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introduction

This guide lists some of the key UK Performance Fabric contacts and signposts some of the additional resources which are available in the UK to assist designers and manufacturers to source the fabrics they need in the UK. This Directory has been produced for the UK Fashion & Textile Association and the project has been made possible thanks to the generous support of UK Trade & Investment.

Performance apparel fabrics are becoming an essential part of the modern wardrobe and U.K. textile companies are investing time and money into developing and manufacturing these types of fabric.

Trainers and sporty or casual influenced outfits are often more readily worn than suits, and performance textiles developed for competition are being integrated into high-end fashion, with sports styles adapted to make fashion statements both on the high street and through high fashion.

Sportswear first crossed over into casualwear because it was comfortable and affordable. Since then it has increasingly acquired its own sartorial language, one based on function, colour and performance.

In manipulating the idea of casual and sportswear, designers both in textiles and fashion have pushed the boundaries of what performance apparel fabrics can be in terms of inventiveness, fun and sophistication.

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companies

U.K textile mills are world leaders in design and manufacture of creative and stylish apparel fabrics. Many now utilise cutting edge technology together with unique fabric finishes and new generation fibre and yarn blends to develop innovative performance fabrics

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Established in 1837, Abraham Moon is a fully vertical mill weaving tweeds, country checks, tartans and a wide variety of novelty fabrics and textures, using mainly wool and wool blends, linens and cashmeres.

Moons continues to develop various performance finishes on selected fabrics, e.g. fine wool herringbone 375grms with added Lycra for comfort and stretch; a Stormgard finish on 100% wool jacketing 370grms which is both water and soil repellent yet allows the fabric to breathe; and Ceratherm finished 100% wool coating of 540gms that absorbs and retains heat allowing maximum heat retention from minimal bulk while retaining the fabric's soft handle.

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Recognised as one of the most innovative independent textile suppliers in the UK for **Stretch** fabrics which includes jersey, mesh, net, tulle, lace, embroidery available in a wide variety of fibres and blends. Many of the fabrics have **2-way performance stretch** and as such are suited for sportswear, casualwear and activewear combining comfort and ease.

Large stock service facility means that the entire range are available for immediate delivery.

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Specialists in technical and performance fabrics. Produce a variety of technical knitted mesh fabrics including 100% Nomex raschel mesh, 100% polyester mesh; warp knitted spacer fabrics in 100% polyester. Also manufacture puncture resistant fabrics with high tenacity polyethylene yarns and cut-resistant fabrics for gloves and protective clothing.

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Since its inception The British Millerain Company has specialised in the manufacture of performance fabrics and today is one of the leading exponents in its field and while the technology has changed over the years, remains faithful to its roots.

From a classic range of waxed cottons, through to the latest breathable, laminated, bonded or coated, synthetic fabrics to heavyweight canvas, there is a wide and diverse fabric range on offer.

Recent additions include **Antique Elite**, a wax treatment which adds character to the fabric for a vintage look, and **Driden Sahara** which benefits from a waxed finish that can be laundered after made into garments.

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Renowned silk manufacturer, with comprehensive stock service offer and innovative novelty fabrics.

New performance finishes on selected silks include water-proofing and stain resistant finishes.

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Specialist in webbing, straps, bindings and the manufacture of narrow fabrics, with fibres used including nylon, polyester, polypropylene, PU coated webbing, cotton and other technical yarns. End uses encompass leisure, sports, luggage, clothes and workwear. Additional services are available for promotional printing of logos or branding on webbing, finished assemblies. Finishes applied to webbing include water-repellent, stiffened and anti-bacterial.

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Manufacture both knitted and woven sportswear fabric which are light, soft yet durable enough to cope with the demands of professional sportsmen and women. Computer aided design facilities within the company quickly allow for design and pattern interpretations from customers. Also produce outdoor fabrics from lightweight for layering and weather resistant to heavyweight fleece types, all with differing characteristics to meet the challenges of outdoor weather.

Coating Applications Group

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Formed in 1981, Coating Application became part of Allied Textiles in 1993.

The company produces a range of breathable waterproof polyurethane coated fabrics for a wide variety of work and leisurewear products, they are one of the UK's leading textile coating specialists delivering high performance quality products. They offer a range of dyed fabrics from stock. Special colours are available on products with a minimum order of 1000mts.

Fabrics include a lightweight **Ripstop** 1.5 oz. with a single side polyurethane coating onto a dyed nylon with a fluocarbon finish in face side; a 2oz coated polyurethane **Diabolo** nylon and a 3 oz. **Tactel** with a breathable polyurethane coating.

