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**Personal protective equipment —  
Footwear protecting against risks in  
foundries and welding —**

**Part 1:  
Requirements and test methods for  
protection against risks in foundries**

*Équipement de protection individuelle — Chaussures de protection  
contre les risques dans les fonderies et lors d'opérations de soudage —*

*Partie 1: Exigences et méthode d'essai pour la protection contre les  
risques dans les fonderies*

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## Foreword

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# Personal protective equipment — Footwear protecting against risks in foundries and welding —

## Part 1:

## Requirements and test methods for protection against risks in foundries

**WARNING** — This document calls for the use of substances and/or procedures that may be injurious to health if adequate precautions are not taken. It refers only to technical suitability and does not absolve the user from legal obligations relating to health and safety at any stage.

### 1 Scope

This document specifies requirements and test methods for footwear protecting users against risks, such as those encountered in foundries.

Footwear complying with this document also offers other protection as defined in ISO 20345.

**NOTE** Gaiters over boot and clothing intended to provide protection to the feet and legs against molten metal are addressed by ISO 11612.

### 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 17227:2002, *Leather — Physical and mechanical tests — Determination of dry heat resistance of leather*

ISO 20344:2011, *Personal protective equipment — Test methods for footwear*

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

EN 702:1995, *Protective clothing — Protection against heat and flame — Test method — Determination of the contact heat transmission through protective clothing or its materials*

EN 12477, *Protective gloves for welders*

EN 15090:2012, *Foot wear for firefighters*

### 3 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this document, the terms and definitions given in ISO 20345 apply.

ISO and IEC maintain terminological databases for use in standardization at the following addresses:

— IEC Electropedia: available at <http://www.electropedia.org/>

— ISO Online browsing platform: available at <http://www.iso.org/obp>

## 4 Classification of footwear

Footwear shall be class I footwear manufactured from leather and other materials, excluding all-rubber or all-polymeric footwear

## 5 Sampling and conditioning

For test methods described in ISO 20344, the number of test pieces and conditioning applied shall be as described within the method.

For test methods defined within this document, the assessment and testing shall be carried out on the smallest, one of the middle and the largest size, covering the full range of manufacturing size. Unless otherwise stated, within the test method, the specimens shall be conditioned in accordance with the requirements given in ISO 20344.

If it is not possible to obtain a large enough test piece from the footwear, then a sample of the material from which the component has been manufactured may be used instead. This should be noted in the test report.

## 6 Requirements

Footwear protecting against risks as found in foundries shall conform to the requirements specified in [Table 1](#).

**Table 1 — Performance requirements**

Requirements		Standard clause		Footwear classification class I
		ISO 20345:2011	ISO 20349-1:2016	
<b>Design</b>	Height of upper		7.1	X
	Seat region	5.2.3		X
<b>Whole footwear</b>	Footwear Design Sole performance:	5.3.1	7.2	X
	Construction	5.3.1.1		X
	Upper/outsole bond strength	5.3.1.2		X
	Toe protection:	5.3.2		
	General	5.3.2.1		X
	Internal length	5.3.2.2		X
	Impact resistance	5.3.2.3		X
	Compression resistance	5.3.2.4		X
	Behaviour of toecaps	5.3.2.5		X
	Specific ergonomic features			X
	Footwear removal time	5.3.4	7.8	X
	Innocuousness		7.9	X
	Slip resistance ^	5.3.5		X
	Slip resistance on tile floor ceramic with SLS (SRA)	5.3.5.2		
	Slip resistance on steel floor with glycerol (SRB)	5.3.5.3		
Slip resistance on ceramic tile floor with SLS and on steel floor with glycerol (SRC)	5.3.5.4			

Table 1 (continued)

