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## Fibre Sorting Guide for Pacific Alpacas

### 1. Colour Sorting

Pacific Alpacas sorts fibre as follows:

- a. Huacaya blankets into seven colours
- b. Huacaya and Suri NBL / Shorts into three 'colours'
- c. Suri blankets in three colours

KEY TO GRADING YOUR FIBRE							
	White	Off white - Light Fawn/ Beige	Fawn - Light Brown	Brown - Dark Brown	Grey	Rose Grey	Black
Blankets	<b>PA10</b>	<b>PA20</b>	<b>PA30</b>	<b>PA40</b>	<b>PA50</b>	<b>PA60</b>	<b>PA70</b>
Shorts (NBL)	<b>PB10</b>	<b>PB20</b>	<b>PB30</b>				
Suri	<b>PS10</b>	<b>PS20</b>	<b>PS30</b>				

### 2. Grading by microns

Pacific Alpacas recognises three micron ranges for grading purposes.

**A-Grade:** Less than 25 microns with an SD of  $\leq 4.5$

**B-Grade:** 25 to 27 microns with an SD of  $\leq 4.5$

**C-Grade:**  $>27$  microns

#### Please Note:

**Pacific Alpacas does not carry out any micron testing.**

**We treat all fibre as C-Grade unless the grower indicates otherwise on their bags.**

**If you believe your fibre is  $<27$  microns it is important that you mark your bags clearly with an 'A' or 'B' to indicate the expected micron grade. Where a bag is marked like this it will be set aside for later classing by a qualified wool-classer whose decision will determine the grade unless the grower has provided a test report for the fibre in question.**

**For micron grading purposes Pacific Alpacas only require one mid-side sample be taken for grading per animal.**