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Specification for
**Size designation of children's
and infants' wear**

Spécification pour la désignation des tailles de vêtements pour enfants et bébés
Spezifikation für die Größenbezeichnung von Kinder- und Kleinkinderkleidung

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Foreword

This revision of this British Standard has been prepared under the direction of the Clothing Standards Committee. It supersedes the 1970 edition which is now withdrawn.

Information in this standard is taken from five international standards ISO 3636-1977, ISO 3637-1977, ISO 3638-1977, ISO 4415-1981 and ISO 4416-1981, published by the International Organization for Standardization (ISO) and developed by ISO/TC 133, Sizing systems and designations for clothes. Details on height intervals (see clause 6) and recommendations on the inclusion of approximate age, which do not appear in the international standards, are included.

This is the third edition of this British Standard. For many years it has been agreed that body measurements should form the basis of a size labelling scheme, and such details were included in tabular form in both previous editions.

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When considering the present revision, however, the committee responsible chose not to retain the table of body measurements, first, because the measurements are known to be outdated and, secondly, because such detailed measurements are not required for size designation purposes.

In addition to body measurements the approximate age of the child was asked for on labels and so to help manufacturers this was included in the table of body measurements in the first two editions. Its retention in the present edition was strongly supported by the National Children's Wear Association because many garments are purchased without the children being present.

The details of men's and women's garments covered in the five international standards listed above are given in BS 6185 and BS 3666 respectively.

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0. Introduction

This British Standard is one of a series which deals essentially with the size designation of clothing, and is not directly concerned with sizing systems as such.

The primary aim of this and other British Standards in this series, is the establishment of a size designation system that indicates (in a simple, direct and meaningful manner) the body size of the child or infant that a garment is intended to fit. Provided that the shape of the child's or infant's body (as indicated by the appropriate dimensions) has been accurately determined this system will facilitate the choice of garments that fit.

The size designation system is based on body and not garment dimensions. Choice of garment measurements is normally left to the designer and the manufacturer, who are concerned with style, cut and other fashion elements, and who must make due allowance for garments normally worn beneath a specific garment.

Definitions and body measurement procedure are prescribed in BS 5511, which is applicable to all categories of clothing.

1. Scope

This British Standard specifies a system of designating the sizes of children's and infants' garments that are classified as:

- (a) covering the upper body only, or
- (b) covering the lower body only, or
- (c) covering the whole body.*

Both the control dimensions on which the size designation system is based, and the method of indicating the size designation on a garment label, are specified.

It is recognized that height is the basic control measurement for all infants' and children's garments and to aid users of this standard agreed height intervals are included.

2. References

The titles of the standards publications referred to in this standard are listed on the inside back cover.

3. Definitions

For the purposes of this British Standard, the definitions given in BS 5511, together with the following, apply.

3.1 girl. A female person whose growth in height is not yet finished.

3.2 boy. A male person whose growth in height is not yet finished.

3.3 infant. A male or female person of height 104 cm or less.

4. Control dimensions

4.1 Infants. The control dimensions for all garments shall be height.

4.2 Girls

4.2.1 Underwear (including nightwear, foundation garments and shirts). The control dimensions shall be as follows.

(a) Girls' garments covering the upper body only

Other than foundation garments	Foundation garments
(1) Bust girth	Underbust girth
(2) Height	Bust girth

(b) Girls' garments covering the whole body

- (1) Bust girth
- (2) Hip girth
- (3) Height

(c) Girls' garments covering the lower body only

Other than foundation garments	Foundation garments
(1) Hip girth	Waist girth
(2) Height	Hip girth

4.2.2 Outerwear (including knitwear and swimwear). The control dimensions shall be as follows.

(a) Girls' garments covering the upper or the whole body

Other than knitwear and swimwear	Knitwear	Swimwear
(1) Height	Bust girth	Bust girth
(2) Bust girth	Height	Hip girth
(3) Hip girth		

(b) Girls' garments covering the lower body only

- (1) Height
- (2) Hip girth
- (3) Waist girth

4.3 Boys

4.3.1 Underwear (including nightwear and shirts). The control dimensions shall be as follows.

(a) Boys' garments covering the upper body only

Other than formal and uniform shirts	Formal and uniform shirts
(1) Chest girth	Neck girth
(2) Height	Height

*Examples of garments covered by this British Standard are given in appendix A.