Requirements		Standard clause		Footwear classification class I
		ISO 20345:2011	ISO 20349-1:2016	
Whole footwear	Perforation resistance (P)	6.2.1		*
	Antistatic footwear (A)	6.2.2.2		*
	Electrically insulating footwear (Symbol according to EN 50321)	6.2.2.3		*
	Cold insulation of sole complex (CI)	6.2.3.2		*
	Energy absorption of seat region (E)	6.2.4		*
	Water resistance (WR)	6.2.5		*
	Metatarsal protection (M)	6.2.6		*
	Ankle protection (AN)	6.2.7		*
	Cut resistance (CR)	6.2.8		*
	Resistance to effects of molten metal (Fe or Al)		7.3	X
	Resistance of upper to contact heat transmission		7.4	X
	Burning behaviour		7.5	X
	Heat insulation of sole complex		7.6	X
Upper (all parts)	Tear strength	5.4.3		X
	Tensile properties	5.4.4		X
	Water vapour permeability and coefficient	5.4.6		X
	pH value	5.4.7		X
	Chromium VI content	5.4.9		X
	Water penetration and water absorption (WRU)	6.3		*
	Surface shrinkage		7.7	X
Tongue	Tear strength	5.6.1		0
	pH Value	5.6.2		0
	Chromium VI content	5.6.3		0
Insole/ in-sock		Table 3		X
Vamp lining	Tear strength	5.5.1		X
	Abrasion resistance	5.5.2		X
	Water vapour permeability and coefficient	5.5.3		X
	pH value	5.5.4		X
	Chromium VI content	5.5.5		X
Quarter lining	Tear strength	5.5.1		0
	Abrasion resistance	5.5.2		0
	Water vapour permeability and coefficient	5.5.3		0
	pH value	5.5.4		0
	Chromium VI content	5.5.5		0

Table 1 (continued)

Requirements		Standard clause		Footwear classification class I
		ISO 20345:2011	ISO 20349-1:2016	
<b>Outsole</b>	Outsole design	5.8.1		X
	Tear strength	5.8.2		X
	Abrasion resistance	5.8.3		X
	Flexing resistance	5.8.4		X
	Interlayer bond strength	5.8.6		O
	Resistance to hot contact	6.4.1		X
	Resistance to fuel oil (FO)	6.4.2		*
<p>The applicability of a requirement to a particular classification is indicated in this table by the following.</p> <p>X The requirement shall be met. In some cases, the requirement relates only to particular materials within the classification, e.g. pH value of leather components. This does not mean that other materials are precluded from use.</p> <p>O If the component part exists, the requirement shall be met.</p> <p>* If the property is claimed, the requirement given in the appropriate clause shall be met.</p> <p>^ One of the three slip resistance requirements shall be chosen.</p>				

## 7 Specific requirements

### 7.1 Height of upper

When tested in accordance with ISO 20345:2011, 5.2.2, the height of upper shall be not less than Design C

### 7.2 Footwear design

**7.2.1** There shall be no features on the outer surface of the footwear that could trap molten metal around the front 2/3 of the footwear. Straps and buckles to enable fastening that could present a trapping risk are permitted around the rear 1/3 of the footwear. Measurements are made on the upper from rear most point of the counter to the front of the toe (see [Figure 1](#)).

**7.2.2** There shall be no upward facing seams around the front 2/3 of the footwear. Upward facing seams, for example the counter seam are permitted around the rear 1/3 of the footwear. Measurements are made on the upper from rear most point of the counter to the front of the toe (see [Figure 1](#)).

**7.2.3** The vamp shall consist of one single piece with a length of at least one third of the total length of the footwear (see [Figure 1](#)).

**7.2.4** All upper seams shall have an overlap of  $\geq 10$  mm.

**7.2.5** The top of the boot shall be fitted with a feature to permit adjustment to give a close fit to the wearer's leg.

**7.2.6** Measure vertically from the floor surface to height,  $h$ , as given in [Table 2](#). Metal fittings to enable adjustment and fastening (e.g. buckles) on the exterior surface of the footwear below height,  $h$ , within the rear third of the footwear shall be covered to prevent heat damage or molten metal sticking, which could affect their proper operation (see [Figure 1](#)). Metal rivets to strengthen structural seams are permitted but shall be covered on the inner surface of the footwear to reduce heat transfer to the foot.

**7.2.7** If there is a tongue, it should be fully covered by parts of the upper. If the material is exposed on any points it shall be treated as an upper.

**Table 2 — Height,  $h$**

Footwear size		Height, $h$ , below which all metal fixtures to enable fastening and adjustment shall be covered mm
French	English	
36 and below	up to 31/2	113
37 and 38	4 to 5	115
39 and 40	5 1/2 to 6 1/2	119
41 and 42	7 to 8	123
43 and 44	8 1/2 to 10	127
45 and above	10 1/2 and above	131

### 7.3 Resistance to the effects of molten metal

Testing shall be carried out in accordance with [Annex A](#) and the results shall be as follows.

- There shall be no penetration of molten metal to inner surface.
- After-flame time shall be no more than 5 s after cessation of pouring.
- No melting or ignition of inner surface.

