
**Footwear — Critical substances
potentially present in footwear and
footwear components — Lists of
critical chemical substances**

*Chaussures — Substances critiques potentiellement présentes dans la
chaussure et les composants de chaussures — Listes des substances
chimiques critiques*

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The main changes compared to the previous edition are as follows:

- new [Table 1](#) including a new system of grading;
- withdrawn substances:
proteins in latex, substances destroying ozone layer, polychlorobiphenyls, polychloroprene, vinyl chloride;
- added substances:
benzene, bisphenol, NMP, DMAC, phenyl mercury, quinoline, VOC;
- biocides are grouped together (CMK, OIT, OPP, TCMTB);
- Annex A is now in ISO 21061^[67];
- Annex B is now [Clause 5](#);
- bibliography, updated.

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Footwear — Critical substances potentially present in footwear and footwear components — Lists of critical chemical substances

1 Scope

This document defines lists of critical chemical substances potentially present in footwear and footwear components.

This document describes the critical chemical substances, their potential risks of nocuousness, in which materials they could be found, and which test method(s) can be used to quantify them.

The test methods listed indicate the state of the art. For some substances, a test method is not available.

This document is applicable to any kind of footwear and footwear components.

2 Normative references

There are no normative references in this document.

3 Terms and definitions

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

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

— ISO Online browsing platform: available at <https://www.iso.org/obp>

— IEC Electropedia: available at <http://www.electropedia.org/>

3.1

allergen

substance that is capable of inducing an allergic reaction

3.2

allergy

immunologically mediated response to certain specific substances (allergens)

Note 1 to entry: Type-1 allergy (respiratory allergy) is mediated by IgE antibodies, can cause asthma, rhinitis, urticaria. Type-4 allergy (dermal allergy) is mediated by T-cells, can cause dermatitis.

3.3

limit of detection

value from which a substance is considered as detectable

Note 1 to entry: This means that the signal associated to the substance is three times bigger than the background noise signal. The limit of detection is determined experimentally by the laboratory for each substance.

3.4

critical substances

chemical substance that can be found in footwear or footwear components and can have an effect on the wearer and/or environmental impact due to its chemical reactivity

Note 1 to entry: The effects caused by critical substances vary. It can be carcinogenic or mutagenic effects, allergy, reaction to toxics, etc.

3.4.1

critical substances category 1

substances with proven dangerous effect on the wearer

Note 1 to entry: These substances are widely restricted by national regulation in several countries.

3.4.2

critical substances category 2

substances with dangerous effect on the wearer

Note 1 to entry: These substances are restricted by national regulation in a limited number of countries.

3.4.3

critical substances category 3

substances that are highly suspected to have an effect on the wearer

Note 1 to entry: These substances might not be restricted by regulation at the time of publication but they are frequently requested by the market stakeholders.

3.4.4

critical substances category 4

substances that are suspected to have an effect on the wearer

Note 1 to entry: These substances might not be restricted by regulation. Substances known to have an allergenic effect on the wearer are included in category 4 for reference.

4 Presence of chemicals in footwear materials

A number of chemicals are present in footwear materials. [Table 1](#) lists the following:

- a) in which materials they are supposed to be. The possible materials potentially used in the footwear industry are given in ISO 21061:2021^[67], Annex C.
- b) a list of critical chemicals, (see [Clause 5](#) for information);
- c) test methods that can be used to quantify them (see Bibliography);
- d) the potential risks associated with their use, assessed by the use of the critical substances' category scale
 - 1) stand for "critical substances category 1";
 - 2) stand for "critical substances category 2";
 - 3) stand for "critical substances category 3";
 - 4) stand for "critical substances category 4".

For composite materials, the tests should be conducted on the entire component.

EXAMPLE 1 Coated textile (cotton + PVC coating). Test on PVC and test on cellulosic natural fibres should be done.

EXAMPLE 2 Mixed textile (PES + cotton). Test on cellulosic natural textile and test on PES textile should be done.

