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#### EXPLANATION OF MARKING CODES USED TO DEFINE LEVEL OF PROTECTION PROVIDED

EN ISO 20345:2011 - SB Toe protection tested with 200J impact and 15kN compression force

HRO	Heat resistant outsole compound tested at 300C
Р	Penetration resistant outsole tested at 1100N
Α	Electrical resistance between foot and ground of between 0.1 and 1000 Mega Ohms
С	Electrical resistance between foot and ground of less than 0.1 Mega Ohms
CI	Insulation against cold
HI	Insulation against heat
E	Energy absorption of the seat region tested at 20 joules
WRU	Water resistant upper leather
1	Insulating footwear
WR	Water resistant footwear
М	Metatarsal protection 100J impact energy
FO	Resistance to fuel oil
SC	Scuff cap with abrasion resistance
WPA	Water penetration and absorption

#### **S RATINGS**

In addition, there are the following short codes for commonly used combinations of optional categories of protection:

- **SB:** Basic toe protection (200 J)
- **S1:** SB + anti-static + energy absorption in heel + closed heel
- **S2:** S1 + water penetration/resistance in the upper
- S3: S2 + penetration-resistant midsole + cleated outsole
- S4/S5: Like S1/S3 but for fully waterproof polymer/rubber boots (often Wellington-style)

#### **CERTIFICATION BODY**

This safety footwear meets the requirements of the safety footwear standard EN ISO 20345:2022+A1 2024 and complies with the European regulation PPE 2016/425 and is certified and assessed by:

A.N.C.I. SERVIZI SRL, operational headquarters CIMAC, via Aguzzafame 60/B, 27029 Vigevano (PV), Italy No0465

Country of origin: Italy | Commodity code: 6402919000



### **PRODUCT TECHNOLOGY**

**DRY-PROOF**<sup>®</sup> is a waterproof and breathable membrane, which guarantees the complete waterproofing and it assures the maximum inside comfort thanks to a correct perspiration.

**PUTEK® HYPERTEX:** is an ultra-durable fabric engineered for extreme performance in safety footwear. It offers unparalleled abrasion resistance—exceeding 1 million cycles in lab tests—making it over 8 times more resistant than traditional high-strength fabrics like Cordura® 1000. Lightweight, waterproof, breathable, and flexible, PUTEK® HYPERTEX sets a new benchmark for protection and comfort in demanding work environments.





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#### ANTISTATIC FOOTWEAR

Antistatic footwear should be worn in environments where it's important to reduce the build-up of static electricity—particularly where sparks could ignite flammable materials or vapours. However, it's important to note that antistatic shoes are not designed to protect against electric shock; they only provide limited electrical resistance between the wearer and the ground.

## Safety footwear classified as **S1**, **S1P**, or **S3** are always at least antistatic.

This means it helps prevent static electricity from accumulating in your body. Once a certain level of static charge is reached, these shoes safely discharge it into the ground. Antistatic shoes have a resistance between **0.1** and **1000 MegaOhms**, which allows them to safely dissipate electrical energy and reduce the risk of accidental sparks that could ignite fires in hazardous environments with flammable gases, fuels, or solvents.



However, the effectiveness of antistatic footwear can change due to wear and tear, contamination, or moisture. If the footwear becomes wet, especially after long use, it may no longer function properly and could even become conductive. Therefore, it's essential to regularly test the electrical resistance of the footwear, ideally through an in-house testing procedure, to ensure continued protection throughout its life.





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#### REPAIR

If the footwear becomes damaged, it will NOT provide optimum level protection, and therefore should be replaced as soon as possible. Never knowingly wear damaged footwear while carrying risk related activity. If in doubt about the level of damage consult your supplier before using the footwear.

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#### CLEANING

Clean your footwear regularly using high quality cleaning treatments recommended as suitable for the purpose NEVER use caustic or corrosive cleaning agents.

#### **FITTING & SIZING**

To put on and take off products, always fully undo the fastening systems. Only wear footwear of a suitable size. Products which are either too loose or too tight will restrict movement and will not provide the optimum level of protection. The sizes of these products are marked on them.



#### **STORAGE AND TRANSPORT**

When not in use, store the footwear in a well-ventilated area away from extremes of temperature. Never store the footwear underneath heavy items or in contact with sharp objects. If the footwear is wet, allow it to dry slowly and naturally away from direct heat sources before placing it into storage. Use suitable protective packaging to transport the footwear, e.g. the original container.



#### COMPATIBILITY

To optimise protection, in some instances it may be necessary to use this footwear with additional PPE such as protective trousers or over gaiters. In this case. before carrying out the risk-related activity. consult your supplier to ensure that all your protective products are compatible and suitable for your application.



#### WARNING

The footwear must not be worn without hose.

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The footwear is supplied with a removable insole which was in place during testing. The insole should remain in place whilst the footwear is in use. It should only be replaced by a comparable insole supplied by the original manufacturer.

#### WEAR LIFE

The exact life of the product will greatly depend on how and where it is worn and cared for. It is therefore very important that you carefully examine the footwear before use and replace as soon as it appears to be unfit for wear. Careful attention should be paid to the condition of the upper stitching, wear in the outsole tread pattern and the condition of the upper/outsole bond.



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### WASH CARE

Plant-Based Waterproofing Sprays

Made from natural waxes or plant oils (like beeswax alternatives or soybean oil) to create water-repellent surfaces without harmful fluorochemicals (PFAS). Natural Deodorizing Sprays

Using ingredients like tea tree oil, baking soda, or activated charcoal to neutralize odors naturally without synthetic fragrances or harsh chemicals. Biodegradable Cleaning Foams

Gentle, phosphate-free foams derived from coconut or corn-based surfactants that clean shoes without polluting waterways. Non-Toxic Leather Conditioners

Made with plant oils (e.g., jojoba, almond) and natural beeswax substitutes to nourish and protect leather while avoiding petrochemical ingredients. Water-Based Stain Repellents

Using waterborne polymers instead of solvent-based chemicals to create protective barriers that are safer for people and the planet.

## **RECYCLING SCHEME**

What Happens to Safety Footwear? We sort safety footwear based on condition: good quality, paired, and serviceable footwear is donated for reuse in Africa through charitable partners such as OXFAM and Cycle4Life, extending the life of the products and supporting communities in need. Worn-out or unsuitable footwear is shredded and processed into Solid Recovered Fuel (SRF), which is then used in energy from waste facilities. An energy recovery method that diverts waste from landfill and supports

renewable energy generation.



## **OUR PARTNER'S COMMITMENTS**



The facility demonstrates strong environmental stewardship with a total energy consumption of 1,424,654 kWh, supported in part by a 30 kWh photovoltaic solar system. Notably, no water is used in the footwear production process, reflecting a significant commitment to water conservation.



Environmentally preferred materials and methods are prioritised, including the use of water-based release agents, which have a lower environmental impact compared to solvent-based alternatives.



While no formal carbon footprint reduction targets are currently in place, efforts are ongoing to minimise environmental impact through cleaner energy use and sustainable production practices. The facility has set clear objectives to reduce plastic consumption in packaging, with all relevant packaging materials being FSC-certified, ensuring responsible sourcing and sustainability.

On the social front, the factory actively supports community development through:

• Sponsorship of youth sporting events

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- Blood donation campaigns
- Providing educational and school materials to customers and communities in parts of Africa



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