

Formal Interpretation

# NFPA 701

## Standard Methods of Fire Tests for Flame Propagation of Textiles and Films

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**Reference: 1.1.1.1**

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**Background:** The requirement within the scope of this document refers to fabrics or other materials used in curtains, draperies, or other window treatments. Vinyl-coated fabric blackout linings shall be tested according to Test Method 2. The terms curtains, draperies, or other window treatments, where used, shall include, but not limited to, the following items:

- (1) Window curtains
- (2) Stage or theater curtains
- (3) Vertical folding shades
- (4) Roll-type window shades
- (5) Hospital privacy curtains
- (6) Window draperies
- (7) Fabric vertical shades or blinds
- (8) Horizontal folding shades
- (9) Swags
- (10) Fabric horizontal shades or blinds

**Question:** Is the NFPA 701 test, as currently written, applicable to PVC blinds?

**Answer:** Yes.

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