Table 1 — Critical chemicals potentially present in footwear and footwear components

Substance (see Annex B)	Test method	Leather			Synthetic material								Natural material				Miscellaneous				
		Leather	Coated leather	Leather board	PVC	EVA	Rubber	PU - TPU elastane	PE-T PP	Polyester	Polyamide	Chloride fibre	Polyacrylic	Latex	Cellulosic natu- ral textile	Proteinic natural textile	Wood - cork	Adhesives	Metal hardware	Prints for textile	Cellulose
Acrylonitrile							4					4						4			
Alkylphenols(OP, NP) and Alkylpheno- lethoxylates, (OPEO, NPEO)	ISO 18218-1		3	3																	
	ISO 18218-2	3	3																		
Alkylphenols(OP, NP) and Alkylpheno- lethoxylates, (OPEO, NPEO)	ISO 18254-1																			2	
	ISO 21084																				
AZO - arylamines	ISO 17234-1	1	1	1																	
When 4-aminoa- zobenzene is sus- pected	ISO 17234-2	1	1	1																	
AZO - arylamines	ISO 14362-1																				
When 4-aminoa- zobenzene is sus- pected	ISO 14362-3																			1	
Benzene																		2			
Biocides (TCMTB, OIT, CMK)	ISO 13365-1 and ISO 13365- 2	4	4	4																	
					4																
Biocides (OPP)	ISO 13365-1 and ISO 13365- 2	2	2	2																	
Biocides (triclosan)	EN 17134	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2		2	2
Bisphenol		2	2	2																	
Cadmium	EN 1122		1		1	1	1	1	1											1	
Chlorinated paraffin's (Short chained [C10-C13])	ISO 18219-1	2	2	2			2													2	2

Table 1 (continued)

Substance (see Annex B)	Test method	Leather			Synthetic material								Natural material				Miscellaneous				
		Leather	Coated leather	Leather board	PVC	EVA	Rubber	PU - TPU elastane	PE-T PP	Polyester	Polyamide	Chloride fibre	Polyacrylic	Latex	Cellulosic natu- ral textile	Proteinic natural textile	Wood - cork	Adhesives	Metal hardware	Prints for textile	Cellulose
Chlorinated paraffin's (Middle chained [C14- C17])	ISO 18219-2	3	3	3			3			3	3	3	3		3	3			3		
	EN 17137								2												
	EN 17137								2	2	2	2			2	2					
Chlorobenzene and chlorotoluene (tetra- chlorotoluene, trichlorotoluene, αchlo- rotoluene)	ISO 17075-1	1	1	1																	
	ISO 17075-2																				
	ISO 10195	3	3	3														4			
Chromium VI																					
Chromium VI	With ageing																				
Colophony																					
Dimethylformamide (DMF)	ISO 16189		2					2													
Dimethylfumarate (DMFu)	ISO 16186	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1		1	1	1
Disperses dyes and dyestuffs	ISO 16373-2																				
	ISO 16373-3																			2	
Flame retard- ant Only for product claim- ing FR properties (Phosphorated and brominat- ed)	ISO 17881-1 ISO 17881-2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1		1	1	1
Formaldehyde	ISO 17226-1 ISO 17226-2	2	2	2																	
	EN 120 EN 717-3																2				2
Formaldehyde																					
Formaldehyde																		3			
Formaldehyde																				1	

Table 1 (continued)

Substance (see Annex B)	Test method	Leather			Synthetic material								Natural material				Miscellaneous				
		Leather	Coated leather	Leather board	PVC	EVA	Rubber	TPU elastane	PE-T PP	Polyester	Polyamide	Chloride fibre	Polyacrylic	Latex	Cellulosic natu- ral textile	Proteinic natural textile	Wood - cork	Adhesives	Metal hardware	Prints for textile	Cellulose
Heavy metals	Extractible (Sb - As - Cd - Cr - Co - Cu - Ni - Hg - Zn)	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3		3	3
	E x t r a c t i b l e Footwear for children less than 36 months	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2
	(Sb - As - Cd - Cr - Co - Cu - Ni - Hg - Zn - Ba - Se)																				
	Total content (Sb - As - Cd (leather and textile) - Cr - Co - Cu - Ni - Hg - Zn)	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3		3	3
Lead	ISO 17072-2 EN 16711-1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Mercaptobenzothiazole							4														
N-ethylphenyl-amine							4						4								
N methyl pyrrolidone	ISO 19070				2			2		2	2	2	2		2	2				2	
N,N-dimethylacetamide (DMAC)											2	2	2	2	2	2				2	
Nickel	EN 1811 (with or with- out EN 12472)																	1			
Nitrosamines	Footwear for chil- dren less than 36 months						2														
Nitrosamines	ISO 19577						4														
Organotin compounds (TBT, TPT)	ISO/TS 16179	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1		1	1