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Dashing Tweeds

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Unique service offering exclusive developments for performance fabrics alongside other textile products.

Dashing Tweeds is one of the UK's latest tweed textile and menswear companies; they work with a selection of British Mills, also with tailors and fashion to design innovative and original fabrics.

Offer bespoke cloth developments or fabrics from an exclusive stock service range. Latest fabric areas developed incorporates the use of reflective and fluorescent yarns.

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Specialists in the manufacture of **Waxed and Oiled Cottons**, with proven expertise and years of experience developing new looks while refining traditional waxed cotton finishes, always to the highest quality and performance standards. Waxed cottons are windproof, waterproof and highly durable. Offer a comprehensive range of base fabrics from flyweight to heavyweight, even pure silk and 100% wool, thus allowing the customer to select finish, texture, appearance and performance required. Additional finishes such as tumbled or emerised create a soft or vintage appearance

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Established in 1783, a fully integrated mill processing fibre, yarn, fabric, dyeing and finishing. A specialisation is milled woollen fabrics such as meltons and ceremonial worsted which are all robust fabrics with inherent natural performance. Hainsworth ECODRY Technology is used in a range of fabrics that combine the performance of wool with the performance of man-made fibres to maximise their benefits.

The Merion Wool is hydroscopic, absorbing 33% of its weight in moisture without feeling damp, is anti-microbial, sustainable, biodegradable and environmentally friendly.

The aramid fibres are inherently flame retardant, extremely strong and hardwearing and ensuring the fabric maximum performance.

Hield

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Hield and sister company Butterworth & Roberts manufacture mainly fine suitings and jacketings predominately aimed at menswear and bespoke tailoring. A selection of fabrics can be developed with performance finishes e.g. 100% wool covert coating in 550grm with a **Showerproof** finish; 100% wool country check jacketing in 500gms with a robust **Thornproof** finish and a lightweight high-twist suiting in 280grms with a '**Breathable in hot weather**' finish.

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Aquarette Finish on selected Holland & Sherry fine suitings is a specially developed finish that forms a high performance stain resistance around the fibres of the fabric without affecting the luxury soft feel of the cloth. Liquids like rain, coffee, wine etc simply bead up and roll off and even ground in stains can be removed with ease by a specialist dry cleaner, keeping fabrics looking new for longer.

During the multi stage finishing process a solution is applied to the cloth which forms a uniform, invisible nano molecular coating around the individual fibres creating a highly functional barrier without losing the fabric integrity and texture.

*Nano stands for a unit of measurements which is the billionth part (10⁻⁹) of a metre.

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A family business with 50 circular knitting machines and a wide variety of machine capabilities. Knit fabrics range from yarns with Lycra or natural stretch, single jersey, rib, fleece, sporty plush fabrics in cotton, all synthetics, anti-static and fire retardant yarns. Willing to tailor knit machines to meet customer specifications.

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Specialist knitters of quality double and single jersey fabrics using Lyrca with mainly natural yarns such as silks, linens, superfine wools, mohair and cotton. Also offer boucles and other surface textured fabrics.

Most knitted fabrics can be produced in lengths of 15mts upwards in customers' own choice of colours.

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Johnstons of Elgin's esteemed history dates from 1797 and is one of quality, resilience and outstanding provenance with sourcing and manufacture of high quality wools and cashmeres; it is one of the last remaining vertical mills in the UK.

Teflon coated tweeds and woollens are made to order and have outstanding heat and cold resistance, stain resist, added strength and stability and resistance to UV rays.

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Liberty Art Fabrics are renowned for detailed printed fabrics created by an in-house design team and famous archive. Recently new innovative fabric bases have been introduced to complement Tana Lawn cottons. These include **Lomond Water Repellent** in 100% nylon at 65 g/sqm for lightweight outdoor wear, **Argyll Swim** a jersey fabric in 72% polyamide, 28% elastane for swimwear or sports, **Amalfi Swim** in 100% polyamide for swimming trunks, **Linford Loopback** or **Brush back** which is soft and robust for casual wear. New performance bases are being researched and a bespoke service utilising Liberty's extensive printing experience is available.

Mallalieu's of Delph

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Mallalieu's of Delph was founded in 1890 and is a fully vertical woollen manufacturer of yarns, fabrics and finishing. New in-house finishing developments include applications for both shower proof and washable wools. These are available as separate finishes or in combination and can be applied to most of the apparel fabric collection.

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Offer an interesting and wide variety of stretch jersey fabrics suitable for leisure, sports and activewear. Fabric blends include supplex/Lycra, cotton/Lycra, meryl/Lycra, jacquard knit/Lycra, microfibre, piques and jersey. Fabrics suitable for a wide range of performance garments from leisure to sports.

