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The main changes are as follows:

- Level A1 and A2 deleted to provide a single level of performance;
- insertion of updated ISO 20345:2021/Amd 1:2024 references;
- references to ISO 20344:2011 and ISO 20345:2011 have been deleted;
- chemical resistant footwear requirements and method updated.
- flame resistance requirements and method updated.
- insulation against Heat requirements updated.
- [Tables 2](#) and [3](#) have been updated.

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PPE for firefighters — Test methods and requirements for PPE used by firefighters who are at risk of exposure to high levels of heat and/or flame while fighting fires occurring in structures —

Part 6: Footwear

1 Scope

This document specifies the minimum design and performance requirements for footwear as part of personal protective equipment [PPE] to be used by firefighters, primarily but not solely to protect against flame and high thermal loads while fighting fires occurring in structures.

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 868, *Plastics and ebonite — Determination of indentation hardness by means of a durometer (Shore hardness)*

ISO 6942:2022, *Protective clothing — Protection against heat and fire — Method of test: Evaluation of materials and material assemblies when exposed to a source of radiant heat*

ISO 15025, *Protective clothing — Protection against flame — Method of test for limited flame spread*

ISO 11999-1, *PPE for firefighters — Test methods and requirements for PPE used by firefighters who are at risk of exposure to high levels of heat and/or flame while fighting fires occurring in structures — Part 1: General*

ISO 20344:2021, *Personal protective equipment — Test methods for footwear*

ISO 20344:2021/Amd 1:2024, *Personal protective equipment — Test methods for footwear — Amendment 1*

ISO 20345:2021, *Personal protective equipment — Safety footwear*

ISO 20345:2021/Amd 1:2024, *Personal protective equipment — Safety footwear — Amendment 1*

EN 13832-1:2018, *Footwear protecting against chemicals — Part 1: Terminology and test methods*

EN 13832-3:2018, *Footwear protecting against chemicals — Part 3: Requirements for footwear highly resistant to chemicals under laboratory conditions*

ISO 13994, *Clothing for protection against liquid chemicals — Determination of the resistance of protective clothing materials to penetration by liquids under pressure*

EN 50321-1:2018, *Live Working – Footwear for Electrical protection – Insulating footwear and overboots*

3 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this document, the terms and definitions given in ISO 20344, ISO 11999-1 and EN 13832-1 apply.

ISO and IEC maintain terminology 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/>

4 Classification, design and performance level

4.1 Classification

Footwear shall be classified in accordance with [Table 1](#).

Table 1 — Classification of footwear

Classification	Description
Class I	Footwear made from leather and other materials, excluding all-rubber or all-polymeric footwear
Class II	All-polymeric (i.e. entirely moulded) including all-rubber (i.e. entirely vulcanized) footwear

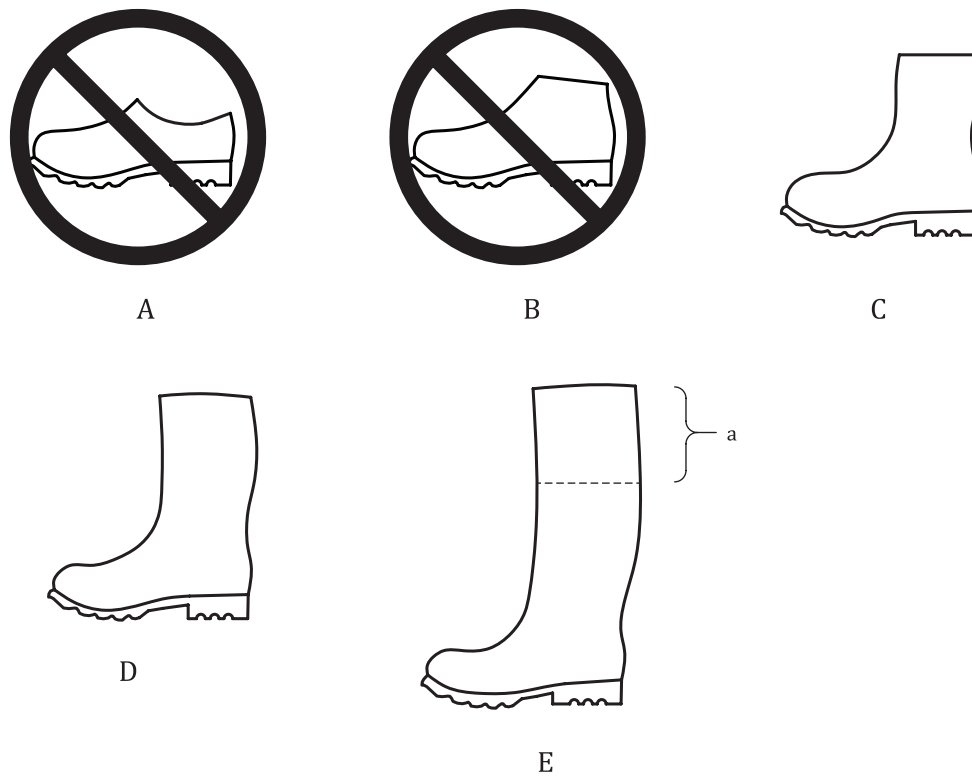
4.2 Design

Footwear shall conform to one of the designs C to E given in [Figure 1](#).