Table 1 (continued)

Substance (see Annex B)	Test method	Leather			Synthetic material								Natural material				Miscellaneous				
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Organotin compounds(DBT, DOT)	ISO/TS 16179	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2
Organotin compounds(others)	ISO/TS 16179	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3
PAH – polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons	ISO/TS 16190	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1		2	2	2	2	2	2		1		2	
Paraphenylene diamine										4	4		4		4	4				4	4
Pesticides	ISO 22517	3	3	3											3	3					3
PFCs perfluorinated compounds (PFOS/ PFOA)	CEN/TS 15968									1	1	1	1		1	1					
PFCs perfluorinated compounds	ISO 23702-1	1	1	1																	
pH	ISO 4045	2	2	2																	
pH	ISO 3071									2	2	2	2		2	2					
Phenol	ISO 20536	4	4	4			4							4	4	4		4			4
Phenyl mercury								1													
Phthalates	ISO 16181 (all parts) ISO 14389		1		1	1	1	1										1		1	
	ISO 16181 (all parts) ISO 14389		2		2	2	2	2										2		2	
Polychlorophenol (PCP pentachlorophenol)	ISO 17070	1	1	1																	
Polychlorophenol TeCP	ISO 17070	2	2	2																	
Polychlorophenol TriCP – DiCP	ISO 17070	3	3	3																	
Polychlorophenol (PCP pentachlorophenol)	CEN/TR 14823																1				
Polychlorophenol (PCP pentachlorophenol)	XP G 08-015									1	1	1	1		1	1				1	
Polychlorophenol TeCP	XP G 08-015														2	2				2	
Polychlorophenol TriCP – DiCP – MoCP	XP G 08-015														3	3				3	3

Table 1 (continued)

Substance (see Annex B)	Test method	Leather			Synthetic material								Natural material				Miscellaneous				
		Leather	Coated leather	Leather board	PVC	EVA	Rubber	PU - TPU elastane	PE-T PP	Polyester	Polyamide	Chloride fibre	Polyacrylic	Latex	Cellulosic natu- ral textile	Proteinic natural textile	Wood - cork	Adhesives	Metal hardware	Prints for textile	Cellulose
PTBPF Parateritary butyl phenol formal- dehyde																		4			
Quinoline							2	2	2	2			2	2							
Thiuram and Thiocarbamate						4															
Volatile organic compounds			4			4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4					4			

5 Critical substances potentially present in footwear and footwear components

In this document, the chemicals are identified by their CAS Registry Number¹⁾ (CAS RN®).

5.1 Acrylonitrile

5.1.1 General

Chemical compound with the formula CH₂CHCN.

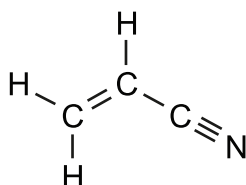


Figure 1 — Acrylonitrile molecular structure

This pungent-smelling colourless liquid often appears yellow due to impurities. It is an important monomer for the manufacture of useful plastics. In terms of its molecular structure, it consists of a vinyl group linked to a nitrile.

Acrylonitrile (CAS RN® 107-13-1) is used principally as a monomer in the manufacture of synthetic polymers, especially polyacrylonitrile, which comprises acrylic fibres. Acrylic fibres are, among other uses, precursors for well-known carbon-fibre. It is also a component of synthetic rubber.

Synthetic rubber, essentially based on SBR (Styrene-butadiene rubber) and containing acrylonitrile has some properties which are suitable as material for soles, especially for soles in professional high resistance footwear.

5.1.2 Potential risks

Acrylonitrile is highly flammable and toxic. It undergoes explosive polymerization. The burning material releases fumes of hydrogen cyanide and oxides of nitrogen. Acrylonitrile is classified as a recognized human carcinogen.

When polymerized or in composition as synthetic rubber, it is considered as inert material and no particular problems rise in using acrylonitrile.

In footwear products, the presence of acrylonitrile is very rare.

5.1.3 Test methods

No standard is available at the time of publication of this document for acrylonitrile analysis in footwear and footwear components.

5.2 Alkylphenols and Alkylphenol ethoxylates (NP, OP, NPEO, OPEO)

5.2.1 General

Alkylphenols (AP) and alkylphenol ethoxylates (APEO), see [Table 2](#), are used in plastics, as additives, plasticizers and surface-active ingredients in industrial detergents and emulsifiers. Ethoxylated

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