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4.3.2 Outerwear (including knitwear and swimwear). The control dimensions shall be as follows.

(a) Boys' garments covering the upper or the whole body

Other than knitwear	Knitwear
(1) Height	Chest girth
(2) Hip girth	
(3) Chest girth	

(b) Boys' garments covering the lower body only

Other than swimwear	Swimwear
(1) Height	Waist girth
(2) Hip girth	
(3) Waist girth	

5. Size designation

5.1 The size designation of each garment shall comprise the control dimensions (see clause 4), in centimetres, of the intended wearer of that garment. Where practicable, the standard or the special pictogram, as given in BS 5511, should be used as a means of indicating the size designation. Where it is not practicable to use the pictogram, the control measurements shall be given together with the descriptive words such as bust girth, chest girth, hip girth, etc. alongside, in the order in which they are given in clause 4.

NOTE. The above requirements do not preclude the use, in exceptional instances of:

- (a) size designations comprising only one or two of the applicable control dimensions;
- (b) size designations shown as a range by stating the minimum and maximum control measurements separated by an oblique stroke or a hyphen.

5.2 Garment measurements shall not be incorporated in the size designation but, where considered of value, garment measurements may be indicated separately (see 7.3).

6. Height intervals

The basic control measurement for all infants' and children's garments is height. The height interval used for labelling purposes shall be 6 cm, based on the specified fixed point of 104 cm, e.g. 98, 104, 110 etc.

7. Labelling

7.1 Method. The size designation of each garment shall be indicated clearly, conspicuously and in a plainly legible form on a label, or on a swing ticket, or on both.

Pictograms shall be large enough to ensure immediate understanding and numerals shall in all cases be readily discernible.

7.2 Attachment. The label or swing ticket shall be capable of being securely attached to the garment and so positioned as to be easily readable.

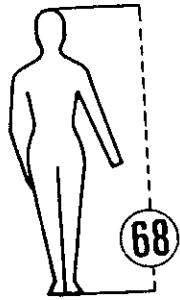
7.3 Additional information. Information additional to the size designation may be separately indicated on the label, or on the swing ticket, or on both, provided that it does not in any way reduce the prominence and conspicuousness of the size designation. Such additional information may include approximate age, body measurements or garment measurements considered to constitute useful information.

7.4 Examples of labels. The examples of labels given in figures 1 to 5 illustrate methods of labelling that range from the simple indication on the standard pictogram of the relevant control dimensions to more elaborate forms that provide additional information, such as a garment measurement. Where the size designation is supplemented by additional information, separation of the two, as illustrated, renders this readily recognizable as being part of an adopted system of size designation.

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a) Infant's dress



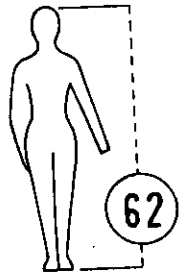
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Height 68

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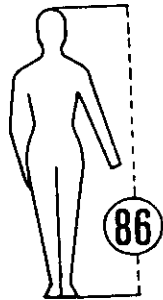
b) Infant's matinee jacket



or

HEIGHT 62
Garment length 35 *

c) Infant's buster suit



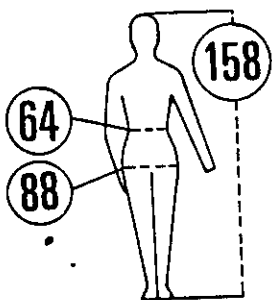
or

HEIGHT 86
To fit : Chest girth 52 – 56 *

Figure 1. Examples of labels for infants' garments

*Examples of additional information included in accordance with 7.3.

a) Girl's skirt



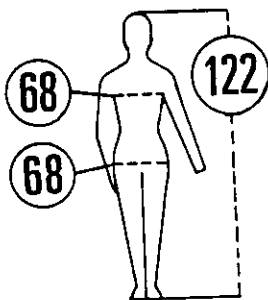
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HEIGHT	158
HIP GIRTH	88
WAIST GIRTH	64
SKIRT LENGTH	42