### 7.4 Resistance of upper to contact heat transmission

Testing shall be carried out in accordance with the procedure described in EN 702 with a contact temperature of 500 °C. The threshold time shall be  $\geq 6$  s and there shall be no melting of the inner surface. All material combinations shall be tested. One test piece of each material combination shall be taken from the smallest, middle and largest sizes of footwear. If the footwear incorporates rivets in the upper, one additional test piece shall be taken including the rivet in the test area from each of the smallest, middle and largest sizes of footwear.

### 7.5 Burning behaviour

Footwear shall comply with EN 15090:2012, 6.3.3.

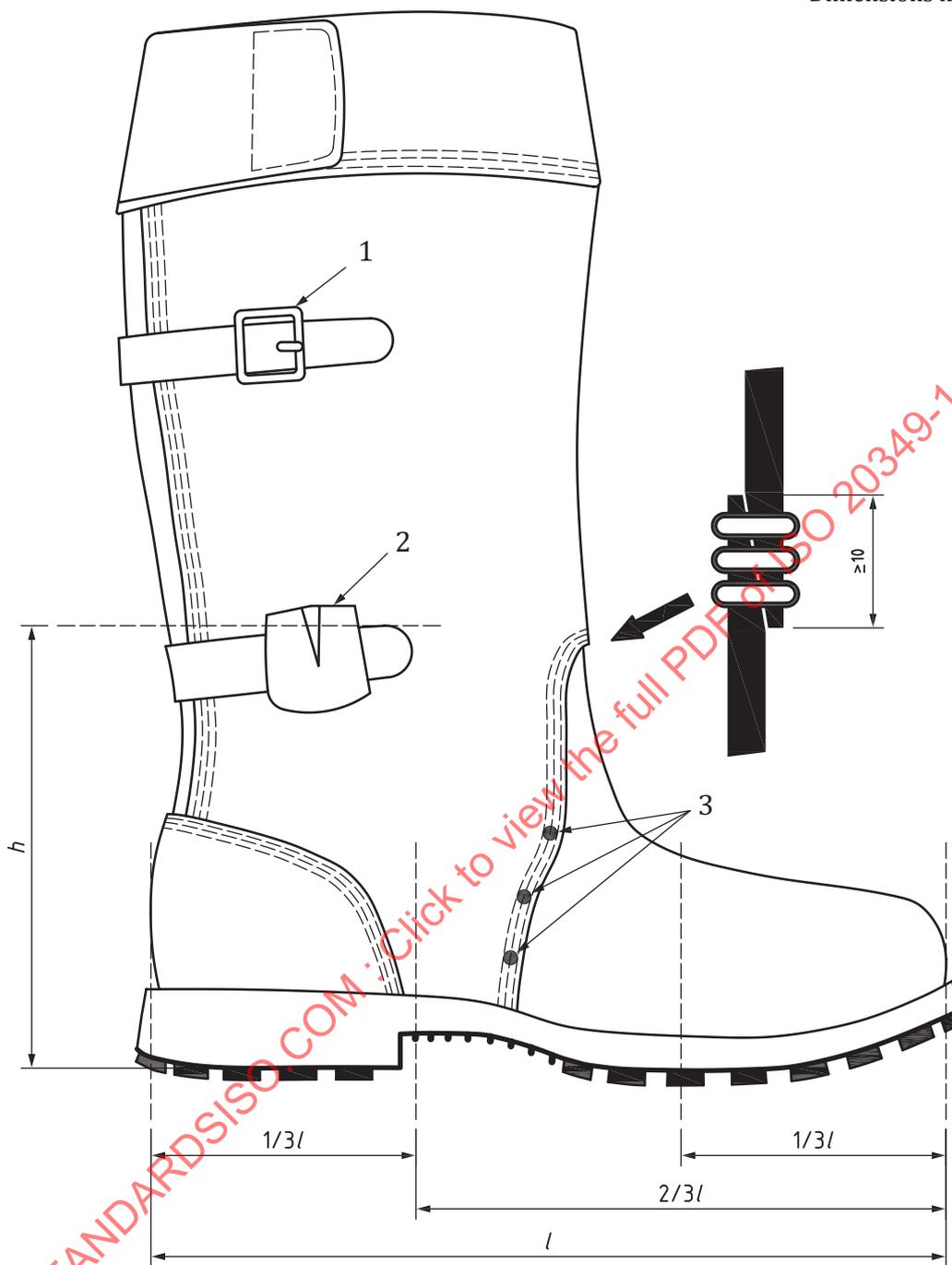
### 7.6 Heat insulation of sole complex

Testing shall be carried out in accordance with the procedure described in ISO 20344:2011, 5.12 with the following modifications:

- sand bath temperature of 250 °C, exposure time of 40 min;
- the temperature inside the footwear shall be not more than 42 °C after 10 min.

