
**Absorbent incontinence products for
urine and/or faeces — Product type
names and illustrations**

*Produits d'incontinence pour l'absorption d'urine et/ou de matières
fécales — Noms de types de produits et illustrations*

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Foreword

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Introduction

Incontinence is defined as the complaint of any involuntary leakage of urine and/or faeces. It is estimated that 400 million people are affected by incontinence worldwide and the number is increasing as the population in many countries ages. Incontinence that cannot be (fully) cured is most commonly managed using absorbent products.

Products come in a range of different designs but the terms that are currently used to describe the product types vary considerably among - and even within - countries, resulting in a confusing variety of synonyms among clinicians and academics and in the literature provided by product suppliers. A standardized terminology would facilitate understanding and communication among stakeholders.

For many product types, several synonyms are in established use - in different countries and markets - so that the widespread adoption of just one is unlikely to be achieved quickly. Accordingly, while this document provides a recommended term for each product type, it also acknowledges the complexity of the current situation by listing synonyms considered to have some merit. Meanwhile this document will also work to facilitate understanding between different stakeholders by providing a tool with the different synonyms combined with pictures of each product type.

In this document, a hierarchy of descriptors is used to distinguish, describe and name the various (sub) categories of product types, always using the descriptors (when needed) in the same order: Product type (e.g. all-in-one); User group (e.g. for children); To contain (urine only, faeces only or both); Features and purpose (e.g. with fastener system); Use case (single use or washable). Some products (e.g. pads for underwear) are designed to absorb and contain just urine, and some to contain just faeces (faecal pads). In each case, "urine" or "faeces" - as appropriate - is included in the corresponding (sub-)category name. If neither urine nor faeces is included in a (sub)category name, it refers to products that are designed primarily to absorb urine, but also have some capacity to contain faeces. It is particularly important that products used to contain faeces are changed promptly after soiling in order to avoid skin damage. If no user group (e.g. children or male) is specified in the name of a sub-category, the products it includes can be taken to be suitable for adults of either gender.

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Absorbent incontinence products for urine and/or faeces — Product type names and illustrations

1 Scope

This document provides recommended and other product type names and example pictures of product categories defined in ISO 9999, subclass 09 30, "Absorbing products to contain urine and faeces".

2 Normative references

There are no normative references in this document.

3 Terms and definitions

No terms and definitions are listed in this document.

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

- ISO Online browsing platform: available at <https://www.iso.org/obp>
- IEC Electropedia: available at <http://www.electropedia.org/>

4 Product type names

4.1 Absorbent products for children

4.1.1 Pads for children

Recommended product name	Pads for children
Other product names	Children's shaped pads, Children's insert pads
Example picture	
ISO 9999 code	09 30 12
ISO 9999 title	Pads insert type for children, single-use
ISO 9999 definition	Absorbent pads for children held in place by elastic mesh briefs or other close-fitting underwear.

4.1.2 All-in-ones for children

Recommended product name	All-in-ones for children
Other product names	Diapers, nappies, briefs, children's tape-type products, youth briefs
Example picture	
ISO 9999 code	09 30 13
ISO 9999 title	Pads for children with fastener system, single-use
ISO 9999 definition	Absorbent incontinence pads for children, equipped with fastener system, which allow them to be secured to the body without the help of an additional fastener system; pads resembling underwear, single-use, usually have elastics surrounding the leg openings and/or self-adhesive tapes.

4.1.3 Pull-ons for children

Recommended product name	Pull-ons for children
Other product names	Protective underwear for children, training pants
Example picture	
ISO 9999 code	09 30 14
ISO 9999 title	Pads for children resembling underwear, single-use
ISO 9999 definition	Absorbent incontinence pads for children designed to resemble normal underwear.

4.1.4 Washable all-in-ones for children

Recommended product name	Washable all-in-ones for children
Other product names	Washable diapers for children, washable nappies for children, washable briefs for children, washable tape-type products for children
Example picture	
ISO 9999 code	09 30 15
ISO 9999 title	Absorbent products for children, washable
ISO 9999 definition	Washable absorbent incontinence products for children. A variety of designs are available, analogous to such single-use designs as insert pads, pads with fastener system, pads resembling underwear and unbacked pads.

