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Foreword

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This second edition cancels and replaces the first edition (ISO 22568-4:2019), which has been technically revised

The main changes are as follows:

— Table 2, changes in the type names from X and Y to PL and PS, new requirements (“tent effect” and minimum value of 950 N);

— new nail, see Figure B.1 (conical shape instead of pyramidal);

— new definition in 3.2;

— Figure B.3 new dimension of the nail;

— Annex C and the reference material have been deleted.

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Introduction

ISO 20345, ISO 20346 and ISO 20347 are related to safety, protective and occupational footwear which define the performance and required properties of the footwear. On introducing these standards all national standards relating to perforation resistant inserts were withdrawn leaving the manufacturers of these items with no means of demonstrating the performance of their products. This document has been prepared to allow manufacturers to demonstrate the type of the perforation resistant inserts before being inserted into the footwear.

Non-metallic perforation resistant inserts and materials complying with the requirements of this document are suitable components of “PPE footwear”.

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Part 4: Non-metallic perforation resistant inserts

1 Scope

This document specifies requirements and test methods for the non-metallic inserts with resistance against mechanical perforation, intended to function as components of PPE footwear (e.g. as described by ISO 20345, ISO 20346 and ISO 20347).

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.

ISO 105-E04:2013, *Textiles — Tests for colour fastness — Part E04: Colour fastness to perspiration*

ISO 20344, *Personal protective equipment — Test methods for footwear*

ISO 20345, *Personal protective equipment — Safety footwear*

ISO 20346, *Personal protective equipment — Protective footwear*

ISO 20347, *Personal protective equipment — Occupational footwear*

3 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this document, the terms and definitions given in ISO 20345, ISO 20346 and ISO 20347 and the following 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 https://www.electropedia.org/

3.1
non-metallic perforation resistant insert
non-metallic footwear component placed (or intended to be placed) in the sole complex or used as an insole simultaneously in order to provide protection against perforation

3.2
"tent effect"
separation between the layers of the test piece during the testing procedure, some layers are perforated other not giving, the aspect of the tent to the test piece

Note 1 to entry: The procedure is given in Annex A.

4 Requirements for non-metallic perforation resistant inserts

4.1 General

Depending on the footwear construction, the non-metallic perforation resistant inserts could be in contact with the wearer foot, therefore the requirements of ISO 20345, ISO 20346 and ISO 20347 should be taken into account (for example abrasion resistance, water absorption, innocuousness).

Perforation resistant material can be tested in accordance with this document, even in an unshaped status, if it is intended to be cut and/or shaped by the footwear or sole manufacturer. When shaped non-metallic perforation resistant inserts are tested in accordance with this document, their suitability to fit into footwear is not assured, because the dimensional conformity to the footwear depends on the individual shape of each model of footwear.

Table 1 — Summary of requirements and number of samples

Property	Subclause	Number of samples	Status
Resistance to perforation	4.2	Non-metallic material: 1 sample or Ready –shaped inserts: 1 sample	mandatory
Flexing resistance	4.3	Non-metallic material: 1 sample or Ready – shaped inserts: 2 different sizes	mandatory
Stability against ageing and environmental influence	4.4	Non-metallic material: 2 samples for each treatment or Ready –shaped inserts: 2 samples for each treatment	mandatory
Electrical resistance	4.5	Non-metallic material: 1 sample	optional
NOTE For details, see 4.2 to 4.5.			

For each of the required measurements performed in accordance with this standard, a corresponding estimate of the uncertainty of measurement should be evaluated. One of the following approaches shall be used:

— a statistical method, e.g. that given in ISO 5725-2[2];

— a mathematical method, e.g. that given in ISO/IEC Guide 98-3[4];

— uncertainty and conformity assessment as given in ISO/IEC Guide 98-4[5];

— JCGM 100[6].

4.2 Resistance to perforation

When the non-metallic perforation resistant inserts are tested in accordance with the applicable methods described in 5.1, they shall meet one of the two types given in Table 2.

Table 2 — Minimum requirements for the perforation force

Types	Test method	Requirements
Type PL	See 5.1.1	Perforation test (see A.4); the four results reported shall be "pass" with a force of 1100 N No "tent effect" shall occur
Type PS	See 5.1.2	Perforation force (B.4) the average value reported shall be greater or equal to 1100 N No single value shall be lower than 950 N
NOTE This property has two types in term of the protection afforded. This covers the degree of risk or hazard that a user will face in terms of the type of working places. Type PS offers more appropriate protection from smaller diameter and sharper objects than type PL.		

4.3 Flexing resistance

When tested in accordance with the method described in 5.2, the non-metallic perforation resistant insert shall exhibit no visible signs of cracking, disintegration or delamination after having been subjected to 1×10^6 (one million) flexion cycles.

