
**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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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 (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 International Standard 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 International Standard

- 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.

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

It is a requirement of this International Standard that information on the performance of workwear and protective-clothing articles and their components with respect to cleaning treatments (ISO 15797) be obtained to allow selection of the appropriate labels.

Only garments that can be successfully tested according to ISO 15797 need be labelled.

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.

ISO 15797:2002, *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.

3.1

drying and 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