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## **Foreword**

This document (EN ISO 20349:2010) has been prepared by Technical Committee CEN/TC 161 "Foot and leg protectors", the secretariat of which is held by BSI, in collaboration with Technical Committee ISO/TC 94 "Personal safety - Protective clothing and equipment".

This European Standard shall be given the status of a national standard, either by publication of an identical text or by endorsement, at the latest by June 2011, and conflicting national standards shall be withdrawn at the latest by June 2011.

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For relationship with EU Directive, see informative Annex ZA, which is an integral part of this document.

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### Relationship between this European Standard and the Essential Requirements of EU Directive 89/686/EEC Personal protective equipment

This European Standard has been prepared under a mandate given to CEN by the European Commission and the European Free Trade Association to provide a means of conforming to Essential Requirements of the New Approach Directive 89/686/EEC Personal protective equipment.

Once this standard is cited in the Official Journal of the European Union under that Directive and has been implemented as a national standard in at least one Member State, compliance with the clauses of this standard given in table ZA confers, within the limits of the scope of this standard, a presumption of conformity with the corresponding Essential Requirements of that Directive and associated EFTA regulations.

**Table ZA.1 — Correspondence between this European Standard and Directive 89/686/EEC Personal protective equipment**

Clause(s)/sub-clause(s) of this EN	Essential Requirements (ERs) of Directive 89/686/EEC	Qualifying remarks/Notes
5.2	1.1.1 Ergonomics	
5.2	1.1.2.1 Highest level of protection possible	
5.1	1.2.1 Absence of risks and other inherent nuisance factors	
5.2	1.2.1.2 Satisfactory surface condition of all PPE parts in contact with the user	
5.2	1.2.1.3 Maximum user impediment	
7	1.4 Information supplied by the manufacturer	
6	2.12 PPE bearing one or more identification or recognition marks directly or indirectly relating to health and safety	
5.3, 5.4, 5.5, 5.6 and 5.7	3.6 Protection against heat and/or fire	This ER should be considered partially verified, at least in regard to molten metal (Fe/Al) splashes. Temperature increase (related to thermal capacity) inside the footwear is not determined

**WARNING** — Other requirements and other EU Directives may be applicable to the product(s) falling within the scope of this standard.

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## Foreword

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# Personal protective equipment — Footwear protecting against thermal risks and molten metal splashes as found in foundries and welding — Requirements and test method

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## 1 Scope

This International Standard specifies requirements and test methods for footwear protecting users against thermal risks and molten iron or aluminium metal splashes such as those encountered in foundries, welding and allied process.

Footwear complying with this International Standard 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 11611 and ISO 11612.

## 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 7000:2004, *Graphical symbols for use on equipment — Index and synopsis*

ISO 9185:2007, *Protective clothing — Assessment of resistance of materials to molten metal splash*

ISO 15025:2000, *Protective clothing — Protection against heat and flame — Method of test for limited flame spread*

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

ISO 20344:2004/Amd.1:2007, *Personal protective equipment — Test methods for footwear — Amendment 1*

ISO 20345:2004/Amd.1:2007, *Personal protective equipment — Safety footwear — Amendment 1*

EN 348, *Protective clothing — Test method: Determination of behaviour of materials on impact of small splashes of molten metal*

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

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