### **Gold Label**





The gold label is a "proof of safety" that indicates the futon is of high quality and made in Japan.

# **Reform Label**







Only certified factories that meet the certification criteria can use the reform (of futon) label.

# Recycled Down Label







Used down is carefully refined in the same process as new down to revive it into high-quality recycled down

# Japan Down Products Corporative Association(JDFA)

Did you know?
Well-being sleep with eco-friendly down

Down is a recyclea byproduct of waterrowl for meat.

Down is a natural material with minimal impact on climate change.





#### Overview

#### Organization

Japan down products corporative association (JDFA)

#### Established

1978 Oct

#### Location

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#### History

1978 Sep: General meeting was held to establish "Japan down bedding manufacturers

cooperative association".

1978 Oct: Obtained approval from the ministry of international trade and industry (now the

ministry of economy, trade and industry) as an organization based on the small

and medium enterprise cooperative law

1986 Aug: Launched gold label

2005 Sep: Launched premium gold label

2007 Apr: Changed name to "Japan down products cooperative association"

2008 Apr: Merged with "Japan down association"

2010 Oct: Developed a new type of fill power measuring device

2011 Mar: JIS L 1903:2011 down test method was published in the official gazette

2011 Apr: Revision of gold label evaluation criteria, introduction of "down power"

2016 Dec: JIS L0216:2016 down terminology was published in the official gazette

2017 Feb: JIS L1903:2017 down test method was published in the official gazette

2018 Oct: 40th anniversary celebration was held in Tokyo, Japan

#### Committee

**Demand activation** 

**Technical** 

Reform

Safety and Health

# Activity

We JDFA were authorized by the ministry of international trade and industry (currently the ministry of economy, trade and industry) in Oct 1978 as an organization based on the small and medium enterprise cooperatives act. As the country's representative organization for down products, we aim to improve product quality and maintain and enhance the health of the market.

The main activities are as follows.

#### Establishment of Japanese industrial standards (JIS)

As a drafting organization of JIS, we cooperate with the ministry of economy, trade and industry and are involved in the development of down test methods and down terminology.

#### Formulation and operation of testing methods

In areas other than JIS, we have formulated and are operating our own down and feather testing methods.

#### Participation in international conferences

We participate in the annual IDFB (International down and feather bureau) conference" of 32 member countries around the world. We also exchange information with down producing and down consuming countries at annual conferences held by Japan, China and Taiwan.

#### Promoting global environmental conservation

We aim to contribute to the global environment as much as possible by promoting the effective use of down quilts. We certify member companies that meet our standards as certified reform of futon factories. Please use a certified factory when reforming of futon.

#### Issuance of quality recommendation labels and quality control

Labels are attached to products that meet certain quality standards. The labels are used as a guide to help consumers select quality products with confidence. Gold-labeled down quilts are subjected to quality control through trial purchase tests.

#### **Provision of information**

We provide a wide range of information on down products by preparing pamphlets and leaflets, holding seminars on down products for consumer centers nationwide and for companies. We also provide a wide range of information through consumer consultation (by phone and e-mail) and our website.