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**Footwear — Sizing — Measurement of  
last dimensions**

*Chaussures — Pointures — Mesurage des dimensions de la forme*



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## Introduction

A shoe last is the form on which a shoe is constructed. The size and shape of the last is vital and contributes to the size and shape of the finished product. The shoe last determines the toe shape and heel height as well as the curvature of the shoe. Good fit is a key factor in a customer's choice of footwear. The footwear design and manufacturing processes also contribute to a well-constructed shoe. A standard method of measuring a last will guide the industry on correct shoe sizing based on the last dimensions and will reduce discrepancies and disputes.



# Footwear — Sizing — Measurement of last dimensions

## 1 Scope

This document specifies methods to measure the basic last dimensions. Last dimensions can be measured physically using a real last or virtually on a digital 3D model using suitable software to make equivalent measurements.

These test methods are applicable to all types of lasts.

NOTE The specified last dimensions do not necessarily correspond with anatomical foot positions and foot dimensions.

## 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/TS 19407:2015, *Footwear — Sizing — Conversion of sizing systems*

ISO/TS 19408:2015, *Footwear — Sizing — Vocabulary and terminology*

## 3 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this document, the terms and definitions given in ISO/TS 19408:2015 and the following apply.

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

### 3.1

#### **geodesic**

line on a curved surface such that at all points on the line, the normal to the line is also the normal to the curved surface (identical to the normal curvature)

### 3.2

#### **continuous geodesic**

*geodesic* (3.1) that returns to its starting point and then continues on the same path as for the first circuit when passing around the surface of an object

### 3.3

#### **convexity**

maximum of last bottom curvature

## 4 Principle

The different dimensions of the last are measured physically at the real last or virtually at the digital last. The measurements are taken at the described places at the last. Find the point, distance or girth at the last and measure the dimension using the described method.