# USTER<sup>®</sup> STATISTICS 2013 Application Report

Easy User Guide



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### **1** General information about USTER<sup>®</sup> *STATISTICS*

# 1.1 What are USTER<sup>®</sup> *STATISTICS*? What benefits do they offer?

USTER<sup>®</sup> *STATISTICS* are the only established benchmark for the worldwide textile industry. Cotton fibers, as well as yarns made from various other raw materials, are measured and compared against each other. USTER<sup>®</sup> *STATISTICS* offer reference values for specialists and managers along the textile value chain, from fiber producers and spinners to weavers, knitters, garment makers, retailers and traders as well as helping manufacturers to improve production processes. USTER<sup>®</sup> *STATISTICS* are also often used as the basis for yarn specifications in textile trading contracts.

### 1.2 What do USTER<sup>®</sup> *STATISTICS* levels mean?

USTER<sup>®</sup> *STATISTICS* levels, also known as USTER<sup>®</sup> *STATISTICS* Percentiles, express how many spinning mills worldwide are able to produce a yarn at the specified level or better. For example, if a spinning mill reaches the 5% value, it means that only 5% of spinning mills worldwide are able to produce a yarn at this quality level or better. At the other extreme, if a measured value corresponds, for example, to the 95% level in the USTER<sup>®</sup> *STATISTICS*, it means that 95% of the spinning mills worldwide are able to produce a yarn which is better than this value. Thus, in the case of yarns and slivers, it can be seen that the lower the USTER<sup>®</sup> *STATISTICS* level, the better the yarn or sliver quality. With raw fibers, however, a high or low USTER<sup>®</sup> *STATISTICS* level does not provide a quality assessment, since fiber parameters are inherent to the material at this stage.

### 1.3 How are the USTER<sup>®</sup> *STATISTICS* generated?

Samples for the USTER<sup>®</sup> *STATISTICS* are collected from textile regions all over the world over a time period of 5 to 6 years. They are tested constantly in the laboratories of Uster Technologies, Switzerland, as well as in Suzhou, China (Chinese samples only), at standard conditions and under strict testing guidelines. Data analysis and the generation of the graphs are done in the headquarters in Switzerland by experienced textile technologists. It is of utmost importance to check the data for its consistency with former releases of the USTER<sup>®</sup> *STATISTICS* as well as for the significance of the data. All values for the USTER<sup>®</sup> *STATISTICS* are obtained by using the laboratory instruments of Uster Technologies. Thus, the USTER<sup>®</sup> *STATISTICS* values are only valid for parameters tested with laboratory instruments made by Uster Technologies.

### 1.4 In which formats are USTER<sup>®</sup> *STATISTICS* available?

The reference values of USTER<sup>®</sup> *STATISTICS* are displayed in different formats:

- Incorporated into the reports from USTER<sup>®</sup> instruments
- In an interactive version on the USTER website (www.uster.com) after registry for a password which is free of charge
- In an interactive version on a CD-ROM, which can be ordered free of charge from the USTER website.

### 1.5 How can USTER<sup>®</sup> *STATISTICS* data be used?

The data in the USTER<sup>®</sup> *STATISTICS* can be presented either as charts or as tables. There are separate charts for the different process stages, such as fiber, sliver, and yarn, as well as a separate chapter for the correlation between fiber and yarn parameters.

# 1.6 What other information can be found in the USTER<sup>®</sup> *STATISTICS*?

On the landing page of the USTER<sup>®</sup> *STATISTICS*, various downloads are offered:

- Application handbook USTER® STATISTICS
- Application report USTER<sup>®</sup> STATISTICS
- USTER<sup>®</sup> STATISTICS Easy User Guide



### 2 Using the USTER<sup>®</sup> *STATISTICS* charts

In this section the following choice of charts is available:

- Fiber Quality
- Sliver Quality
- Roving Quality
- Yarn Quality
- Fiber Processing
- Yarn Processing

In order to be able to look at the USTER<sup>®</sup> *STATISTICS* charts, Java needs to be installed on the computer. If Java (Version 7, Update 11 and higher) is not already installed on the computer, a download link can be found on the site 'Working with USTER<sup>®</sup> *STATISTICS*'.



Starting page of the USTER<sup>®</sup> STATISTICS tool

### 2.1 Definition of specifications

#### 2.1.1 Definition of fiber specification

After selecting one of the six chart options (see arrow in figure above), you can continue with the definition of specifications.

