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Footwear — Performance requirements for components for footwear — Insoles

1 Scope

This Technical Report establishes the performance requirements for insoles components for footwear (not for the finished footwear), irrespective of the material, in order to assess the suitability for the end use and/or fitness for purpose. It also establishes the test methods to be used to evaluate the compliance with the requirements.

This Technical Report applies to insoles for all kinds of footwear as defined in Clause 3.

This Technical Report is intended to be used as a reference between the manufacturer and the supplier. It is not intended for third party certification.

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 31-0, *Quantities and units — Part 0: General principles*

ISO 17709, *Footwear — Sampling location, preparation and duration of conditioning of samples and test pieces*

EN ISO 19952, *Footwear — Vocabulary*

ISO 20866, *Footwear — Test methods for insoles — Delamination resistance*

ISO 20867, *Footwear — Test methods for insoles — Heel pin holding strength*

ISO 20868, *Footwear — Test methods for insoles — Abrasion resistance*

ISO 20869, *Footwear — Test methods for outsoles, insoles, lining and insoles — Water soluble content*

ISO 20876, *Footwear — Test methods for insoles — Resistance to stitch tear*

ISO 22649, *Footwear — Test methods for insoles and insoles — Water absorption and desorption*

ISO 22651, *Footwear — Test methods for insoles — Dimensional stability*

3 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this document, the terms and definitions given in EN ISO 19952 apply.

4 Requirements

4.1 General

This Technical Report establishes two different types of performance requirement.

The essential requirements shall be taken all into account. The additional ones can be additionally agreed by the component supplier and the footwear manufacturer as indicated in 4.2 to 4.10.

The results of each single analytical determination, as well as the average values, shall be rounded off in accordance with ISO 31-0.

When taken from finished footwear, samples shall be prepared in accordance with ISO 17709.

4.2 Performance requirements for insole components for general-purpose sports footwear

4.2.1 Essential requirements

These essential requirements shall be fulfilled in all cases. See Table 1.

Table 1 — Test methods and properties for general sports footwear — Essential requirements

Test method	Property	Requirement
ISO 20869	Water soluble substances content	$\leq 1,5$ % sulfated ashed water soluble (SAWS) ≤ 16 % total water soluble (TWS)
ISO 20866	Delamination resistance	(Only for non-leather components) Fore part: ≥ 700 kPa dry; ≥ 650 kPa wet Seat part: ≥ 600 kPa dry; ≥ 450 kPa wet
ISO 20868	Abrasion resistance	No surface tearing before 400 cycles (testing not necessary if full sock is used)
ISO 20876	Resistance to stich tear	≥ 140 N This requirement is only applicable for sewn insoles.

4.2.2 Additional requirements

These additional requirements should be agreed by both component supplier and footwear manufacturer. See Table 2.

Table 2 — Test methods and properties for general sports footwear — Additional requirements

Subclause	Test method	Property	Requirement
4.2.2.1	ISO 22651	Dimensional stability	increase in size $\leq 2,0$ % shrinkage $\leq 2,0$ %
4.2.2.2	ISO 22649	Water absorption and desorption	(method B) absorption ≥ 70 mg/cm ² desorption ≥ 60 %

4.3 Performance requirements for insole components for school footwear

4.3.1 Essential requirements

These essential requirements shall be fulfilled in all cases. See Table 3.

Table 3 — Test methods and properties for school footwear — Essential requirements

Test method	Property	Requirement
ISO 20869	Water soluble substances content	$\leq 1,5$ % sulfated ashed water soluble (SAWS) ≤ 16 % total water soluble (TWS)
ISO 20866	Delamination resistance	(Only for non-leather components) Fore part: ≥ 700 kPa dry; ≥ 650 kPa wet Seat part: ≥ 600 kPa dry; ≥ 450 kPa wet
ISO 20867	Heel pin holding strength	≥ 700 N dry ≥ 600 N wet (if it applies)
ISO 20876	Resistance to stitch tear	≥ 140 N This requirement is only applicable for sewn insoles.

4.3.2 Additional requirements

These additional requirements should be agreed by both component supplier and footwear manufacturer. See Table 4.