4.2 Absorbent products for adults

4.2.1 Pads

Recommended product name	Pads
Other product names	Inserts, two-piece products
Example picture	
ISO 9999 code	09 30 18
ISO 9999 title	Pads insert type, single-use
ISO 9999 definition	Absorbent incontinence pads held in place by elastic mesh briefs, other close-fitting underwear, pads with fastener system single use or pads resembling underwear, single-use.

4.2.2 All-in-ones

Recommended product name	All-in-ones
Other product names	Briefs, tape-type products, slips, wrap-around pads
Example picture	
ISO 9999 code	09 30 21
ISO 9999 title	Pads with fastener system, single-use
ISO 9999 definition	Absorbent incontinence pads equipped with a fastener system that allows them to be secured to the body. An all-in-one usually has elastics surrounding the leg openings and/or self-adhesive tapes. Pads with belt as fastener system, single-use, see 09 30 25.

4.2.3 Pull-ons

Recommended product name	Pull-ons
Other product names	Pull-on-pads, Protective underwear, disposable underwear, pants

Example picture	
ISO 9999 code	09 30 24
ISO 9999 title	Pads resembling underwear, single-use
ISO 9999 definition	Absorbent incontinence pads designed to resemble normal underwear, may be especially for male or for female users or a unisex product.

4.2.4 Belted pads

Recommended product name	Belted pads
Other product names	Belt-type-products, belted products
Example picture	
ISO 9999 code	09 30 25
ISO 9999 term	Pads with belt as fastener system, single-use
ISO 9999 definition	Absorbent incontinence products in which the absorbent core is mounted within a chassis, equipped with a re-adjustable waist belt. The belt is designed to help with putting the pad on, especially in the standing position.

4.2.5 Pads for underwear

Recommended product name	Pads for underwear
Other product names	"Light inco" (incontinence) pads, liners, shields, bladder control pads
Example picture	
ISO 9999 code	09 30 26
ISO 9999 term	Pads to contain urine, with adhesive strip, single use
ISO 9999 definition	Pads for underwear are designed to contain small amounts of urine, and often have a gender-specific shape. These pads - which cover the urethra but not the anus (that is, intended to contain urine but not faeces) - are placed in wearers' normal underwear, usually with an adhesive strip to help secure them in place.

4.2.6 Male pouches

Recommended product name	Male pouches
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Other product names	-
Example picture	
ISO 9999 code	09 30 27
ISO 9999 term	Pouches for male to contain urine, single-use.
ISO 9999 definition	Absorbent incontinence pads for men, designed in pocket form to contain the penis and sometimes the scrotum.

4.2.7 Male pads

Recommended product name	Male pads
Other product names	Guards, shields, lea
Example picture	
ISO 9999 code	09 30 28
ISO 9999 term	Pads for male to contain urine, with preformed shape, single use
ISO 9999 definition	Absorbent incontinence pads for men, designed to be placed over the penis and scrotum, but not to surround them.

4.2.8 Unbacked pads

Recommended product name	Unbacked pads
Other product names	Boost pads, booster pads
Example picture	
ISO 9999 code	09 30 30
ISO 9999 term	Pads without waterproof backing, single-use
ISO 9999 definition	Absorbent incontinence pads without waterproof backing or integral fastener system. They are held in place using a separate fastener system that includes waterproof backing or used inside another absorbent product.

4.2.9 Faecal pads

Recommended product name	Faecal pads
Other product names	-

Example picture	There is a diversity of products and an example picture is not relevant.
ISO 9999 code	09 30 33
ISO 9999 term	Pads to contain faeces, single-use
ISO 9999 definition	Absorbent incontinence pads designed to contain faeces.

4.2.10 Washable products

Recommended product name	Washable products
Other product names	Washable undergarments, washable incontinence garments
Example picture	
ISO 9999 code	09 30 36
ISO 9999 term	Absorbent products, washable
ISO 9999 definition	Washable absorbent incontinence products. A variety of designs are available, analogous to such single-use designs as insert pads, pads with fastener system, pads resembling underwear and unbacked pads.

4.2.11 Fixation underwear

Recommended product name	Fixation underwear
Other product names	Net pants, fixation pants, mesh pants
Example picture	
ISO 9999 code	09 30 39
ISO 9999 term	Fixation underwear to hold absorbent pads in place, reusable
ISO 9999 definition	Products may be single-use or washable for reuse.