### 7.7 Surface shrinkage of leather

Testing shall be carried out in accordance with ISO 17227:2002, 7.6. The test temperature shall be  $(180 \pm 5)$  °C and the testing time 5 min  $\pm$  10 s. The area dimensional change shall not be more than 10 %.



**Key**

- h* height below which all metal components in the upper must be coated or covered
- l* total length of footwear from toe to heel
- 1 exposed metal buckle
- 2 flap covering metal buckle
- 3 metal rivets covered on the inner surface

**Figure 1 — Footwear design**

## 7.8 Footwear removal time

The test subject shall remove the footwear as quickly as possible. This assessment is carried out while wearing protective gloves for welders complying with EN 12477 Type A with a dexterity of level 1. The removal of a single boot shall be timed. The time required to remove the footwear shall be not greater than 5 s for a single boot. Three different sizes shall be used.

NOTE Several attempts at removal are permitted to ensure the test subject is fully familiar with the particular fastening system.

## 7.9 Innocuousness

Footwear protecting against risks as found in foundries shall not adversely affect the health or hygiene of the user. Footwear protecting against risks as found in foundries shall be made of materials, such as textiles, leather, rubbers, plastics that have been shown to be chemically suitable. The materials shall not in the foreseeable conditions of normal use release or degrade to release substances generally known to be toxic, carcinogenic, mutagenic, allergenic, toxic to reproduction or otherwise harmful. Information claiming that the product is innocuous shall be checked.

NOTE Information about critical substances in footwear and footwear components can be found in ISO/TR 16178.

## 8 Marking

Each item of footwear protecting against risks as found in foundries shall be clearly and permanently marked with at least the following information:

- a) the name or trademark of the manufacturer;
- b) a product code that uniquely identifies the footwear;
- c) the size of the footwear;
- d) the year and month of manufacturing at least;
- e) the number and date of this document (i.e. ISO 20349-1:2017); note that d) and e) should be adjacent to each other, as specified in ISO 20345;
- f) all the marking codes given in ISO 20345 may be applied when the relevant tests have been passed and in conformance with those found in [Table 1](#), as applicable, the following marking shall be used:
  - marking code Al indicates the footwear complies with 5.3, using aluminium as test metal,
  - marking code Fe indicates the footwear complies with 5.3, using iron as test metal,
- g) the graphical symbol ISO 7000-2417 shown in [Figure 2](#) indicating the protection against heat and flame;
- h) an instruction to refer to the instructions for use provided with the item, such as the graphical symbol indicating that the user should see the information supplied by the manufacturer (a letter "i" in an open book; see graphical symbol ISO 7000-1641, see [Figure 3](#)).



Figure 2 — Graphical symbol ISO 7000-2417 to indicate PPE for protection against heat and flame



Figure 3 — graphical symbol ISO 7000-1641 information pictogram

## 9 Information to be supplied by the manufacturer

### 9.1 General

The footwear protecting against risks as found in foundries shall be supplied with the information specified in ISO 20345:2011, Clause 8, and the following information and instructions:

- a) the information specified in [Clause 8](#), as applicable; All marking symbols shall be explained.
- b) the following instructions:
  - 1) “The compatibility of this footwear with other items of PPE (trousers or gaiters) shall be checked to avoid the occurrence of any risk during use.” The trousers should not prevent or restrict removal of the footwear and shall be long enough to overlap the boot to at least to the ankle point.
  - 2) “Do not use these boots if they are contaminated with flammable materials such as oil.”
  - 3) “Always carefully inspect the boots before use for signs of damage, see below for guidance. Never use damaged footwear.”
- c) the following damage assessment guidelines:
  - 1) boots should be discarded if any of the following are discovered:
    - i) beginning of a pronounced and deep cracking affecting half the upper material thickness [see Figure 4 a)];
    - ii) the upper shows areas with deformations, burns, fusion or bubbles, or split seams in the leg [see Figure 4 b)];
    - iii) upper/outsole separation of more than 15 mm long and 5 mm wide (deep) [see Figure 4 c)];
    - iv) the outsole shows cracks higher than 10 mm long and 3 mm wide (deep) [see Figure 4 d)];
    - v) cleat height in the flexing area lower than 1,5 mm [see Figure 4 e)];
    - vi) original in-sock (if any) showing pronounced deformation and crushing.