- **1** Statistics: Selected option is shown.
- 2 Yarn type and 3 Process are greyed out as they don't apply to this graph type of fiber quality.
- Product: Select the USTER<sup>®</sup> instrument on which the sample was tested. In this case, it's either USTER<sup>®</sup> HVI or USTER<sup>®</sup> AFIS.
- **6** Specification: Select the requested parameter.

Please note, that these charts are based on the corresponding fiber length.

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#### 2.1.2 Definition of the sliver specification

- 1 Statistics: Selected option is shown.
- 2 Yarn type: Select either from cotton or a cotton/polyester blend.
- **8** Process: Select the spinning technology (ring, OE rotor).
- Product and Count are greyed out as they don't apply to this graph type of sliver quality.
- **6** Specification: Select the requested parameter.

Please note, that these charts are based on the sliver count.



Definition of sliver specifications

### 2.1.3 Definition of the roving specification

- 1 Statistics: Selected option is shown.
- **2** Yarn type: Select from different raw materials and blends.
- **8** Process: Select the spinning technology (ring, compact).
- Product and Count are greyed out as they don't apply to this graph type of roving quality.
- **6** Specification: Select the requested parameter.

Please note, that these charts are based on the roving count.



#### 2.1.4 Definition of the yarn specification

- **1** Statistics: Selected option is shown.
- **2** Yarn type: Select from different raw materials and blends.
- Process: Select the spinning technology (ring yarn, compact yarn, OE rotor yarn, airjet yarn, plied yarn\*), format (bobbins, cones) and application process of the yarn (weaving, knitting).
- Product: Select the USTER<sup>®</sup> instrument on which the sample was tested.
- 6 Count is greyed out as it doesn't apply to this graph type of yarn quality.
- **6** Specification: Select the requested parameter.

Please note, that these charts are based on the yarn count.

\* Please note also, that for plied yarns the yarn count is taken as if it were a single yarn count.



Definitions of yarn specifications

### 2.1.5 Definition of the yarn specification for USTER<sup>®</sup> CLASSIMAT

The following description is valid for USTER<sup>®</sup> CLASSIMAT QUANTUM as well as for USTER<sup>®</sup> CLASSIMAT 5.

- **1** Statistics: Selected option is shown.
- **2** Yarn type: Select from different raw materials and blends.
- OF Process: Select the spinning technology (ring yarn, compact yarn, OE rotor yarn, airjet yarn, plied yarn\*), format (cones) and application process of the yarn (weaving, knitting).
- Product: Select the USTER<sup>®</sup> instrument on which the sample was tested.
- 6 Count: Select between
  - coarse: > Ne 12 and <= Ne 20
  - medium: > Ne 20 and <= Ne 40
  - fine: > Ne 40
- **6** Specification: Select the requested parameter.

Please note that not all count ranges are available for all materials.

\* Please note also, that for plied yarns the yarn count is taken as if it were a single yarn count.



Definition of yarn specifications for USTER<sup>®</sup> CLASSIMAT

#### 2.1.6 Definition of the fiber processing specification

- **1** Statistics: Selected option is shown.
- **2** Yarn type: Greyed out as it doesn't apply to fiber processing quality. Only processes for 100% cotton are available.
- **3** Process: Select the spinning technology (ring, compact, OE rotor).
- Product and S Count are greyed out as they don't apply to these types of fiber processing quality charts.
- **6** Specification: Select the requested parameter.



Defining fiber processing specifications

### 2.1.7 Definition of the yarn processing specification

- Selected option is shown.
- 2 Yarn type: Select from different raw materials and blends.
- Process: Select the spinning technology (ring yarn or compact yarn) and application of the yarn (weaving, knitting).
- Product and G Count and Specification: These lines are greyed out as they don't apply to yarn processing quality. The deviation is only provided for the parameters in the chart.



Defining yarn processing specifications

### 2.2 Determination of USTER<sup>®</sup> *STATISTICS* Percentile level

# 2.2.1 Determination of the USTER<sup>®</sup> *STATISTICS* Percentile level based on a measured value

The principle for determining the USTER<sup>®</sup> *STATISTICS* Percentile value described below applies also to the charts for fiber quality, sliver quality as well as roving quality.

