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European foreword

This document (prEN 14404-3:2019) has been prepared by Technical Committee CEN/TC 162 “Protective clothing including hand and arm protection and life jackets”, the secretariat of which is held by DIN.

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This standard “Personal protective equipment - Knee protectors for work in the kneeling position” is split into 6 parts:

- Part 1: Test methods
- Part 2: Requirements for wearable knee protectors (type 1)
- Part 3: Requirements for the combination of knee pads and garments (type 2)
- Part 4: Requirements for the combination of interoperable knee pads and garments (type 2)
- Part 5: Requirements for knee mats (type 3)
- Part 6: Requirements for kneeling systems (type 4)

Introduction

Kneeling is a frequently occurring working position, but one which is problematic from an occupational health viewpoint. Without knee protectors, workers may suffer immediate injuries from hard surfaces and small stones and similar objects lying on the surfaces. However, no knee protector can ensure that workers will not suffer medical complications if they are required to kneel for long periods.

It is important that knee protectors do not compromise venous drainage in the leg while kneeling or standing up. Therefore, it is important that it is easy for workers to change position and to stand up to re-establish a normal blood circulation at frequent intervals while wearing knee protectors.

Work in a kneeling position involves the risk of chronic diseases such as prepatellar bursitis and cartilage injuries caused by continuous pressure on the knees. Knee protection is therefore recommended for all work in the kneeling position. The protection should distribute forces evenly and prevent small hard objects on the ground causing injuries. Many workers have pre-existing damage to their knees, particularly to their cartilages from sports injuries and from previous work. These injuries will be made worse by further kneeling. Wearing knee protectors cannot correct existing damage, but should slow down further damaging effects.

Work in a kneeling position may expose the skin of the shins, knees and thighs to toxic and corrosive materials normally kept off the body while walking and standing by waterproof or water-resistant footwear. Knee protectors and trousers for use with such wet materials and particularly wet cement, should take this into account and provide adequate protection, as does footwear.

For working in kneeling position exist 4 types of knee protectors:

- wearable knee protectors (type 1),
- knee pads in combination with garments (type 2),
- knee mats (type 3) and
- kneeling systems (type 4)

This document describes test methods, specifies requirements for knee protectors and defines performance levels. Requirements for the marking of knee protectors and the information to be supplied by the manufacturer are given. Where protection against additional hazards is claimed, performance requirements from other applicable standards may also be applied.

This document does not apply to knee protectors that are medical devices or are intended for sports and motorcycles.

It should be reminded that the EU regulation requires an examination on combined products when protective insert is included. But it should be mentioned that the product diffusion on the market can be based on different retailing circuits, providing that the marking mentions to use the combination to get the full foreseen protection.

1 Scope

This document specifies the requirements for individual knee pads combined with garments (type 2) for use by work in kneeling position.

IMPORTANT - As a combination of garment and pad, these forms of knee protection are thus subject to a joint examination obligation.

A specific combination of garment and pad based on interoperability is described in prEN 14404-4 and are excluded of this part.

The position of type 2 knee protectors in or on trousers can be fixed or adjustable. The pads consist of foam plastic or other materials that are positioned in knee pockets of the garments or permanently fastened in or on the garments.

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.

prEN 14404-1:2019, *Knee protectors for work in the kneeling position – Test methods*

EN ISO 13688, *Protective clothing - General requirements (ISO 13688)*

ISO 7000, *Graphical symbols for use on equipment – Registered symbols*

3 Terms and definitions

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

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

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

3.1

restraint

part of the knee protector which keeps it in the position that is required to protect the knee

Note 1 to entry: The pads are inserted in a knee pocket or positioned somewhere else on the garments

3.2

zone of protection

surface of the knee protector that is intended to provide the user with protection of patellar and infrapatellar areas

4 Performance levels

4 performance levels are defined. The tests for the performance levels are described in 4 of prEN 14404-1:2019:

- **level 0:** knee protectors suitable for use on flat floor surfaces and providing no protection against penetration.
- **level 1:** knee protectors suitable for use on flat floor surfaces and providing protection against penetration at a force of at least 100 N

- **level 1U:** knee protectors suitable for use on even or uneven surfaces providing protection against penetration at a force of at least 100 N.
- **level 2:** knee protectors suitable for use on flat or non-flat floor surfaces in severe conditions and providing protection against penetration at a force of at least 250 N.

5 Requirements

5.1 General

Summary of the requirements given in Clauses 5.1 to 5.7 for individual knee pads combined with garments (type 2) and the tests applicable.

