THE POLO PROJECT

The search for the ultimate black polo shirt

We recognise that for most of our customers, across many diverse sectors, the core polo shirt [often in black], is where it all starts.

To this end, we took a range of garments and performed rigorous wash & wear trials. We considered all aspects including fabric handle, sizing and colour changes, along with ethical materials & sourcing.

We did the work...so you don't have to, and the results were enlightening to say the least!

We're delighted to say, two clear winners in both the budget and premium category stood out, to the point that we are still wearing them after multiple washes and wears.

If you want to hear more about our research and help us get you best value from your workwear budget, please get in touch for samples and pricing.



Composition	Composition GSM		Washing Instructions	Size		First Photo 21/10/20		Size after 3 washes		Comments	Second Photo 28/10/20		Size after 9 washes			
				Chest	Length	Open	Folded	Chest	Length		Open	Folded	Chest	Length	Cor	nments
35% Cotton / 65% Poly	185	LGE	60*	44*	30.25*		3000	44"	30"	Still good handle and only slight shrinkage on length. Colour good.		Sterns	43.5	29.5	Good colour, handle and no pilling	Best higher pric option
50% Cotton 50% poly	220	MED	60*	40*	28.25*		COMPTE	40	28.25	No shrinkage and good colour. Showing slight pilling.			40	28	Minimal colour fading and pilling	Best budget opti
100% Pre-shrunk cotton	180	MED	40*	43	28.5		COMPTEX	42	28.25	Slight shrinkage and handle a little rough but OK. Colour good		SSSTTA	42	28	Slight colour fading and pilling	OK, but other options bette
Organic Ring spun cotton	250	MED	30*	41	27.5		SORPTE.	39.5	26.5	Shrinkage poor and handle disappointing but this is the issue with green cotton. Colour fastness OK with a little fading. Also pilling on collar		Seerin	39.5	25.5	Handle rough and colour fastness OK	Disappointing: will need to fit another gree option