4.4 Stability against ageing and environmental influence

When subjected to each single one of the 4 treatments described in 5.3 and tested in accordance with the method described in 5.1, the non-metallic perforation resistant insert shall conform to the requirements of 4.2.

4.5 Electrical resistance

This property is optional and frequently requested when the non-metallic perforation resistant inserts are supposed to be used in a footwear with electrical properties (ISO 20345:2021, 6.2.2.1 and 6.2.2.2).

The results of this test, see 5.4, is given as an information, this document does not fix requirements.

5 Test methods for the non-metallic perforation tests

5.1 Determination of perforation resistance

5.1.1 Method PL: with conical nail 4,5 mm diameter

The test method described in Annex A shall be used.

5.1.2 Method PS: with conical nail 3,0 mm diameter

The test method described in Annex B shall be used.

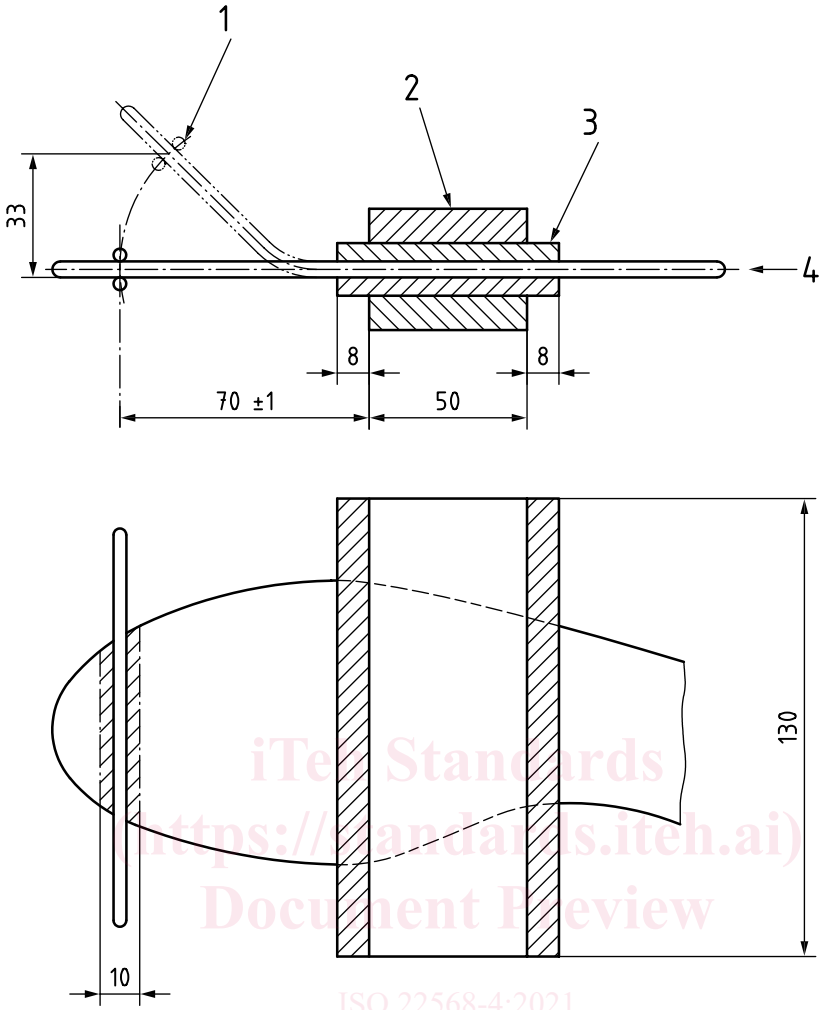
5.2 Determination of flexing resistance

5.2.1 Apparatus

Flexing apparatus, comprising a suitable flexing guide (e.g. a pair of bars) to move the free end of the non-metallic perforation resistant insert through a specified distance at a defined rate and a clamping device consisting of two elastic interlayers approximately 4 mm thick and of Shore A hardness 75 ± 5 with two metal clamping plates at least 130 mm wide.

In the zero position, the guide acts at a distance of (70 ± 1) mm from the clamping plates (see Figure 1).

Dimensions in millimetres



Key

1 flexing guide
2 clamping plates
3 elastic interlayer
4 test piece

Figure 1 — Example of details of a suitable construction of a flexing apparatus for non-metallic perforation resistant inserts

5.2.2 Sampling

5.2.2.1 Number of test pieces

In case of ready-shaped non-metallic perforation resistant inserts, samples of two different sizes shall be tested. For unshaped material cut out two suitable test pieces, giving them a shape similar to a typical insole of approximate size 41 to 42 (Paris Point).

5.2.2.2 Determination of the flexing line

Lay the non-metallic perforation resistant insert with its inner edge against a straight base line in such a way that this line is at a tangent to the insert in the joint and heel regions. At the tangent to the joint construct a perpendicular. This line is the flexing line at which the insert is clamped (see Figure 2).