Production is on circular weft knitting machines. Minimum orders for non-stock colours is 35 mts.

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Robert Noble and sister companies Whitley & Green and William Brown weave mainly wool and wool blend fabrics for jacketings and coatings with collections that include tweeds, checks and tartans, many of which can be developed with a shower proof finish.

Whitley & Green have a special fashion following with their semi-plain authentic weight coatings with traditional and historical roots in the equestrian world. These fabrics are constructed into luxury garments that require a strong look and highly tailored structure, bold and elegant while often featuring high performance finishes on fabric bases such as cavalry twills, bedford cords, coverts, drill, gabardines and meltons. By experimenting with new fibre composition, e.g. adding Lycra, metallic yarns or a special finish, Whitley & Green continue to invest in improving the performance of these naturally robust performance cloths each season.

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One of the UK's leading narrow width fabric weavers for over 250 years. Manufactures webbing, tape and straps with many possible end uses, incorporating a comprehensive range of yarns to produce a variety of widths and colours. Products are then finished by either heat setting, dyeing, or applying a range of chemical finishes to create or enhance desired characteristics. Provide a stock range of made-to-order with special wording, company name or logo incorporated into the webbing or tape.

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Manufacture of genuine bobbin net tulle constructed by warp and weft yarns that interlock. The resultant fabric has high strength, durability, uniform construction and various levels of transparency.

Fibres used include folded long staple Egyptian cotton, Lycra, polyamide, silk and polypropylene



Ventile Fabrics

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Ventile (registered trade mark) originally designed in the UK, is densely woven from 100% cotton using the world's finest long staple cotton.

Ventile is not coated or laminated yet the combination of the dense weave and the swelling properties of the fibres when wet provide excellent weather proofing. It is an entirely natural product that offers a unique level of comfort, look and feel as well as being windproof, highly breathable, very durable and quiet.

There are four grades and fabric weights of **Ventile**, suitable for a wide variety of garment applications

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William Reed manufacture a full range of medium and high tenacity, continuous filament fabrics in nylon 6.6, polyester and acetate, using yarns ranging from 22 dtex up to 1100 dtex. Fabrics can be delivered both loomstate or fully finished. Included in the fabric offer are **Trevira** flame resistant fabrics, **Cordura** and **Reetech**.

Commission
Fabric
Finishers
& Dyers

Designers can
work closely with
these commission
finishers and dyers
to create a
personal and
unique appearance
and performance
value textile

j/s

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Commission fabric finisher for a variety of fabric types, both regular and a wide range of speciality finishes including – **Coolstretch** which gives wool and wool blends a lightweight, cool and comfortable handle; **Nanobloc** to repel liquids and stains; **Silvershield** counteracts odour and bacteria; **VV Finish** for superior handle and durability that is retained throughout the life of the garment; **K.K.** for added drape; **Antique** for a worn and distressed look; **Nervous** for a clean and sleek appearance.

Schofield Dyers & Finishers

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Fabric finishing and dyeing mainly wool and wool blends, also fringing for accessories and raising. **Certified by the Soil Association for organic finishing and organic dyeing.** Specialist finishes include Teflon, Fluorocarbon, Resin treatments, Anti-Pilling, Anti-Microbial.

Digital Printers

Digital printing offers endless and exciting possibilities for textile design & performance fabrics.

The UK is at the forefront of the digital printing revolution in designer fashion, as can be seen on the catwalk at London Fashion Week and other UK fashion shows.



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Innovative digital printing with settings of up to 720dpi for detailed prints. Use of both reactive and acid dyes depending on the fabric base, offer a range of in-stock fabrics for print or willing to use customers fabrics. Facilities to develop customers design to digital format if required.

Insey & Nash

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Bespoke screen printing company based in London, specialise in processes that are not achievable by digital printing alone. Portfolio includes flock, foil, devore and fluorescent pigments. Provide a friendly and professional service to assist in extra added value to customer's designs

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R.A. Smart

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Using the very latest digital print technology to provide a digital print service for short runs or production scale projects. Digitally printing presents no limitations on colour and through specialist software to colour matching from monitor to printed fabric. Able to use a wide variety of fabric types from heavy to sheer, stretch to pile, while print dye stuffs include acid, reactive, disperse, sublimation and pigments as different fabrics require particular methods for maximum effect. Flexibility in print run lengths.