- 1 By moving the cursor over the chart the cross lines will appear.
- Pirst, the count of the measured yarn must be found on the x-axis by pointing the cursor on the correct yarn count.
- Other the measured value needs to be selected by pointing the cursor on the value (y-axis).
- 4 On the right-hand side of the graph, a text field with the selected data (count or length of the selected material in different units and the measured value of the selected parameter) will appear. In this example, the yarn count is Ne 20.20 and the evenness  $CV_m = 14.2\%$ .
- S The resulting USTER<sup>®</sup> STATISTICS level is displayed in the same text field. In the example below, it is USTER<sup>®</sup> STATISTICS Percentile (USP<sup>™</sup>) 50%.



Determining the USTER<sup>®</sup> STATISTICS Percentile level of a measured value

#### 2.2.2 Determination of the USTER<sup>®</sup> STATISTICS Percentile level for a measured yarn value for USTER<sup>®</sup> CLASSIMAT

The following description is valid for USTER<sup>®</sup> CLASSIMAT QUANTUM as well as for USTER<sup>®</sup> CLASSIMAT 5.

- 1 By moving the cursor over the chart cross lines will appear.
- 2 The requested class must be found on the x-axis.
- O The measured value needs to be selected by pointing the cursor on the value (y-axis).
- On the right-hand side of the chart, a text field will appear showing the selected data and the USTER<sup>®</sup> STATISTICS Percentile value.
- O The resulting USTER<sup>®</sup> STATISTICS Percentile (USP<sup>™</sup>) level in this example is 50% for a value of 23 in the B1 class.



Determining the USTER<sup>®</sup> STATISTICS Percentile level of a yarn measured on USTER<sup>®</sup> CLASSIMAT

# 2.2.3 Determination of the USTER<sup>®</sup> STATISTICS Percentile level based on a measured fiber value for fiber processing charts

- **1** By moving the cursor over the chart cross lines will appear.
- 2 On the x-axis, the process steps from bale to roving (for ring and compact spinning) or up to finisher sliver (for OE-rotor spinning) is displayed.
- **3** The measured USTER<sup>®</sup> *AFIS* value needs to be selected by pointing the cursor on the value (y-axis).
- On the right-hand side of the chart, a text field will appear showing the selected data and the USTER<sup>®</sup> STATISTICS Percentile value.
- O The resulting USTER<sup>®</sup> STATISTICS Percentile (USP<sup>™</sup>) level in this example is 50% for a value of 61 neps per gram in the ribbon lap.



Determining the USTER<sup>®</sup> STATISTICS Percentile level based on a measured intermediate product in preparation

### 2.2.4 Determination of the USTER<sup>®</sup> STATISTICS Percentile level for yarn processing charts

- O By moving the cursor over the chart cross lines will appear.
- 2 On the x-axis, some of the most important yarn parameters are given:
  - Yarn evenness CV<sub>m</sub>
  - Imperfections: Thin -40%, Thick +50%, Neps +200%
  - Hairiness
  - Tenacity

Due to the low number of events for thin places of -50%, the level of -40% was selected here. Percentage-wise, the increase from 2 to 4 thin places of thin -50% is 100%. But looking at the absolute numbers the difference is not significant.

The y-axis indicates the deviation for the chosen parameter from bobbin to cone. The following two examples should clarify how the chart must be understood.

- Hairiness: for 50% of the yarns in spinning mills, the hairiness increases from bobbin to cone by 26% (see picture below).
- Tenacity: for 95% of the yarns in spinning mills, the tenacity drops from bobbin to cone by 9%.

On the right-hand side of the chart, a text field will appear showing the selected data and the USTER<sup>®</sup> STATISTICS Percentile value. In this example (for hairiness) the 50% value is at 26% deviation.



Determining the USTER<sup>®</sup> STATISTICS Percentile level for yarn processing

### 2.3 Printing graphs or a whole chapter

There are two possibilities for printing:

- Printing only the shown chart
- 2 Printing the whole chapter (PDF file)

When selecting 'Print Chapter' a PDF will open including all available parameters of the selected material. Please note before printing that the number of pages might be high depending on the amount of parameters in a chapter.





### 2.4 Information about synthetic fibers

For yarns made out of synthetic fibers (100% or in a blend with natural fibers) a text field is displayed which gives additional information regarding the fiber length and fiber fineness used for yarns shown in this chart.

