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Preface

This Standard was prepared by the Australian members of the Joint Standards Australia/Standards New Zealand Committee SF-003, Occupational Protective Footwear, to supersede AS/NZS 2210.2:2009, *Occupational protective footwear, Part 2: Test methods (ISO 20344:2004, MOD)*.

After consultation with stakeholders in both countries, Standards Australia and Standards New Zealand decided to develop this Standard as an Australian Standard rather than an Australian/New Zealand Standard.

The objective of this Standard is to specify methods for testing footwear designed as personal protective equipment.

This Standard is an adoption with national modifications, and has been reproduced from, ISO 20344:2011, *Personal protective equipment — Test methods for footwear*. The modifications are additional requirements and are set out in Appendix ZZ, which has been added at the end of the source text.

Appendix ZZ lists the variations for the application of this Standard in Australia.

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Foreword

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This second edition cancels and replaces the first edition (ISO 20344:2004), which has been technically revised. It also incorporates the Technical Corrigendum ISO 20344:2004/Cor.1:2005 and the Amendment ISO 20344:2004/Amd.1:2007.

The main differences between this edition and the 2004 edition are:

- [Annex A](#), inclusion of a new procedure for plasticine calibration;
- [Annex C](#), inclusion of a new table for footwear sizing;
- [4.1, Table 1](#), clarification of the method for sampling;
- [5.1](#), clarification on testing of ergonomic features;
- [5.4](#) and [5.5](#), inclusion of a reference to EN 12568:2010;
- [5.8.3](#), different test methods for anti-penetration insoles;
- [5.15.2](#), inclusion of a new test method for water resistance;
- [6.4.2](#) and [6.5.2](#), inclusion of test methods (due to the withdrawal of ISO 2023);
- [6.11](#), replacement of the method for determination of chromium VI by a reference to ISO 17075;
- withdrawal of [5.11](#), "Determination of the electrical insulation".

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Section 1 Scope

This International Standard specifies methods for testing footwear designed as personal protective equipment.

Section 2 Normative references

The following referenced documents are indispensable for the application 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 34-1:2010, *Rubber, vulcanised or thermoplastic — Determination of tear strength — Part 1: Trouser, angle and crescent test pieces*

ISO 868, *Plastics and ebonite — Determination of indentation hardness by means of a durometer (Shore hardness) (ISO 868:2003)*

ISO 1817:2011, *Rubber, vulcanised — Determination of the effect of liquids*

ISO 3290-1, *Rolling bearings — Balls — Dimensions and tolerances*

ISO 3376, *Leather — Physical and mechanical tests — Determination of tensile strength and percentage extension*

ISO 3377-2, *Leather — Physical and mechanical tests — Determination of tear load — Part 2: Double edge tear*

ISO 4045, *Leather — Determination of pH*

ISO 4643:1992, *Moulded plastic footwear — Lined or unlined poly (vinyl chloride) boots for general industrial use — Specification*

ISO 4649:2010, *Rubber, vulcanized or thermoplastic — Determination of abrasion resistance using a rotating cylindrical drum device*

ISO 4674-1:2003, *Rubber- or plastics-coated fabrics — Determination of tear resistance — Part 1: Constant rate of tear methods*

ISO 5423:1992, *Moulded plastic footwear — Lined or unlined polyurethane boots for general industrial use — Specification*

ISO 13287, *Personal protective equipment — Footwear — Test method for slip resistance*

ISO 17075, *Leather — Chemical analysis — Determination of chromium VI*

ISO 20345:2011, *Personal protective equipment — Safety footwear*

ISO 20347, *Personal protective equipment — Occupational footwear*

ISO 23529:2010, *Rubber — General procedures for preparing and conditioning test pieces for physical test methods*

EN 388:2003, *Protective gloves against mechanical risks*

EN 12568:2010, *Foot and leg protectors — Requirements and test methods for toecaps and penetration-resistant inserts*