

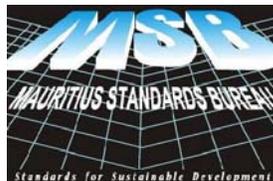
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National Foreword

This Mauritian Standard is identical with the International Standard **ISO 20471:2013**, *High visibility clothing — Test methods and requirements* published by the International Organization for Standardization (ISO). It was adopted by the Mauritius Standards Bureau on the recommendation of the **Textile, Paper and Footwear Standards Committee** and approval of the **Standards Council** on **26 March 2014**. It was notified in the Government Gazette on **03 May 2014***.

For the purposes of this standard the following change should be made:

The words “International Standard” should be replaced by “Mauritian Standard”.

The following Mauritian Standard is identical to the International Standard, which is referenced in the adopted standard:

International Standard

ISO 13688, *Protective clothing — General requirements*

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Corresponding Mauritian Standard

MS ISO 13688, *Protective clothing — General requirements*



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Foreword

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ISO 20471 was prepared by Technical Committee ISO/TC 94, *Personal safety — Protective clothing and equipment*, Subcommittee SC 13, *Protective clothing*.

This corrected version of ISO 20471:2013 incorporates the following correction:

- in the fourth paragraph of subclause 4.1 the requirement concerning the sleeves of a class 3 garment has been corrected.

Introduction

The performance of the conspicuity-enhancing materials to be used for high risk-related visibility clothing is specified photometrically together with minimum areas and placement (design) requirements.

Conspicuity is the property that makes an object readily attract visual attention. This is a particularly important feature in complex environments which have visually competing objects. Conspicuity is determined by an object's luminance contrast, colour contrast, pattern and design, and motion characteristics relative to the ambient background against which it is seen.

Three classes of garment are defined based on three different minimum areas of retroreflective, fluorescent and/or combined performance materials. Each of these classes will provide a different level of conspicuity, class 3 being the class that provides the highest degree of conspicuity against most backgrounds found in urban and rural situations in daylight and in night time. Users should select the required class of performance based on a risk assessment of the location/situation in which the protection afforded by clothing to this International Standard is required.

This International Standard contains requirements relating to risk assessment and risk analysis of high visibility garments. Possible designs illustrating the placement of retroreflective materials are included within the standard. Ergonomic factors such as fit/sizing, comfort, and range of motion of the wearer should be considered when selecting the most appropriate configuration of retroreflective and fluorescent materials within the garment.

Selection and use of high visibility clothing can vary among user countries and may be subject to local regulations. This International Standard contains requirements relating to risk assessment of the condition in which the high visibility clothing is to be used. This will involve consideration of the factors which may affect an observer's ability to detect that a person is present. The observer needs both to perceive and to recognize the wearer and then needs to be able to take appropriate avoidance action. The wearing of a conspicuity-enhancing high visibility garment does not guarantee that the wearer will be visible under all conditions.

The minimum requirements given within this International Standard are determined by the specific test methods and their assigned measuring values. The tests are partly performed on new materials and partly on preconditioned materials. By preconditioning (e.g. folding of retroreflective material) a load of the materials is simulated. However, it should be noted that laboratory testing may not represent real life conditions. The conspicuity performance of a garment will depend on usage (e.g. dirt, solar irradiation), care (e.g. cleaning agent, repair), storage (e.g. dust-free, lightproof), etc.

PREVIEW

High visibility clothing — Test methods and requirements

1 Scope

This International Standard specifies requirements for high visibility clothing which is capable of visually signalling the user's presence. The high visibility clothing is intended to provide conspicuity of the wearer in any light condition when viewed by operators of vehicles or other mechanized equipment during daylight conditions and under illumination of headlights in the dark. For further information concerning risk situations, see [Annex A](#).

This International Standard is not applicable to medium-risk and low-risk situations.

Performance requirements are included for colour and retroreflection as well as for the minimum areas and for the placement of the materials in protective clothing.

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 105-A02, *Textiles — Tests for colour fastness — Part A02: Grey scale for assessing change in colour*

ISO 105-A03, *Textiles — Tests for colour fastness — Part A03: Grey scale for assessing staining*

ISO 105-B02:1994, *Textiles — Tests for colour fastness — Part B02: Colour fastness to artificial light: Xenon arc fading lamp test*

ISO 105-C06, *Textiles — Tests for colour fastness — Part C06: Colour fastness to domestic and commercial laundering*

ISO 105-D01, *Textiles — Tests for colour fastness — Part D01: Colour fastness to drycleaning using perchloroethylene solvent*

ISO 105-E04, *Textiles — Tests for colour fastness — Part E04: Colour fastness to perspiration — Part E04: Colour fastness to perspiration*

ISO 105-N01, *Textiles — Tests for colour fastness — Part N01: Colour fastness to bleaching: Hypochlorite — Tests for colour fastness — Part N01: Colour fastness to bleaching: Hypochlorite*

ISO 105-X11, *Textiles — Tests for colour fastness — Part X11: Colour fastness to hot pressing — Tests for colour fastness — Part X11: Colour fastness to hot pressing*

ISO 105-X12, *Textiles — Tests for colour fastness — Part X12: Colour fastness to rubbing*

ISO 1421:1998, *Rubber- or plastics-coated fabrics — Determination of tensile strength and elongation at break*

ISO 4674-1:2003, *Rubber- or plastics-coated fabrics — Determination of tear resistance — Part 1: Constant rate of tear methods*

ISO 4675, *Rubber- or plastics-coated fabrics — Low-temperature bend test*

ISO 7854:1995, *Rubber- or plastics-coated fabrics — Determination of resistance to damage by flexing*

ISO 11092, *Textiles — Physiological effects — Measurement of thermal and water-vapour resistance under steady-state conditions (sweating guarded-hotplate test)*