NOTE It is convenient to manually check the inside of the footwear from time to time in order to detect any deterioration of the lining or sharp borders of the toe protection which could cause wounds [see Figure 4 f)].

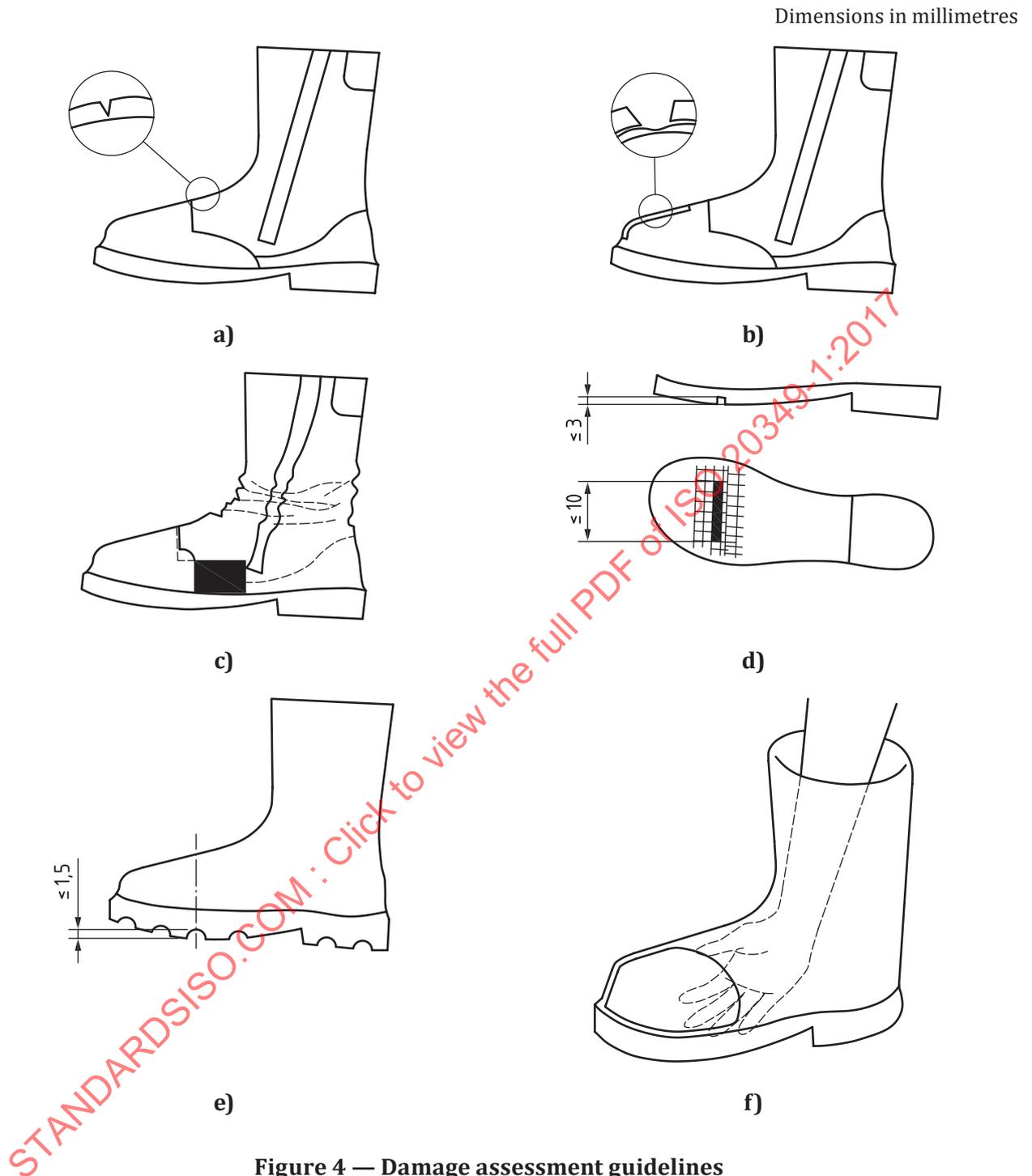


Figure 4 — Damage assessment guidelines

## 9.2 Information regarding perforation resistant insert

Each pair of perforation resistant footwear shall be supplied with a leaflet containing the following wording.

