
**Personal protective equipment — Test
methods for footwear**

*Équipement de protection individuelle — Méthodes d'essais pour les
chaussures*



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For the purposes of this International Standard the CEN annex regarding fulfilment of European Council Directives has been removed.

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1. Scope

This Standard specifies methods for testing footwear designed as personal protective equipment.

2. Normative references

The following referenced documents are indispensable for the application 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.

EN 388:1994, Protective gloves against mechanical risks

EN 12568:1998, Foot and leg protectors — Requirements and test methods for toecaps and metal penetration resistant inserts

EN 50321:1999, Electrically insulating footwear for working on low voltage installations

EN ISO 868, Plastics and ebonite — Determination of indentation hardness by means of a durometer (Shore hardness) (ISO 868:2003)

EN ISO 3696, Water for analytical laboratory use — Specification and test methods (ISO 3696:1987)

EN ISO 3376:2002, Leather — Physical and mechanical tests - Determination of tensile strength and percentage extension (ISO 3376:2002)

EN ISO 3377-2, Leather - Physical and mechanical tests - Determination of tear load (ISO 3377-2: 2002)

EN ISO 4044, Leather — Preparation of chemical test samples (ISO 4044:1977)

EN ISO 4045, Leather — determination of pH (ISO 4045:1977)

EN ISO 4674-1:2003, Rubber- or plastics-coated fabrics - Determination of tear resistance - Part 1: Constant rate of tear methods (ISO 4674-1:2003)

EN ISO 17249:2004, Safety footwear with resistance to chain saw cutting (ISO 17249: 2004)

EN ISO 20345, Personal protective equipment - Safety footwear (ISO 20345:2004)

EN ISO 20346, Personal protective equipment - Protective footwear (ISO 20346:2004)

EN ISO 20347, Personal protective equipment - Occupational footwear (ISO 20347:2004)

ISO 34-1:1994, Rubber, vulcanised or thermoplastic — Determination of tear strength — Part 1 : Trouser, angle and crescent test pieces

ISO 1817:1999, Rubber, vulcanised — Determination of the effect of liquids

ISO 2023:1994, Rubber footwear - Lined industrial vulcanized rubber boots - Specification

ISO 3290, Rolling bearings — Balls — Dimensions and tolerances

ISO 4643:1992, Moulded plastic footwear — Lined or unlined poly(vinyl chloride) boots for general industrial use — Specification

ISO 4648:1991, Rubber, vulcanized or thermoplastic — Determination of dimensions of test pieces and products for test purposes

ISO 4649:2002, Rubber, vulcanized or thermoplastic — Determination of abrasion resistance using a rotating cylindrical drum device

ISO 5423:1992, Moulded plastic footwear — Lined or unlined polyurethane boots for general industrial use — Specification