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With over 25 years of experience in the field of textile design and production, The Silk Bureau were front-runners in the UK digital printing production. Print length order from one metre with lead times 7 to 10 days from receipt of artwork. Able to print on a wide variety of fabric bases and also use a variety of dye stuffs, the majority of printed fabrics are wash fast.

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Digital printing using reactive dyes on a stock range of over 100 different fabrics including cotton, linen and velvets, which are available for sampling and bulk production. Although digital printing is initially more expensive than wet printing (also offer rotary and flatbed printing) origination costs are much lower due to saving on screens and quicker set-up times, this means print runs of 50 mts are possible. Fabric finishes also offered as an addition to printing: **Chintz, Glaze, Tumble, Airo** and **Emerise** etc. There is also a range of chemical treatments to improve the technical performance of the fabric

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Established 1835 to print, dye and finish fabrics for clients globally, combines innovative and new technology with knowledge born of experience in the industry. Offer Digital printing alongside flat and rotary screen printing. Added finishes can be applied to many of the printed fabrics including **High Glaze, Compressive Shrinking, Airo-Tumble** finishing and a variety of chemical finishes.

Useful Contacts

Various national trade associations bring together and promote UK textile and fashion companies. Publications offer a wealth of up-to-date and in-depth articles on all major and new developments happening in the performance textile world.

Specialist producers offer unique and one-off performance textile manufacture.

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British Textile Machinery Association (BTMA)

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The British Textile Machinery Association provides links to the best of British textile machinery and related products. It brings together British textile machinery and equipment manufacturers with the needs of the global textile and textile related industries.

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BWMB works alongside the textile industry to raise the profile of British wool and extend its desirability through promotional and technical assistance with a wide range of marketing material. Have extensive contacts with sheep farmers, raw wool fibre spinners, weavers and knitters.

The Campaign For Wool

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The Campaign for Wool was initiated in October 2008 by HRH The Prince of Wales, who had observed that the wool industry was facing enormous and unprecedented challenges regarding costs, usage and supply. The Campaign will run for 5 years with a 'Wool Week' promotional highlight with manufacturers, retailers and press during September each year. Wool is promoted for its natural performance values such as bio-degradable, fire retardant, natural high UV protection, sustainable and renewable source.

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On-line news service for all areas of performance and technical textiles



MUTA – The Performance Textile Association

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MUTA is a trade association for the UK technical textile industries, representing suppliers and manufacturers of textile products used in sectors as diverse as fashion, marquees, healthcare, performance, aerospace.

Nonwovens Network

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The Nonwovens Network was established in 1997, on the initiative of a number of companies who were keen to develop and improve knowledge of nonwoven textiles. The Network brings together UK manufacturers, researchers, suppliers, converters and product users from across the country and internationally.

Scottish Textile Industry Association

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STIA assists the Scottish textile manufacturing sector to build on its strengths to work together in a rapidly changing global industry, encourage and promote interaction and collaboration with industry partners. Member companies include weavers, knitters and designers.

Textile Centre of Excellence

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Performance Fabric Codes

Some performance properties are visible to the eye others are not, but in general the textile manufacturer will provide information on the particular additional values of the fabric and care instructions.

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Antibacterial

Chemical process applied to a cloth to stop the development of bacteria caused by perspiration.

Breathable

Property of a fabric that consists of wicking humidity from the body to exterior thanks to fibre properties and/or properties inherent in its structure. A dry micro-climate can thus be maintained between skin and clothing.

Breathable-Waterproof

Property of a fabric which stops liquid water going through but allows perspiration to exit.

Bi-Stretch

A fabric that stretches in the warp and weft and which regains its initial dimensions after stretching. This property is obtained through the use of elastane, textured yarns, or yarns of an elastic nature.

Easy-Care

Property of a fabric aimed at easing domestic use

Digital-Printing

Digital printing allows fine detail and definition, while advance technology makes pattern or visual adjustments from computer to fabric straightforward.

Garment Washable

A textile designed to stand up to garment washings and wash-out treatments

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High-Resistance

Property of a fabric to resist tearing and/or abrasion. Through the use of high tenacity fibres.

Mono-Stretch

A fabric that stretches in the warp or the weft and regains its initial dimensions after stretching. This property is obtained through the use of elastane textured yarns or yarns of an elastic nature.

Stain-Resistance

Finishing treatment intended to prevent dirt from attaching to fibres.

Waterproof

Property of a fabric which stops water going through.

Water-repellent

Finishing process which enables a fabric to resist penetration of water in its liquid form, by oil or dirt. Liquids run off fabric without penetrating it.

Wind-Proof

Property of a fabric that consists of blocking wind through a weave impregnation or membrane.

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