	-3.0	10.0	10.0	3.0	5.0	1.5	2.0	1.5	13.0	
	50	-5.0	10.0	10.0	2.5	3.0	1.0	2.0	1.2	14.0	
	60	-5.0	10.0	10.0	2.0	3.0	1.0	1.0	1.2	15.5	
	70	-5.0	10.0	10.0	1.5	2.0	1.0	0.5	1.2	17.0	
	75	-5.0	10.0	10.0	1.5	2.0	1.0	0.5	1.2	17.5	
	80	-5.0	10.0	10.0	1.0	2.0	1.0	0.5	1.2	18.0	
	85	-5.0	10.0	10.0	1.0	2.0	1.0	0.5	1.0	18.5	
	90	-5.0	10.0	10.0	1.0	2.0	1.0	0.5	1.0	19.0	
	95	-5.0	5.0	5.0	1.0	2.0	1.0	0.5	1.0	19.5	

Cleanliness Requirements	
Oxygen (mg/100g)	≤ 10.0
Fat & Oil %	≤ 1.2
Moisture %	≤ 13
Odor	≤ 2

Classification Requirements are based on Turbidity results (below):

Turbidity (mm)	
Premium	≥ 800
First Class	≥ 650
Qualified	≥ 450

Net Filling Weight Requirements	
Net Filling Weight	≥ -5 %

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2. Meeting Fabric and Textile Requirements for QB/T 1196-2012:

Fabrics are required to meet the minimum requirements given below (Chart 2).

Chart 2: QB/T 1196-2012 Down and Feather Requirements

Fabric and Textile Requirements	
Test Item	Requirement
Downproofness	≤ 20 Particles
Air Permeability (mm/s)	≥ 5
Formaldehyde (mg/kg)	≤ 75
pH	4.0 – 8.5
AZO Dyes	Not Detected (Not allowed to use, detected limited value ≤ 20mg/kg)
Odor	None

Classification Requirements are based on Colorfastness Results			
Test Item	Category	Classification	Requirement
Colorfastness to Perspiration	Color Change	Premium	4
		First Class	3/4
		Qualified	3
	Color Staining	Premium	4
		First Class	3/4
		Qualified	3
Colorfastness to Crocking	Dry	Premium	4
		First Class	3/4
		Qualified	3
	Wet	Premium	3/4
		First Class	3
		Qualified	2/3

3. Meeting Finished Product Appearance and Labeling Requirements for QB/T 1196-2012:

Finished Products are required to meet the minimum requirements given below (Chart 3).

Chart 3: QB/T 1196-2012 Down and Feather Requirements

Fabric and Textile Requirements	
Test Item	Requirement
Product Inspection	Product Accessories (zippers and buttons), Filling Distribution, Stitching Quality
Dimensional ratio of specification and dimensions (%)	-1.5 ~ +2.5

Classification Requirements are based results (below):		
Test Item	Classification	Requirement
Color Tone/Shade (grade)	Premium	≥ 4/5
	First Class	≥ 4
	Qualified	≥ 3/4
Skewing (%)	Premium	≤ 2
	First Class	≤ 3
	Qualified	≤ 4
Damage/Needle Holes	Premium	Not Allowed
	First Class	Not Allowed
	Qualified	No Damage, Needle Holes must be smaller than 5 cm long
Stains/Spots	Premium	Not Allowed
	First Class	Max. 1 small spot
	Qualified	Max. 2 small spots
Blemish Streaks/ Defect Lines	Premium	Not Allowed
	First Class	Max. 1 small spot
	Qualified	Max. 1 Large (Obvious) Spot
Print/ Artwork Defects	Premium	Not Allowed
	First Class	Defects Not Allowed to affect Total Appearance
	Qualified	Defects Not Allowed to affect Total Appearance

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LAW LABEL

Law Label is required to meet GB 5296.4 requirements.

- List Product Type above fold on label and font size should not be smaller than any other text.
- Filling type and percentage should be specified and mixed fillings clearly outlined.
- Product dimensions: Width (cm) x Length (cm)
- Fiber Content should comply with FZ/T01053.

Product Label should clearly indicate the following:

Product Type	
Down Pillow	100% down and feathers, $\geq 50\%$ down content
Feather Pillow	100% down and feathers, $< 50\%$ down content
Mixed Down Pillow	Down and feather blend with other polyester fibers, down and feather portion $> 50\%$, down content $\geq 50\%$
Mixed Feather Pillow	Down and feather blend with other polyester fibers, down and feather portion $> 50\%$, down content $< 50\%$
Composite Down Pillow	Down and feathers and other fibers are filled into separate chambers, down and feather portion $> 50\%$, down content $\geq 50\%$
Composite Feather Pillow	Down & feathers and other fibers are filled into separate chambers, down and feather portion $> 50\%$, down content $< 50\%$

Examples of Law Label Formats:

Down Pillow (Pad)

Fabric: 80% Cotton / 20% Polyester
Filling: Grey Duck Down (80% Down)
Net Fill Weight: 150g

Mixed Down and Feather Pillow (Pad)

Fabric: 80% Cotton / 20% Polyester
Filling: 70% Grey Duck Down (50% Down)
30% Lyocell
Net Fill Weight: Grey Duck Down 140g
Lyocell 60g

Feather Pillow (Pad)

Fabric: 80% Cotton / 20% Polyester
Filling: Grey Duck Feather (30% Down)
Net Fill Weight: 150g

Composite Down and Feather Pillow (Pad)

Fabric: 80% Cotton / 20% Polyester
Filling: Upper Layer: 100% Grey Duck Down (80% Down)
Under Layer: 100% Grey Duck Feather (30% Down)
Net Fill Weight: Upper Layer 140g
Under Layer 60g

Fabric: 80% Cotton / 20% Polyester
Filling: Yellow Part: 100% Grey Duck Down (80% Down)
White Part: 100% Lyocell
Net Fill Weight: Grey Duck Down 140g
Lyocell 60g

Fabric: 80% Cotton / 20% Polyester
Filling: Upper Layer: 100% Grey Duck Down (80% Down)
Middle Layer: 100% Silica Gel
Under Layer: 100% Grey Duck Feather (30% Down)
Net Fill Weight: Upper Layer 100g
Middle Layer 50g
Under Layer 140g

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Composite Down and Feather Pillow (Pad)

Fabric: 80% Cotton / 20% Polyester
Filling: Center: 100% Grey Duck Down (80% Down)
Edge: 100% Lyocell
Net Fill Weight: Grey Duck Down 140g
Lyocell 60g

Fabric: 80% Cotton / 20% Polyester
Filling: Upper Layer: 100% Grey Duck Down (80% Down)
Under Layer: 100% Grey Duck Feather (30% Down)
Centre: 100% Silica Gel
Edge 100% Lyocell
Net Fill Weight: Upper Layer 100g
Under Layer 140g
Centre 140 g
Edge 60g