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Standard Specification for Performance Requirements for Soft Toe Protective Footwear (Non-Safety / Non-Protective Toe)¹

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INTRODUCTION

Current ASTM standards **F2412** and **F2413** provide test methods and performance requirements for footwear requiring a protective safety toe cap. In industry there are many jobs that do not require toe protection from impact or compression. This committee has developed non-safety toe cap (soft toe) requirements to allow manufacturers to demonstrate the performance level of non-safety toe cap (soft toe) protective footwear.

1. Scope

1.1 The ~~principle~~principal purpose of this specification is the certification of protective footwear. Certification must be performed by independent third party laboratories in order for footwear to ~~bare~~bear the ASTM marking.

1.2 The specification contains performance requirements for footwear to protect workers' feet from the following hazards by providing: (1) conductive properties (Cd) which reduce hazards that may result from static electricity buildup; and reduce the possibility of ignition of explosives and volatile chemicals; (2) electric hazard protection (EH), to protect the wearer ~~when~~from accidental contact by stepping on live electric wires; (3) static dissipative properties (SD) to reduce hazards due to excessively low footwear electrical resistance that may exist where SD footwear is required; (4) puncture resistance (PR) footwear devices.

1.3 This specification covers minimum requirements for the performance of footwear to provide protection against a variety of workplace hazards other than the toe area that can potentially result in injury.

1.4 This specification is not intended to serve as a detailed manufacturing or purchasing specification, but can be referenced in purchase contracts to ensure that minimum performance requirements are met.

1.5 Controlled laboratory tests used to determine compliance with the performance requirements of this specification shall not be deemed as establishing performance levels for all situations to which individuals may be exposed.

1.6 Any changes to the original components of safety footwear such as replacing or adding after market footbeds/inserts could cause failure to any or all ~~parts, or a combination thereof,~~parts of this specification rendering the ASTM Soft Toe Protective Footwear label invalid.

1.7 The values stated in SI units are to be regarded as standard. No other units of measurement are included in this standard.

1.8 *This standard does not purport to address all of the safety concerns, if any, associated with its use. It is the responsibility of the user of this standard to establish appropriate safety, safety, health, and health~~environmental~~ practices and determine the applicability of regulatory limitations prior to use.*

1.9 *This international standard was developed in accordance with internationally recognized principles on standardization established in the Decision on Principles for the Development of International Standards, Guides and Recommendations issued by the World Trade Organization Technical Barriers to Trade (TBT) Committee.*

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2. Referenced Documents

2.1 ASTM Standards:²

B117 Practice for Operating Salt Spray (Fog) Apparatus

F1646 Terminology Relating to Walkway Safety and Footwear

F2412 Test Methods for Foot Protection

F2413 Specification for Performance Requirements for Protective (Safety) Toe Cap Footwear

2.2 Federal Standards:³

29 CFR 1910.132 Personal Protective Equipment—General Requirements

29 CFR 1910.136 Personal Protective Equipment—Occupational Foot Protection

2.3 Canadian Standards Association Standard⁴

CAN/CSA Z195 Protective Footwear

3. Terminology

3.1 Definitions:

3.1.1 *box toes, n*—are semi-rigid materials which can be molded to the shape of the last during shoe making. This provides the reinforcement and shape retention on the critical area of the toe of the footwear.

3.1.2 *insert/footbed/sockliner, (all-removable), footbed (removable), n*—~~footbed normally also known as 'insock,' a component typically made of a foam product material with a leather or fabric cover shaped to cover cover/sockliner and often shaped or contoured covering the entire insole board which can be inserted between the foot and insole board.~~

3.1.3 *insole, n*—foundation of the shoe; the inner sole of the shoe which is next to the foot, under the sockliner or the insert, onto which the upper is lasted.

3.1.4 *last, n*—solid hinged form, in the general shape of a foot, around which footwear is constructed.

3.1.5 *lasting, v*—building of footwear around a specific last.

3.1.6 *lining, n*—term used to describe all components that can be used to construct the interior of the upper part of the footwear.

3.1.7 *product category, n*—description for a type of footwear designed and manufactured for a specific hazard or hazards.

3.1.8 *protective footwear, n*—footwear that is designed, constructed, and classified to protect the wearer from a potential hazard or hazards.

3.1.9 *puncture resistant device, n*—component design to provide penetration protection to the bottom of the foot – the device shall be an integral and permanent part of the footwear.

3.1.10 *quarter, n*—entire back portion of the footwear upper.

3.1.11 *size, n*—length and breadth measurements of footwear determined by using a specific grading; the American system of footwear grading.

3.1.11 *socklining (non-removable), n*—~~material placed over the insole, footbed or insert which maybe imprinted with a brand name or other designation.~~

3.1.12 *soft toe (absence of protective toe cap), n*—which are commonly called box toe in footwear industry.

3.1.13 *soling material, n*—exterior bottom platform of the footwear; the bottom surface.

3.1.14 *upper, n*—parts of a shoe or boot that are above the bottom of the foot.

4. Significance and Use

4.1 This specification contains requirements to evaluate the performance of footwear for the following:

4.1.1 Conductive properties which reduce hazards that may result from static electricity buildup, and reduce the possibility of ignition of explosives and volatile chemicals, (Cd).

4.1.2 Electric hazard by stepping on live wire (EH).

4.1.3 Static dissipative (SD) properties to reduce hazards due to excessively low footwear electrical resistance that may exist where SD footwear is required.

4.1.4 Puncture resistance footwear ~~devices, devices~~ (PR).

4.2 Any changes to the original components of the soft toe protective footwear such as replacing or adding after market footbeds/inserts could cause failure to any or all parts, or a combination thereof, of this standard rendering the ASTM MARKING INVALID. Soft Toe Protective footwear specimens or samples shall be retested for any of the following changes.

² For referenced ASTM standards, visit the ASTM website, www.astm.org, or contact ASTM Customer Service at service@astm.org. For *Annual Book of ASTM Standards* volume information, refer to the standard's Document Summary page on the ASTM website.

³ Available from Standardization Documents Order Desk, DODSSP, Bldg. 4, Section D, 700 Robbins Ave., Philadelphia, PA 19111-5098, <http://dodssp.daps.dla.mil>.

⁴ Available from Canadian Standards Association (CSA), 5060 Spectrum Way, Mississauga, ON L4W 5N6, Canada, <http://www.csa.ca>.