Table 4 — Test methods and properties for school footwear — Additional requirements

Subclause	Test method	Property	Requirement
4.3.2.1	ISO 20868	Abrasion resistance	No surface tearing before 400 cycles (testing not necessary if full sock is used)
4.3.2.2	ISO 22651	Dimensional stability	increase in size $\leq 2,0$ % shrinkage $\leq 2,0$ %
4.3.2.3	ISO 22649	Water absorption and desorption	(method B) absorption ≥ 70 mg/cm ² desorption ≥ 60 %

4.4 Performance requirements for insole components for casual footwear

4.4.1 Essential requirements

These essential requirements shall be fulfilled in all cases. See Table 5.

Table 5 — Test methods and properties for casual footwear — Essential requirements

Test method	Property	Requirement
ISO 20869	Water soluble substances content	$\leq 1,5$ % sulfated ashed water soluble (SAWS) ≤ 16 % total water soluble (TWS)
ISO 20866	Delamination resistance	(Only for non-leather components) Fore part: ≥ 650 kPa dry; ≥ 550 kPa wet Seat part: ≥ 600 kPa dry; ≥ 450 kPa wet
ISO 20867	Heel pin holding strength	≥ 700 N dry ≥ 600 N wet (if it applies)
ISO 20868	Abrasion resistance	No surface tearing before 400 cycles (testing not necessary if full sock is used)
ISO 20876	Resistance to stitch tear	≥ 140 N This requirement is only applicable for sewn insoles.

4.4.2 Additional requirements

These additional requirements should be agreed by both component supplier and footwear manufacturer. See Table 6.

Table 6 — Test methods and properties for casual footwear — Additional requirements

Subclause	Test method	Property	Requirement
4.4.2.1	ISO 22651	Dimensional stability	increase in size $\leq 2,0$ % shrinkage $\leq 2,0$ %
4.4.2.2	ISO 22649	Water absorption and desorption	(method B) absorption ≥ 70 mg/cm ² desorption ≥ 60 %

4.5 Performance requirements for insole components for men's town footwear

4.5.1 Essential requirements

These essential requirements shall be fulfilled in all cases. See Table 7.

Table 7 — Test methods and properties for men's town footwear — Essential requirements

Test method	Property	Requirement
ISO 20868	Water soluble substances content	$\leq 1,5$ % sulfated ashed water soluble (SAWS) ≤ 16 % total water soluble (TWS)
ISO 22651	Dimensional stability	increase in size $\leq 2,0$ % shrinkage $\leq 2,0$ %
ISO 20876	Resistance to stitch tear	≥ 100 N This requirement is only applicable for sewn insoles.
ISO 20867	Heel pin holding strength	≥ 700 N dry ≥ 600 N wet (if it applies)

4.5.2 Additional requirements

These additional requirements should be agreed by both component supplier and footwear manufacturer. See Table 8.

Table 8 — Test methods and properties for men's town footwear — Additional requirements

Subclause	Test method	Property	Requirement
4.5.2.1	ISO 20866	Delamination resistance	(Only for non-leather components) Fore part: ≥ 500 kPa dry; ≥ 300 kPa wet Seat part: ≥ 500 kPa dry; ≥ 300 kPa wet
4.5.2.2	ISO 20868	Abrasion resistance	No surface tearing before 300 cycles (testing not necessary if full sock is used)
4.5.2.3	ISO 22649	Water absorption and desorption	(method B) absorption ≥ 60 mg/cm ² desorption ≥ 60 %

4.6 Performance requirements for insole components for cold weather footwear

4.6.1 Essential requirements

These essential requirements shall be fulfilled in all cases. See Table 9.

Table 9 — Test methods and properties for cold weather footwear — Essential requirements

Test method	Property	Requirement
ISO 20869	Water soluble substances content	$\leq 1,5$ % sulfated ashed water soluble (SAWS) ≤ 16 % total water soluble (TWS)
ISO 20866	Delamination resistance	(Only for non-leather components) Fore part: ≥ 700 kPa dry; ≥ 650 kPa wet Seat part: ≥ 600 kPa dry; ≥ 450 kPa wet
ISO 20868	Abrasion resistance	No surface tearing before 400 cycles (testing not necessary if full sock is used)
ISO 20867	Heel pin holding strength	≥ 700 N dry ≥ 600 N wet (if it applies)
ISO 20876	Resistance to stitch tear	≥ 140 N This requirement is only applicable for sewn insoles.

