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FOREWORD

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International Standard ISO 3844 was developed by Technical Committee ISO/TC 137, *Sizing system, designation and marking for boots and shoes*, and was circulated to the member bodies in May 1975.

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1 SCOPE AND FIELD OF APPLICATION

This International Standard specifies the method of size marking shoes in the Mondopoint system.

It applies to all types of boots and shoes, without restriction.

2 REFERENCE

ISO 2816, *Fundamental characteristics of a system of shoe sizing to be known as Mondopoint*.

3 DEFINITIONS

For definitions of length and width, see ISO 2816.

4 METHOD OF MARKING

4.1 Elements of the marking

The size marking shall include an indication of the length of the foot followed by an indication of the width, both dimensions being expressed in whole numbers in millimetres (without mention of the unit) and separated from one another by a dash or an oblique line.

NOTE – In accordance with ISO 2816, a code is permitted as an additional means of expressing width. The method of marking of this code may form the subject of a further International Standard.

The characters used shall be at least 3 mm in height and, in order to avoid confusion, shall be clearly separated from other possible information (for example by a closed continuous boundary line such as a rectangle or oval, etc.).

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4.2 Location of the marking

4.2.1 On the shoe

The size shall be marked on each of the shoes constituting a pair, on an appropriate part of the shoe where it is clearly visible and intelligible.

4.2.2 On the package

When shoes are contained in a box or other form of package, an indication of the size of the footwear shall also be given on this package.

4.3 Form of the marking

The form of the marking and the means by which it is to be applied (by punch, stamp, adhesive label, etc.) are left to the manufacturer, provided that the marking remains visible on the shoe and intelligible as long as necessary.

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