

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



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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.
  - o "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.

## Down/Feather Blends

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

## Feather Products

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

## Labeling of Other Components

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

## Effective Date

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

## Testing Methods

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

## Labeling Format on Law Tag Label

See IABFLO documents and/or website for correct labeling formats.

## Cleanliness Requirement

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

## Requirement for Hypoallergenic or Super-Clean Claims

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

## Fill Power Claims

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

## Species: Goose or Duck

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

## Fabric Claims

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

## 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.

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%
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.

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