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Standard Specification for Dielectric Overshoe Footwear Dielectric Footwear ¹

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1. Scope

- 1.1 This specification covers acceptance testing of <u>dielectric overfoot and</u> overshoe footwear designed to provide additional isolation or insulation of workers if in accidental contact with energized electrical conductors, apparatus, or circuits.
- 1.2 Three styles of overshoe footwear are provided and are designated as Style A, rubbers; Style B, boots; rubbers, boots, and Style C, galoshes.

2. Referenced Documents

2.1 ASTM Standards: ²

F819Definitions of Terms Relating to Electrical Protective Equipment for Workers 819 Terminology Relating to Electrical Protective Equipment for Workers

F 1116 Test Method for Determining Dielectric Strength of Overshoe Dielectric Footwear

3. Terminology

- 3.1 Definitions—Definitions pertaining to electrical protective equipment may be found in Definitions F 819.
- 3.2 Definitions of Terms Specific to This Standard:
- 3.2.1 sole—the underside of the rubber, boot, or galosh that would normally be in contact with the ground. The sole is normally one piece and constructed of a molded elastomer.
 - 3.2.2foot portion—the portion of the footwear below the wearer's ankle bone.
- 3.2.3 user—as used in 4.3.1, the entity employing the actual worker(s) utilizing the equipment; if no separate employer, then the individual. user—as used in 4.3.1, the entity employing the actual worker(s) utilizing the equipment; if no separate employer, then the individual.

4. Significance and Use

- 4.1 This specification covers the minimum electrical properties of <u>overshoedielectric</u> footwear guaranteed by the manufacturer and the detailed procedures by which such properties are to be determined. The purchaser may, at his option, perform or have performed these tests in order to verify the guarantee. Claims for failure to meet the specification are subject to verification by the manufacturer.
- 4.2 Electrical contact injuries to workers may involve a current path through the feet of the worker. The footwear covered by this specification is dielectrically rated to provide additional isolation or insulation to the worker.
- 4.3 Work practices vary from user to user depending upon many factors. These may include, but are not limited to, operating system voltages, construction design, work procedures and techniques, weather conditions, etc. Therefore, except for the restrictions set forth in this specification because of design limitations, the use and maintenance of this equipment is beyond the scope of this specification.
- 4.3.1 It is common practice and the responsibility of the user of this type of protective equipment to prepare complete instuctions and regulations to govern the correct and safe use of such equipment.

5. Classification

5.1Overshoe footwear covered under this specification shall be designated as Style A, B, or C. Classification

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