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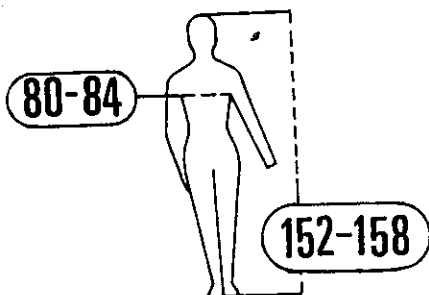
b) Girl's dress



or

HEIGHT	122
BUST GIRTH	68
HIP GIRTH	68
WAIST GIRTH	60

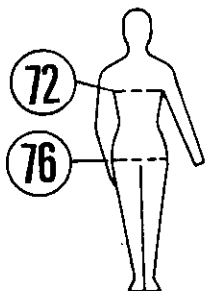
c) Girl's sweater



or

BUST GIRTH	80 - 84
HEIGHT	152 - 158

d) Girl's swimsuit



or

BUST GIRTH	72
HIP GIRTH	76

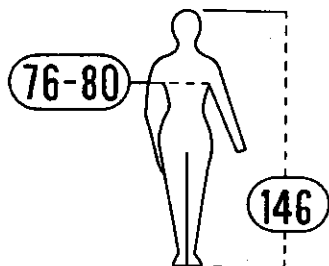
Figure 2. Examples of labels for girls' outerwear

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a) Girl's tee-shirt



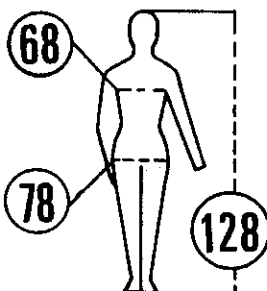
or

BUST GIRTH	76 - 80
HEIGHT	146

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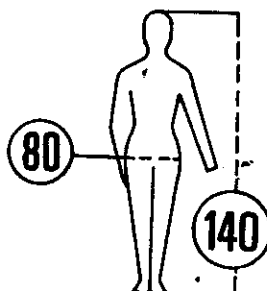
b) Girl's gym suit



or

BUST GIRTH	68
HIP GIRTH	78
HEIGHT	128
WAIST GIRTH	60

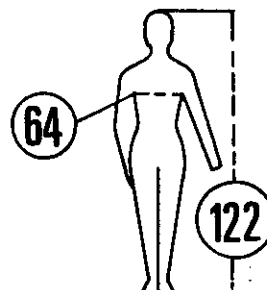
c) Girl's panties



or

HIP GIRTH	80
HEIGHT	140

d) Girl's uniform shirt



or

BUST GIRTH	64
HEIGHT	122
NECK GIRTH	28

Figure 3. Examples of labels for girls' underwear

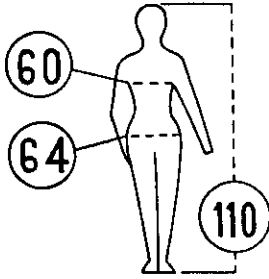
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a) Boy's 1-piece suit

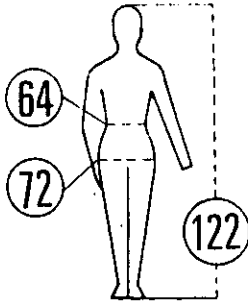


or

HEIGHT	110
HIP GIRTH	64
CHEST GIRTH	60

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b) Boy's trousers

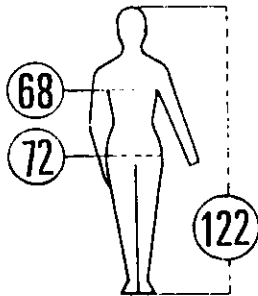


or

HEIGHT	122
HIP GIRTH	72
WAIST GIRTH	64
INSIDE LEG LENGTH	58 *

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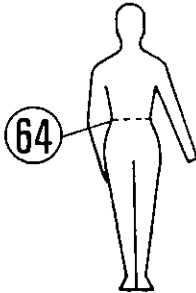
c) Boy's jacket



or

HEIGHT	122
HIP GIRTH	72
CHEST GIRTH	68

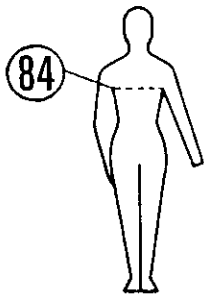
d) Boy's swimming trunks



or

WAIST	64
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e) Boy's pullover



or

CHEST	84
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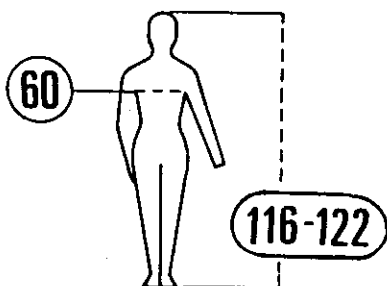
Figure 4. Examples of labels for boys' outerwear