“The perforation resistance of this footwear has been measured in the laboratory using standardized nails and a force of 1 100 N at least. Higher forces or other nails can increase the risk of perforation occurring. In such circumstances, alternative preventative measures should be considered. Two generic types of perforation resistant insert are currently available in PPE footwear.

These are metal types and those from non-metal materials. Both types meet the minimum requirements for perforation resistance of the standard marked on this footwear but each has different additional advantages or disadvantages including the following:

**Metal:** Is less affected by the shape of the sharp object/hazard (i.e. diameter, geometry sharpness) but, due to shoemaking limitations, does not cover the entire lower area of the shoe.

**Non-metal:** May be lighter, more flexible and provide greater coverage area when compared with metal but the perforation resistance may vary more depending on the shape of the sharp object/hazard (i.e. diameter, geometry, sharpness).

For more information about the type of perforation resistant insert provided in your footwear, please contact the manufacturer or supplier detailed on these instructions”.

### 9.3 Electrical properties

#### 9.3.1 Antistatic footwear

Each pair of antistatic footwear shall be supplied with a leaflet containing the text given in ISO 20345:2011, 8.2.2.

#### 9.3.2 Electrically insulating footwear

Footwear with insulating properties provides limited protection against the inadvertent contact with damaged electrical apparatus and therefore each pair shall be supplied with a leaflet containing the following wording.

- a) Electrically insulating footwear shall be worn if there is a danger of electric shock, for example from damaged live electrical apparatus.
- b) Electrically insulating footwear cannot guarantee 100 % protection from electric shock and additional measures to avoid this risk are essential. Such measures, as well as the additional tests mentioned below, should be part of a routine risk assessment programme.
- c) The electrical resistance of footwear should meet the requirements of EN 50321:1999, 6.3 at any time throughout the life of the footwear.
- d) This level of protection can be affected during service by:
  - 1) Footwear becoming damaged by nicks, cuts, abrasions or chemical contamination, regular inspections are necessary, worn and damaged footwear should not be used.
  - 2) Classification I footwear can absorb moisture if worn for prolonged periods and in moist and wet conditions, and can become conductive.
- e) If footwear is worn in conditions where the soling material becomes contaminated, for example by chemicals, caution should be taken when entering hazardous areas as this can well affect the electrical properties of the footwear.
- f) It is recommended that the users establish an appropriate means of having the electrical insulating properties of footwear inspected and tested while in service.

### 9.4 Insocks

See ISO 20345, Clause 8.3.

## Annex A (normative)

### Test method for the resistance of footwear to the effects of large quantities of molten metal

**WARNING** — Suitable protective clothing should be worn when carrying out this test, particularly when removing a test sample from the leg form as there could be flaming due or trapped molten metal on the test sample. Removal of the test sample from the leg form is normally sufficient to dislodge any adhering metal.

#### A.1 Principle

A quantity of molten metal is poured under controlled conditions onto a test sample fitted to a leg form and observations are made during and after pouring. Iron or Aluminium can be selected.

#### A.2 Materials

**A.2.1 Molten iron**, with a pouring temperature  $(1\,400 \pm 50)$  °C (for the composition of the metal, see ISO 9185:2007, Table A.1).

**A.2.2 Molten aluminium**, with a pouring temperature  $(780 \pm 50)$  °C (for the composition of the metal, see ISO 9185:2007, Table A.1).

#### A.3 Apparatus

**A.3.1 Leg form**, to hold the test sample (see [Figure A.2](#)).

**A.3.2 Ladle**, of sufficient capacity to hold around 500 cm<sup>3</sup> of molten metal with a mark indicating  $(360 \pm 50)$  cm<sup>3</sup> filling level (see [Figure A.1](#)). The ladle pivots around the pouring point.

