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Apparel Industry

- **AAFA: American Apparel & Footwear Association** [http://www.aaafoundation.org](http://www.aaafoundation.org)
  Includes industry news and statistics; membership/suppliers & resources/footwear industry directories; trade show & AAFA calendars; publications list; legislative/trade action center; global marketplace and links.

- **ATRC: Apparel Technology & Research Center** [http://www.appareltechnology.org](http://www.appareltechnology.org)
  Includes reference library of apparel manufacturing, industry (with statistics), & product information; links for sourcing, etc.

- **easysourcing.net** [http://www.easysourcing.net](http://www.easysourcing.net)
  Global B2B vertical portal site for apparel, textile & accessories; includes industry news, business and trade information & library, global vendor directory, links, and more.

- **The Fashion Center New York City** [http://www.fashioncenter.com](http://www.fashioncenter.com)
  Includes both annual economic profile and annual report of the Fashion Center BID, FAQs, Fashion District Development Study (Re-modeling the Fashion District), fashion district map & industry links.

- **Garment Industry Development Corporation** [http://www.gidc.org](http://www.gidc.org)
  Includes Industry Info with statistics, esp. for NYC. Also for impact of Sept. 11 on NYC's apparel industry, see [http://www.gidc.org/unite/UNITE_index.html](http://www.gidc.org/unite/UNITE_index.html).

- **The Hosiery Association** [http://www.hosieryassociation.com](http://www.hosieryassociation.com)
  Includes guides organized by category; International directory of manufacturers, contractors, wholesalers, & retailers; research reports & statistics; news, global calendar, career information, associations listings, and more.

- **InfoMat** [http://www.informap.com](http://www.informap.com)
  Includes guides organized by category; International directory of manufacturers, contractors, wholesalers, & retailers; research reports & statistics; news, global calendar, career information, associations listings, and more.

  Online exhibit, titled the "Standardization of Women's Clothing," includes a history of sizing standards. For more information, especially regarding recent standards, use the [New York Public Library](http://www.nypl.org) website below.

  Also, many standard-issuing organizations, such as [ASTM International (American Society for Testing and Materials)](http://www.astm.org/) provide standards of all industries online for a fee. You can also use the site at no charge as an index, looking up recent or historical standards and then, using the standard name or number, find the standard itself in an ASTM publication. Check your library catalog for these publications. The FIT Library has the *Annual Book of ASTM Standards, Section 7, Textiles*, which includes apparel, textile, & home furnishings standards and contains standard body measurement charts used for the sizing of apparel as well as many other standards.

- **NPD Fashionworld** [http://www.npd.fashionworld.com](http://www.npd.fashionworld.com)
  Apparel and footwear market news and reports, with statistics.

  Guide to finding industry information and resources (both in print & online), including associations, directories, standards, regulations, and more. Also for [NYPL’s Apparel, Fashion & Textile links](http://www.nypl.org), select Websites.

  Includes statistics, trade agreements, import/export information, and links to other sites. For additional apparel industry information on government websites, consult FIT’s Internet Guide, *Federal Government Sites on the Web*.

- **SGMA International** [http://www.sgma.com](http://www.sgma.com)

- **techexchange.com** [http://techexchange.com](http://techexchange.com)
  From Textile/Clothing Technology Corporation (TCT)2 and for the apparel, textile, & home furnishings industries. Includes news, research library, events calendar, links, international apparel & textile schools list, and software/hardware buyer's guide.
• Threading Your Way Through the Labeling Requirements under the Textile and Wool Acts
  http://www.ftc.gov/bcp/conline/publications/ftc02.htm
  Federal Trade Commission (FTC) guide to federal labeling requirements for textile, wool, and fur products.
  See also FTC's Textile, Wool, Fur & Apparel Matters page at http://www.ftc.gov/os/statutes/textilejump.htm for related materials, including links to information on rules and statutes, writing care labels, RN numbers, etc. For more on labeling and on clothing care, try Label Talk from the Clorox Company, http://www.textileaffairs.com.

• The Triangle Factory Fire http://www.lir.cornell.edu/triangelfire
  Comprehensive coverage of 1911 Triangle Shirtwaist Fire, presented by The Kheel Center at the Cornell University Library, in collaboration with UNITE!

• UNITE HERE! http://www.unitehere.org
  Formed by merger on July 8, 2004 of UNITE (formerly the Union of Needletrades, Textiles and Industrial Employees) and HERE (Hotel Employees and Restaurant Employees International Union). Information on labor and sweatshops; Union activities, history, and issues; many links.
  For more on the history of sweatshops, see Between and Rock and a Hard Place, http://americanhistory.si.edu/sweatshops/index.htm

Trade Journal Sites
These sites usually include industry news, trade show/event calendar, recent articles, and sometimes include a searchable archive of articles, buyer's guide/directory, job listings, and statistics.

• Apparel Magazine http://www.apparelmag.com
• ApparelNews.net http://www.apparelnews.net
• Children's Business http://www.childrensbusiness.com
• DNR http://www.dnrenews.com
• FN: Footwear News http://www.footwearnews.com
• Just-style.com http://just-style.com
  Textile, apparel, and footwear industry news, analysis and research.
• Made To Measure http://www.madetomeasuremag.com
• The uniform and career apparel industry.
• Women'S Wear Daily http://www.wwd.com
  Includes searchable archive of full text articles (available to current FIT students & faculty through Digital Library).

Directories
These sites consist of directories for the apparel, textile and related industries. While some directories are very specific in their focus (e.g. Leathernet and the RN Database), many others are broader and may include listings of contractors, fabric and trim suppliers, technology and equipment manufacturers, services, apparel manufacturers, etc. See also sites containing directories listed in other sections of this guide.

• AAPN: American Apparel Producers' Network http://www.aapnetwork.net
  Mostly U.S., Latin America, and Canada; Contractors, suppliers, services, & global industry resources.
• Fashionex Online http://www.fashionex.com
  International coverage. Fabric, trims, services, contractors, and manufacturers.
• Leathernet: World Wide Leather Industry http://www.leathernet.com
• RN Database, Federal Trade Commission http://www.ftc.gov/ftp/rn
  With link to the Canadian CA Identification Number database.
• Thomas Register http://thomasregister.com
  American and Canadian coverage.
• Thomas Global Register Europe (TGR Europe) http://www.tgourope.com
  European coverage.

Apparel Metasites
These sites consist of extensive organized links relating to apparel industry, fashion, design, retailing, entertainment, & more.

• ATEXINC: Great Links (formerly Apparel & Textile Education Xchange) http://www.atexinc.com/great_links.htm
• Apparel Related Web Sites, Auburn University http://schwartz.eng.auburn.edu/apparelsites.html
• Apparel Search http://www.apparelsrch.com
• FIDM (Fashion Institute of Design & Merchandising), Kool Connections: Industry Links http://www.fidm.edu/features/kconnection/kconnection.html
  Fashion, interior and entertainment industries.

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