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a) Boy's tee-shirt



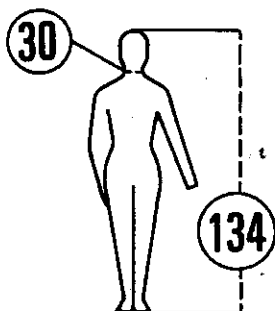
or

CHEST GIRTH	60
HEIGHT	116-122

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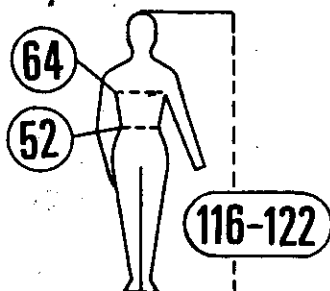
b) Boy's school shirt



or

NECK GIRTH	30
HEIGHT	134

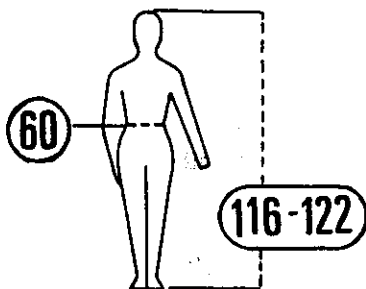
c) Boy's pyjamas



or

HEIGHT	116-122
CHEST GIRTH	64
WAIST GIRTH	52

d) Boy's underpants



or

WAIST GIRTH	
HEIGHT	116-122

Figure 5. Examples of labels for boys' underwear

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Appendix A

Examples of garments

A.1 Infants

- (a) coats
- (b) jackets, anoraks, tunic tops
- (c) dresses
- (d) skirts
- (e) trousers, shorts, pants
- (f) knitted garments such as jumpers, matinee jackets
- (g) buster suits, rompers
- (h) nightdresses, pyjamas, sleepsuits.

A.2 Girls

A.2.1 Underwear

A.2.1.1 Garments covering the upper body only

- (a) shirts, blouses
- (b) vests
- (c) foundation garments (brassieres).

A.2.1.2 Garments covering the whole body

- (a) body suits, gym suits
- (b) slips
- (c) foundation garments (corselets)
- (d) nightwear (nightdresses, sleepsuits, pyjamas).

A.2.1.3 Garments covering the lower body only

- (a) knickers, panties, briefs
- (b) half slips
- (c) foundation garments (corsets, girdles).

A.2.2 Outerwear

A.2.2.1 Garments covering the upper or the whole body

- (a) coats, raincoats
- (b) jackets, blazers, tunics, anoraks
- (c) dresses
- (d) suits and costumes (2- and 3- piece)
- (e) dressing gowns and housecoats
- (f) overalls, dustcoats
- (g) knitwear (pullovers, cardigans, sweaters)

- (h) swimwear
- (i) tracksuits (2- piece)
- (j) catsuits.

A.2.2.2 Garments covering the lower body only

- (a) skirts
- (b) trousers, slacks, riding breeches, sallopettes, dungarees
- (c) shorts.

A.3 Boys

A.3.1 Underwear

A.3.1.1 Garments covering the upper body only

- (a) singlets, vests
- (b) sport shirts, polo shirts, tee-shirts
- (c) formal and uniform shirts (tunics, school shirts)*.

A.3.1.2 Garments covering the whole body

- (a) combinations
- (b) nightwear (pyjamas, nightshirts).

A.3.1.3 Garments covering the lower body only

- (a) briefs, underpants
- (b) long underpants.

A.3.2 Outerwear

A.3.2.1 Garments covering the upper or the whole body

- (a) coats, raincoats
- (b) jackets, blazers, anoraks
- (c) overalls, boiler suits, dungarees
- (d) suits (2- and 3- piece)
- (e) dressing gowns
- (f) waistcoats
- (g) knitwear (pullovers, cardigans, sweaters)
- (h) tracksuits (2- piece).

A.3.2.2 Garments covering the lower body only

- (a) trousers, riding breeches, sallopettes
- (b) shorts
- (c) swimwear.

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