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Key

- A low shoe
- B ankle boot
- C half-knee boot
- D knee-height boot
- E thigh boot
- a Variable extension which can be adapted to the wearer.

NOTE Design E can be a knee-height boot (design D) equipped with a thin impermeable material which extends the upper and which can be cut to adapt the boot to the wearer.

Figure 1 — Design of footwear

4.3 Innocuousness

Refer to ISO 20345:2021 and ISO 20345:2021/Amd 1:2024, 5.3.6.

4.4 Sizing

Manufacturers shall develop a sizing range of footwear based on anthropometric data.

5 Sampling and conditioning

5.1 Sampling

The minimum number of samples shall be that specified in ISO 20344:2021 and ISO 20344:2021/Amd 1:2024, Clause 4, together with the minimum number of test pieces taken from each sample, as given in [Table 2](#), unless otherwise stated within this standard.

Wherever possible, test pieces shall be taken from the whole footwear unless otherwise stated in this document or in ISO 20344.

If it is not possible to obtain a large enough test piece from the footwear, then a sample of the material or material combination from which the component has been manufactured can be used instead and this shall be noted in the test report.

Where samples are required from each of three sizes, these shall comprise of the largest, smallest and a middle size of the footwear under test.

5.2 Conditioning

All test pieces shall be conditioned in a standard atmosphere of (23 ± 2) °C and (50 ± 5) % relative humidity for a minimum of 24 hours before testing, unless otherwise stated in the test method.

The maximum time which shall elapse between removal from the conditioning atmosphere and the start of testing shall be not greater than 10 min, unless otherwise stated in the test method.

Each test piece shall individually satisfy the specific requirement, unless otherwise stated in the test method.

The uncertainty of measurement for each test method described in the present standard can be assessed. One of the following approaches should be used:

- a statistical method, e.g. as given in ISO 5725-2;
- a mathematical method, e.g. as given in ISO/IEC Guide 98-1;
- Uncertainty and conformity assessments given in ISO/IEC Guide 98-4;
- JCGM 100:2008.

Table 2 — Minimum number of samples and test pieces

Property to be determined ^a	Reference	Number of samples	Number of test pieces from each sample	Test only on the final footwear
Insulation against heat	6.2.1	one pair	See 7.1	Yes
Radiant heat	6.2.2	one pair	See 7.2	Yes
Flame resistance	6.2.3	one pair	See 7.3	Yes
Scuff cap abrasion	ISO 20345:2021, 6.2.9	one scuff cap	Two test pieces	No
Zipper puller attachment strength	6.7.2	three zippers		No
Zipper lateral strength	6.7.3	three zippers		No

^a ISO 20344:2021 and ISO 20344:2021/Amd 1:2024, Table 1, applies.

6 Requirements

6.1 General requirement

Footwear for firefighters shall conform to the requirements specified in [Table 3](#).

Customized safety footwear shall conform to the requirements given in ISO 20345:2021, Table 3 and Annex A.

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Table 3 — General requirement

Requirement			Reference		Classification of footwear		Marking symbol
			ISO 20345:2021 and ISO 20345:2021/Amd 1:2024	This document	Class I	Class II	
General	Footwear construction	Type and classification		4.1	a	a	
		Height of upper	5.2.2		a	a	
		Specific ergonomic feature	5.3.4		a	a	
		Leakproofness	5.3.3		N/A	a	
		Water resistance		6.5	a	N/A	WR
Heel Area	Design C, D and E	5.2.3		a	a		
Whole footwear	Constructional performance	Construction	5.3.1.1		a	N/A	
		Upper/outsole bond strength	5.3.1.2		a	N/A	
		Insulation against heat		6.2.1	a	a	
		Slip resistance	5.3.5.2 6.2.10		a	a	See Annex D
		Energy absorption of seat region	6.2.4		a	a	E
		Flame resistance		6.2.3	a	a	
		Perforation resistance	6.2.1		a	a	P PL PS
	Toe protection	General	5.3.2.1		a	a	
		Internal length of toe caps	5.3.2.2		a	a	
		Width of Toecap Flange	5.3.2.3		a	a	
		Impact resistance	5.3.2.6		a	a	
		Compression resistance	5.3.2.7		a	a	
		Corrosion resistance of metal toe caps	5.3.2.4		a	a	
		Behaviour of Toe-caps (Thermal and Chemical)	5.3.2.5		a	a	
	Electrical property	Electrically insulating footwear ^d		6.4.2	N/A	a	EN 50321 -1 : 2018
		Antistatic footwear ^d		6.4.3	a	N/A	A
	Resistance to inimical environment	Cold insulation of sole complex	6.2.3.2		c	c	CI
		Resistance to chemicals		6.3.1/6.3.2	N/A	c	CH
				6.3.3	c	N/A	CH

The applicability of requirement to a particular classification is indicated in this table by the following:

^a Means that the requirement shall be met. In some cases, the requirement relates only to particular materials within the classification,. This does not mean that other materials are precluded from use.

^b Means that if the component parts exists, the requirement shall be met.

^c Means that if the property is claimed, the requirement given in the appropriate clause shall be met.

^d One of the Two shall be chosen

N/A means the requirement is not applicable.