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- Level A1 and A2 deleted to provide a single level of performance;
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- ~~References~~ references to ISO 20344:2011 and ISO 20345:2011 ~~Deleted. have been deleted.~~
- ~~Chemical~~ chemical resistant footwear requirements and method 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.

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[EN 13832-3:2018, Footwear protecting against chemicals — Part 3: Requirements for footwear highly resistant to chemicals under laboratory conditions](#)

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### 3 Terms and definitions

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### 4 Classification, design and performance level

#### 4.1 Classification

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

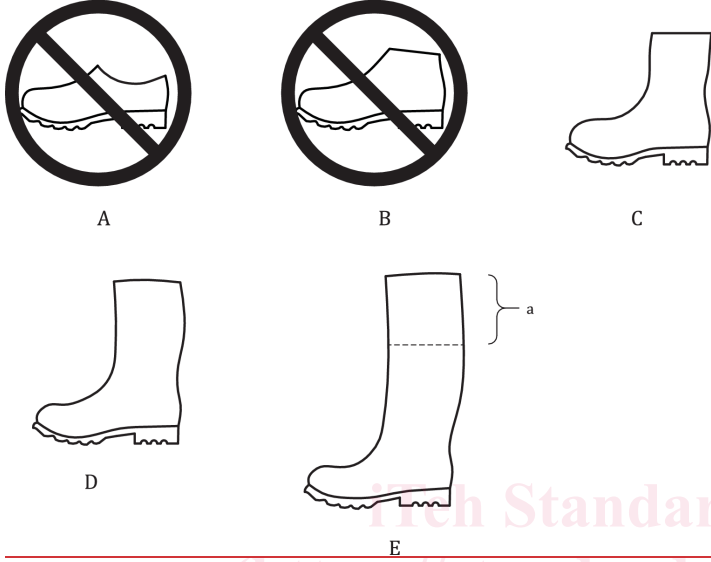
Table 1 — Classification of footwear

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) foot-wear

#### 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 [Clause 5.3.6 of ISO 20345:2021 + ISO 20345:2021/Amd 1:2024, 5.3.6.](#)

### 4.4 Sizing

Manufacturers ~~are to~~ shall develop a ~~male and female~~ 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 + ISO 20344:2021/Amd 1:2024, Clause 4](#), together with the minimum number of test pieces taken from each sample, as given in [Table 4, Table 1](#), unless otherwise stated within this standard.

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