

cantly. An integrated correlation was analysed for the whole WVTR of the fabric assemblies and various component layers, which showed that the total WVTR had a positive correlation with that of the moisture barrier, but with a low linear correlation coefficient of 0.556 at a 0.01 confidence level. Hence it was not sufficient to evaluate the water vapour permeability of the multi-layered fabric system with just the WVTR of the single moisture barrier.

The water vapour permeability of the multi-layered fabric system used in firefighter turnout clothing was complicated and influenced by many factors. Using a sweating hot plate to measure the heat and moisture transfer property of the multi-layered fabric system was a direct and reliable method for evaluating the comfort performance of the fabric assemblies.



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