4.6.2 Additional requirements

These additional requirements should be agreed by both component supplier and footwear manufacturer. See Table 10.

Table 10 — Test methods and properties for cold weather footwear — Additional requirements

Subclause	Test method	Property	Requirement
4.6.2.1	ISO 22651	Dimensional stability	increase in size $\leq 2,0$ % shrinkage $\leq 2,0$ %
4.6.2.2	ISO 22649	Water absorption and desorption	(method B) absorption ≥ 70 mg/cm ² desorption ≥ 60 %

4.7 Performance requirements for insole components for women's town footwear

4.7.1 Essential requirements

These essential requirements shall be fulfilled in all cases. See Table 11.

Table 11 — Test methods and properties for women's town footwear — Essential requirements

Test method	Property	Requirement
ISO 20869	Water soluble substances content	$\leq 1,5$ % sulfated ashed water soluble (SAWS) ≤ 16 % total water soluble (TWS)
ISO 22651	Dimensional stability	increase in size $\leq 2,0$ % shrinkage $\leq 2,0$ %
ISO 20867	Heel pin holding strength	Heel height, measured vertically at back less than 50 mm ≥ 700 N dry ≥ 600 N wet 50 mm to 74 mm ≥ 900 N dry ≥ 800 N wet 75 mm to 99 mm $\geq 1\,100$ N dry $\geq 1\,000$ N wet 100 mm and over $\geq 1\,300$ N dry $\geq 1\,200$ N wet
ISO 20876	Resistance to stitch tear	≥ 100 N This requirement is only applicable for sewn insoles.

4.7.2 Additional requirements

These additional requirements should be agreed by both component supplier and footwear manufacturer. See Table 12.

Table 12 — Test methods and properties for women's town footwear — Additional requirements

Subclause	Test method	Property	Requirement
4.7.2.1	ISO 20866	Delamination resistance	(Only for non-leather components) Fore part: ≥ 500 kPa dry; ≥ 300 kPa wet Seat part: ≥ 500 kPa dry; ≥ 300 kPa wet
4.7.2.2	ISO 20868	Abrasion resistance	No surface tearing before 300 cycles (testing not necessary if full sock is used)
4.7.2.3	ISO 22649	Water absorption and desorption	(method B) absorption ≥ 60 mg/cm ² desorption ≥ 60 %

4.8 Performance requirements for insole components for fashion footwear

4.8.1 Essential requirements

These essential requirements shall be fulfilled in all cases. See Table 13.

Table 13 — Test methods and properties for fashion footwear — Essential requirements

Test method	Property	Requirement
ISO 20869	Water soluble substances content	$\leq 1,5$ % sulfated ashed water soluble (SAWS) ≤ 16 % total water soluble (TWS)
ISO 20866	Delamination resistance	(Only for non-leather components) Fore part: ≥ 300 kPa dry; ≥ 150 kPa wet Seat part: ≥ 300 kPa dry; ≥ 150 kPa wet
ISO 20867	Heel pin holding strength	Heel height, measured vertically at back less than 50 mm ≥ 700 N dry ≥ 600 N wet 50 mm to 74 mm ≥ 900 N dry ≥ 800 N wet 75 mm to 99 mm $\geq 1\,100$ N dry $\geq 1\,000$ N wet 100 mm and over $\geq 1\,300$ N dry $\geq 1\,200$ N wet
ISO 20876	Resistance to stitch tear	≥ 80 N This requirement is only applicable for sewn insoles.

4.8.2 Additional requirements

These additional requirements should be agreed by both component supplier and footwear manufacturer. See Table 14.