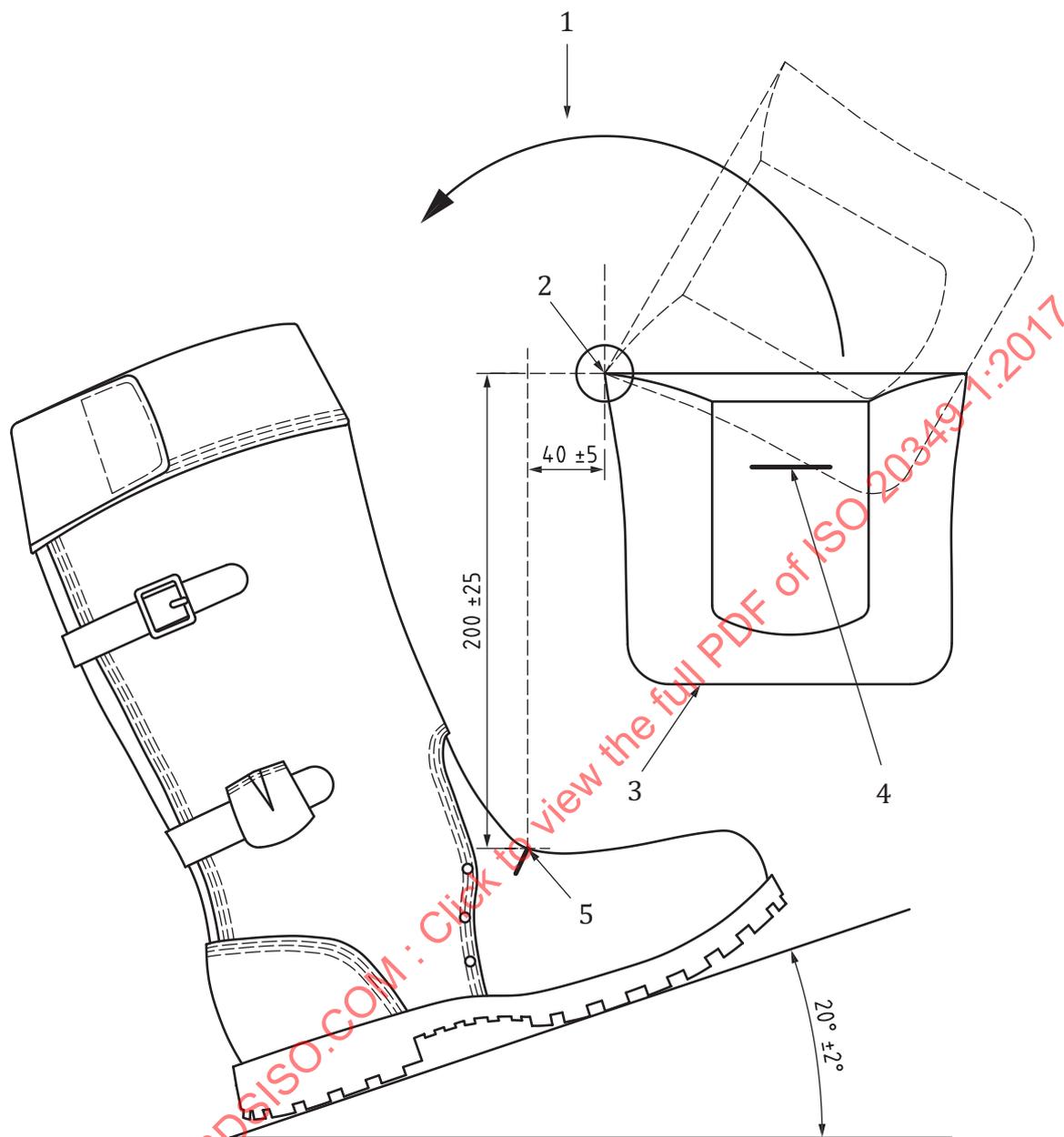
NOTE The machine specified in ISO 9185 is an example of a laboratory device that could be used to heat the metals.

#### A.4 Test samples

The test samples shall consist of complete footwear (one of each of the three sizes; see [Clause 4](#)). Conditioning of the test sample is not required.

Footwear may be cut down the back or otherwise prepared for fitting to the leg form (see [Figure A.2](#)). The sample shall retain its shape when exposed to the metal. Any fixtures used to mount the footwear shall not distort the sample or ignite/melt during exposure. The leg form may be articulated to aid fitting and removal and several sizes of leg form may be required to enable different product sizes to be tested.

Dimensions in millimetres



**Key**

- 1 direction of pouring rotation
- 2 pivot point
- 3 ladle
- 4  $(360 \pm 50) \text{ cm}^3$
- 5 ladle location point

**Figure A.1 — Example of test configuration**