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Featuring examples of fully realized products from all classes of technical textilesarchitectural, product design, apparel, medicine, transportation, aerospace, industry, and the environment*Extreme Textiles* highlights successful collaborations between design, industry, and science. Large, full-color illustrations and essays by some of today's most influential designers and scientists trace the extraordinary developments made in textiles over the last twenty years and suggest what is to come.

Tradition, technology, beauty, and strength are joined together in the materials and products presented in this volume. Whether exploring space, running a marathon, or fashioning the latest trend, we will be inspired by these extreme textiles every day.

*Extreme Textiles* accompanies the exhibition of the same name at the Cooper-Hewitt, National Design Museum beginning in April 2005.

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