
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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This second edition cancels and replaces the first edition (ISO 30023:2010), of which it constitutes a minor revision. The changes compared to the previous edition are as follows:

- [Table 1](#) has been redesigned in accordance with the latest edition of ISO 15797, to enable precise referencing in the assignment of the washing processes of this document.

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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 (see 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 document provides an equivalent, but visually distinctly different, code of symbols for the professional industrial laundering of workwear and protective clothing.

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