

What are Acadian Outlet Seconds?

Our Seconds are US made vinyl coated polyester woven mesh fabrics. We are frequently asked what are “Seconds” and what is the difference between “First” and “Seconds” quality?

In order for a fabric to be classified as “First” quality , the rolls must meet stringent quality requirements for color, weave, coating, and appearance . For the fabrics we offer, a typical industry standard for “First” quality is 3 defects or less and/or 1 splice or less per roll. Rolls that do not meet this requirement are classified as “Second” quality.

“Seconds” are defined by the mill as fabrics with intrinsic value that can be used in other applications or other geographic locations and should be sold not be scrapped. The mill does not share the reason a specific roll is dispositioned as a “Second”.

Acadian Seconds are

- Sold at a substantial discount to support sales to alternate markets;
- Not guaranteed and have typical scrap rates are around 15%. This varies with application and skill of the fabricator;
- Rolls with defects that are often minor and difficult to notice;
- Highly variable roll length with <50% of rolls being the “standard” length for that fabric style;
- More likely to have handling damage due to differences in packaging and storage practices, including the length of time between production and use;
- Sometimes missing identifying information or labels;
- ALWAYS sold on a first come first served basis, “as-is”, without warrant and no commitment with regards to future availability can be given.