Clause number	Subject	Level				Clauses describing the tests applicable
		0	1	1U	2	
5.1	General requirements	X	X	X	X	Part 1: 5.4.1
5.1	Innocuousness	X	X	X	X	Part 1: 5.4.2 EN ISO 13688
5.1	Cleansing of the garments	X	X	X	X	Part 1: 4.3.1
5.2	Products for testing	X	X	X	X	Comparison with Clause 5, 5.2
5.3.1	Orientation of the knee protector Vertical alignment	X	X	X	X	Comparison with Clause 5, 5.3.1
5.3.2	Orientation of the knee protector Knee, right/left	X	X	X	X	Comparison with Clause 5, 5.3.2
5.4.1.2	Size designation	X	X	X	X	Part 1: 5.4.3
5.4.1.3	Dimensions	X	X	X	X	Part 1: 5.4.3
5.4.2	Penetration resistance (Performance levels 1, 1U and 2)	n.a. a	X	X	X	Part 1: 5.5
5.4.3.1	Force distribution on an even surface	X	X	n.a.	n.a.	Part 1: 5.6.2.1
5.4.3.2	Force distribution on an uneven surface	n.a.	n.a.	X	X	Part 1: 5.6.2.2
5.4.4	Peak transmitted force	X	X	X	X	Part 1: 5.7
5.4.5.1	General requirements for restraint	X	X	X	X	Part 1: 5.8.1
5.4.5.2	Restraint of knee protectors In knee pockets on garments or knee protectors permanently fastened to garments	X	X	X	X	Part 1: 5.8.1
5.5.	Optional requirement for water resistance	X	X	X	X	Part 1: 5.9.1
5.6.1	Restraint and comfort during use on an even surface	X	X	n.a.	n.a.	Part 1: 5.11.2.1

Clause number	Subject	Level				Clauses describing the tests applicable
		0	1	1U	2	
5.6.2	Restraint and comfort during use on an uneven surface	n.a.	n.a.	X	X	Part 1: 5.11.3.1
6.1	General Marking	X	X	X	X	Comparison with Clause 6.1
6.2.1	Specific marking for knee pad	X	X	X	X	Comparison with Clause 6.2.1
6.2.2	Specific marking for garment	X	X	X	X	Comparison with Clause 6.2.2
7.1	Manufacturer information for knee pad	X	X	X	X	Comparison with Clause 7.1
7.2	Manufacturer information for garment	X	X	X	X	Comparison with Clause 7.2
^a n.a.: non-applicable						

5.2 General requirements

5.2.1 Knee protector

Knee protectors shall meet the general requirements.

Knee protectors shall be safe to use and fit for their intended application defined by the manufacturer.

They shall be designed and manufactured to provide protection when used according to the information supplied by the manufacturer, without endangering the user.

There shall not be hard or sharp edges, seams, buckles or other items on the inner surfaces (especially within the zone of protection) of the products that could harm the user during normal use. Visual and tactile examination shall be made according to 5.4.1 Part 1.

Knee protectors shall meet the innocuousness requirements of EN ISO 13688. Construction materials and incorporated substances shall not harm those being in or coming into contact with them.

5.2.2 Garment

Garment shall fulfil the requirements of EN ISO 13688.

5.3 Products for testing

In order to check the combination of garment and pad, pads shall be provided with the corresponding garment.

The manufacturer shall submit complete and ready-to-use 6 pairs of knee protectors.

The manufacturer shall submit garments of at least two different sizes.

At least one pair of pads shall be supplied in each size that is placed on the market.

The manufacturer shall provide the documents and data required for the testing.

5.4 Orientation of the knee protector

5.4.1 Vertical alignment

The marking below (Figure 1) shall be used on the side facing the knee and pointing upwards.



Figure 1 — Pictogram ISO 7000 - 1861 Indication for vertical alignment

5.4.2 Knee right, left

When a differentiation is necessary to indicate the side of the body (left/ right) the additional marking (Figure 2 and Figure 3) shall be used respectively for the left knee and for the right knee.

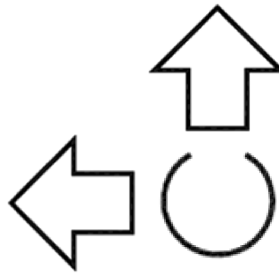


Figure 2 — Pictogram ISO 7000 - 1861 + 1140 + 0251 Marking of left knee side at which the knee protector is to be worn



Figure 3 — Pictogram ISO 7000 - 1861 + 1140 + 0251 Marking of right knee side at which the knee protector is to be worn

5.5 Specific requirements for knee protectors and garments

5.5.1 Size and dimension

5.5.1.1 Size designation of garment

The size system used by the manufacturer shall be based on the waist girth and the inside leg length (ranges for which the garment has been designed, expressed in cm) and explained.

5.5.1.2 Dimension of protection zone

The zone of protection is defined as the foreseen area in contact with the user knee.

The zone of protection identified by the manufacturer (information supplied by the manufacturer) shall be equal to or exceed the minimum dimensions specified in Table 2, when determined as described in 4.4.2 of prEN 14404-1:2019.

The usual form of the possible zones of protection is shown in Figure 4.