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# 3 Using the USTER<sup>®</sup> STATISTICS interactive tables

These tables are very useful for quick information about:

- the absolute values corresponding to a specific USTER<sup>®</sup> *STATISTICS* Percentile level
- the USTER<sup>®</sup> STATISTICS Percentile level in case absolute measurement values are available

These interactive tables are available for:

- Fiber Quality HVI<sup>®</sup>
- Fiber Quality AFIS®
- Sliver Quality
- Roving Quality
- Yarn Quality



Selecting the USTER<sup>®</sup> STATISTICS interactive tables

The USTER<sup>®</sup> STATISTICS tables can be used in two ways:

- Determining the USTER<sup>®</sup> STATISTICS level for a measured value
- Determining the absolute value for a given USTER<sup>®</sup> STATISTICS level

# 3.1 Determining the USTER<sup>®</sup> *STATISTICS* level for measured values

If absolute measurement values are known or given, the corresponding USTER<sup>®</sup> *STATISTICS* level can be obtained with the USTER<sup>®</sup> *STATISTICS* interactive tables.

The following description is based on yarn values. However, it works the same for fiber quality (USTER<sup>®</sup> *HVI* and USTER<sup>®</sup> *AFIS*), sliver, or roving quality. The only difference is that for the fiber parameters, the fiber length (either UHML for HVI<sup>®</sup> or UQL (w) for AFIS<sup>®</sup>) must be selected instead of the count.

- The specification of the measured yarn must be selected in the fields 'Material' and 'Process'.
- 2 The yarn count must be entered and the count unit must be selected. Please note that the available count range is displayed below the entry field.
- It is important to select the field 'I have measurement values and I am looking for corresponding USP<sup>TM</sup>.
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Determining the USTER<sup>®</sup> STATISTICS level for measured values O to determine the USTER<sup>®</sup> STATISTICS level, the 'Calculate' button needs to be clicked. The system will calculate the corresponding USTER<sup>®</sup> STATISTICS levels and mark them in different colors.

O By marking a box in the furthest column ('Chart Download') corresponding charts can be selected for download as a PDF. In this download, the shown chart includes an indication of the value given in the table (see figure below).



Chart download from the interactive table

For printing it is recommended to download the table first as a PDF file.

**(3)** The 'Reset' button clears all fields and a new calculation can be started.

### 3.2 Determining the absolute values for a given USTER<sup>®</sup> STATISTICS level

Conversely, it is also possible to calculate the absolute values for a given USTER<sup>®</sup> *STATISTICS* level. To obtain this information, the following steps need to be followed:

- The specification of the particular yarn must be selected in the fields 'Material' and 'Process'.
- 2 The material count or fiber length (for fiber quality measured with USTER<sup>®</sup> HVI or USTER<sup>®</sup> AFIS) must be entered and the unit must be selected.
- Output: State of the state
- This value can be pasted into all fields by clicking on the button 'Paste USP into all Fields'. If required, it is also possible to enter different USTER<sup>®</sup> STATISTICS levels for each parameter in the table below directly.



Determining the parameter values for a given USTER<sup>®</sup> STATISTICS level

**5** To determine the absolute values for the specific USTER<sup>®</sup> *STATISTICS* levels, the 'Calculate' button needs to be clicked. After calculation, the corresponding values will be indicated in the table in the column below 'Value'.

6 It is recommended to download the table as a PDF before printing.

By selecting a field in the column on the furthest right ('Chart Download') the corresponding charts can be selected for download as a PDF

### 3.3 USTER<sup>®</sup> CLASSIMAT Matrix

Different levels of CLASSIMAT matrices are given (USTER<sup>®</sup> CLASSIMAT QUANTUM and USTER<sup>®</sup> CLASSIMAT 5 (Provisional)). They are displayed in the interactive yarn tables [?].

Thick and Thin places per classes (NSLT):

● Top 9: The sum of the NSL events at the related 9 classes per 100 km: A4+B3+B4+C3+C4+D2+D3+D4+E. The related classes are shown in the related matrix and highlighted with grey color. In this example, there are no events.

