
**Textiles — Qualification symbols for
labelling workwear to be industrially
laundered**

*Textiles — Symboles de qualification pour l'étiquetage des vêtements
de travail destinés à être lavés de manière industrielle*



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Foreword

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- [Table 1](#) has been redesigned in accordance with the latest edition of ISO 15797, to enable precise referencing in the assignment of the washing processes of this document.

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Introduction

ISO 15797 was developed to assist manufacturers, suppliers and launderers to assess and specify workwear garments for use in the textile rental industry. ISO 15797 also had an application in the emerging personal protective equipment (PPE) clothing market.

While ISO 15797 made a significant beneficial impact on the industry, there was still a requirement to supply information in a clear but uncomplicated way down an often-extended chain to the launderer. A labelling code using symbols (see ISO 3758) has been successfully used for this purpose by the retail textile industry for many years and has, by and large, proved to be a success for textile producers, retailers, detergent suppliers, professional dry and wet cleaners and, of course, the customer who launders the products at home.

No such labelling code existed for the professional laundry sector. This document provides an equivalent, but visually distinctly different, code of symbols for the professional industrial laundering of workwear and protective clothing.

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1 Scope

This document

- establishes a system of graphical symbols, intended for use in the marking of workwear articles and protective clothing providing information on the suitability for professional industrial laundering using ISO 15797, and
- specifies the use of these symbols in qualifying garments as potentially suitable for industrial laundering.

The following professional industrial laundering treatments are covered: washing, bleaching, tunnel finishing and tumble drying after washing. Textile-care treatments in dry and wet cleaning are covered in ISO 3175 (all parts).

This document applies to articles of workwear and protective clothing in the form in which they are supplied to the professional launderer.

2 Normative references

The following documents are referred to in the text in such a way that some or all of their content constitutes requirements of this document. For dated references, only the edition cited applies. For undated references, the latest edition of the referenced document (including any amendments) applies.

ISO 15797:2017, *Textiles — Industrial washing and finishing procedures for testing of workwear*

3 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this document, the following terms and definitions apply.

ISO and IEC maintain terminological databases for use in standardization at the following addresses:

- ISO Online browsing platform: available at <https://www.iso.org/obp>
- IEC Electropedia: available at <https://www.electropedia.org/>

3.1

drying finishing

process carried out on workwear and protective-clothing articles after washing and extraction in order to remove excess water, remove creases and restore the shape

3.1.1

tumble drying

process carried out on an article of workwear and protective clothing after washing and extracting, with the intention of removing residual water by treatment with hot air in a rotating drum