Table 14 — Test methods and properties for fashion footwear — Additional requirements

Subclause	Test method	Property	Requirement
4.8.2.1	ISO 22649	Water absorption and desorption	(method B) absorption ≥ 60 mg/cm ² desorption ≥ 60 %
4.8.2.2	ISO 20868	Abrasion resistance	No surface tearing before 200 cycles (testing not necessary if full sock is used)
4.8.2.3	ISO 22651	Dimensional stability	Increase in size $\leq 2,0$ % shrinkage $\leq 2,0$ %

4.9 Performance requirements for insole components for infants' footwear

4.9.1 Essential requirements

These essential requirements shall be fulfilled in all cases. See Table 15.

Table 15 — Test methods and properties for infants' footwear — Essential requirements

Test method	Property	Requirement
ISO 20869	Water soluble substances content	$\leq 1,5$ % sulphated ashed water soluble (SAWS) ≤ 16 % total water soluble (TWS)
ISO 20866	Delamination resistance	(Only for non-leather components) Fore part: ≥ 300 kPa dry; ≥ 50 kPa wet Seat part: ≥ 300 kPa dry; ≥ 50 kPa wet
ISO 20876	Resistance to stitch tear	≥ 80 N This requirement is only applicable for sewn insoles.
ISO 20867	Heel pin holding strength	≥ 700 N dry ≥ 600 N wet (if it applies)

4.9.2 Additional requirements

These additional requirements should be agreed by both component supplier and footwear manufacturer. See Table 16.

Table 16 — Test methods and properties for infants' footwear — Additional requirements

Subclause	Test Method	Property	Requirement
4.9.2.1	ISO 20868	Abrasion resistance	No surface tearing before 200 cycles (testing not necessary if full sock is used)
4.9.2.2	ISO 22651	Dimensional stability	increase in size $\leq 2,0$ % shrinkage in size $\leq 2,0$ %
4.9.2.3	ISO 22649	Water absorption and desorption	(method B) absorption ≥ 60 mg/cm ² desorption ≥ 60 %

4.10 Performance requirements for insole components for indoor footwear

4.10.1 Essential requirements

These essential requirements shall be fulfilled in all cases. See Table 17.

Table 17 — Test methods and properties for indoor footwear — Essential requirements

Test method	Property	Requirement
ISO 20869	Water soluble substances content	$\leq 1,5$ % sulfated ashed water soluble (SAWS) ≤ 16 % total water soluble (TWS)
ISO 20867	Heel pin holding strength ^a	≥ 700 N dry ≥ 600 N wet (if it applies)
ISO 20868	Abrasion resistance	No surface tearing before 200 cycles (testing not necessary if full sock is used)
ISO 20876	Resistance to stich tear	≥ 60 N This requirement is only applicable for sewn insoles.
^a This requirement is considered essential only for footwear with heels.		

4.10.2 Additional requirements

These additional requirements should be agreed by both component supplier and footwear manufacturer. See Table 18.

Table 18 — Test methods and properties for indoor footwear — Additional requirements

Subclause	Test method	Property	Requirement
4.10.2.1	ISO 22649	Water absorption and desorption	(method B) absorption ≥ 60 mg/cm ² desorption ≥ 60 %
4.10.2.2	ISO 22651	Dimensional stability	increase in size $\leq 2,0$ % shrinkage in size $\leq 2,0$ %

5 Marking and labelling

Marking and labelling is optional.

If reference to this Technical Report is made, only insoles complying with all the essential requirements can be marked. In this case, this shall be clearly marked by the manufacturer either directly on the product or by a label with the following additional information.

- a) The manufacturer's name, trade mark or identification mark.
- b) The type of footwear for which the insole shall be used as indicated in Table 19.
- c) Reference to this Technical Report.
- d) If the component complies, additional requirements agreed between the component supplier and the footwear manufacturer may be specified in the marking or label making reference to the correspondent subclause.

Any reference to compliance with this Technical Report shall not be put in a part of the insole which could be visible when the footwear is finished.

Table 19 — Codes for various types of footwear

Type of footwear	Code
General sports footwear	SP
School footwear	SC
Casual footwear	CS
Men's town footwear	MT
Cold weather footwear	CW
Women's town footwear	WT
Fashion footwear	FS
Infants' footwear	IF
Indoor footwear	IN

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