☑ [?]	NSLT - USTER <sup>®</sup> CLASSIMAT QUANTUM	1			
NSL - Top 9	Thick and Thin places per class / per 100 km	50	0	1/100km	0
NSL - Top 12	Thick and Thin places per class / per 100 km	50	3	1/100km	
NSL - Top 16	Thick and Thin places per class / per 100 km	50	18	1/100km	

Defined USTER® CLASSIMAT Matrix- NSL

- Or Top 12: The sum of the NSL events at the related 12 classes per 100 km: A3+A4+B3+B4+C3+C4+D2+D3+D4+E+F+G. In this example, the value is equal to 3 events per 100km.
- O Top 16: The sum of the NSL events at the related 16 classes per 100 km: A3+A4+B2+B3+B4+C1+C2+C3+C4+D1+D2+D3+D4+E+F+G. In this example, the value is equal to 18 events per 100 km.
- 4 Shows the remaining events in the yarn (white).
- 5 Shows the cleared events (grey).



USTER<sup>®</sup> CLASSIMAT 5 Matrix for NSLT

## 4 Using the USTER<sup>®</sup> *STATISTICS* numeric tables

The numeric tables of the USTER<sup>®</sup> *STATISTICS* were created for those customers who prefer to check the five main USTER<sup>®</sup> *STATISTICS* Percentile levels in a table instead of a graphic format.



Start screen of the USTER<sup>®</sup> STATISTICS tool

### 4.1 Definition of the yarn specification

- Select the Material.
- 2 Select the Process.
- **8** Select the Instrument.
- G Select the Parameter. Each numeric table will give the absolute values for only one single parameter.
- 6 Click on Calculate.

Yarn	Quality Numeric table	Back to USTER <sup>®</sup> STATISTICS start page
<ol> <li>Please se</li> <li>By clicking</li> <li>Finally, the</li> <li>By clicking</li> </ol>	lect your raw material, spinning process, instrument and parame g "Calculate" the desired values will be calculated and displayed e results can be downloaded as PDF and printed. g "Reset" new calculations can be started.	eter. I in the table.
Material: 🚺	100% Cotton	
Process: 2	OE rotor yarn, carded, cones, weaving	
Instrume	USTER® TESTER	
Paramet 4	Neps +280%	
5	Calculate Reset	

Selection screen for Yarn Quality Numeric Tables

The following table will be shown as the output. It shows the USTER<sup>®</sup> *STATISTICS* Percentile levels for the whole count range for the selected parameter. This table can be downloaded as a PDF for printing or further processing.

	Calculate	e					
Res	set						
Dowr	load Results:						
Table	S: PDF						
Ne	Nm	tex	5%	25%	50%	75%	95%
5.0	8.5	118.1	0	1	2	4	8
6.0	10.2	98.4	1	1	3	5	10
7.0	11.9	84.4	1	2	3	7	14
8.0	13.5	73.8	1	2	4	9	18
9.0	15.2	05.0	1	3	0	11	22
11.0	10.9	52.7	2	3	/	13	21
12.0	20.2	40.2	2	4	10	10	32
13.0	20.5	45.2	3	6	11	22	43
14.0	23.7	42.2	3	6	13	25	49
15.0	25.4	39.4	4	7	15	29	56
16.0	27.1	36.9	4	8	17	33	62
17.0	28.8	34.7	5	10	19	37	70
18.0	30.5	32.8	6	11	21	41	77
19.0	32.2	31.1	6	12	23	45	85
20.0	33.9	29.5	7	13	26	50	94
21.0	35.6	28.1	8	15	28	55	102
22.0	37.3	26.8	9	16	31	60	111
23.0	39.0	25.7	9	1/	34	65	121
24.0	40.6	24.0	10	19	37	/1	131
20.0	42.3	23.0	12	21	40	02	141
20.0	44.0	22.7	12	22	45	80	162
28.0	47.4	21.0	14	26	50	95	173
29.0	49.1	20.4	15	28	53	102	184
30.0	50.8	19.7	16	30	57	108	196
31.0	52.5	19.0	17	32	60	115	208
32.0	54.2	18.5	18	34	64	123	221
33.0	55.9	17.9	19	36	68	130	233
34.0	57.6	17.4	21	38	72	138	246
35.0	59.3	16.9	22	40	76	146	260
36.0	61.0	16.4	23	43	81	154	273
37.0	62.7	16.0	25	45	85	162	287
38.0	64.4	15.5	20	4/	90	170	302
39.0	00.0	10.1	21	50	94	1/9	310
40.0	07.7	14.0	29	35	99	100	331

Numeric tables of the USTER<sup>®</sup> STATISTICS

## 5 Further help using USTER<sup>®</sup> STATISTICS

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