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This document was prepared by Technical Committee ISO/TC 94, *Personal safety — Personal protective equipment*, Subcommittee SC 3, *Foot protection*, in collaboration with the European Committee for Standardization (CEN) Technical Committee CEN/TC 161, *Foot and leg protectors*, in accordance with the Agreement on technical cooperation between ISO and CEN (Vienna Agreement).

This second edition cancels and replaces the first edition (ISO 22568-4:2019), which has been technically revised

The main changes are as follows:

- [Table 2](#), changes in the type names from X and Y to PL and PS, new requirements (“tent effect” and minimum value of 950 N);
- new nail, see [Figure B.1](#) (conical shape instead of pyramidal);
- new definition in [3.2](#);
- [Figure B.3](#) new dimension of the nail;
- Annex C and the reference material have been deleted.

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## Introduction

ISO 20345, ISO 20346 and ISO 20347 are related to safety, protective and occupational footwear which define the performance and required properties of the footwear. On introducing these standards all national standards relating to perforation resistant inserts were withdrawn leaving the manufacturers of these items with no means of demonstrating the performance of their products. This document has been prepared to allow manufacturers to demonstrate the type of the perforation resistant inserts before being inserted into the footwear.

Non-metallic perforation resistant inserts and materials complying with the requirements of this document are suitable components of "PPE footwear".

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## Part 4: Non-metallic perforation resistant inserts

### 1 Scope

This document specifies requirements and test methods for the non-metallic inserts with resistance against mechanical perforation, intended to function as components of PPE footwear (e.g. as described by ISO 20345, ISO 20346 and ISO 20347).

### 2 Normative references

The following documents are referred to in the text in such a way that some or all of their content constitutes requirements 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-E04:2013, *Textiles — Tests for colour fastness — Part E04: Colour fastness to perspiration*

ISO 20344, *Personal protective equipment — Test methods for footwear*

ISO 20345, *Personal protective equipment — Safety footwear*

ISO 20346, *Personal protective equipment — Protective footwear*

ISO 20347, *Personal protective equipment — Occupational footwear*

### 3 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this document, the terms and definitions given in ISO 20345, ISO 20346 and ISO 20347 and the following apply.

ISO and IEC maintain terminological databases for use in standardization at the following addresses:

- ISO Online browsing platform: available at <https://www.iso.org/obp>
- IEC Electropedia: available at <https://www.electropedia.org/>

#### 3.1

##### **non-metallic perforation resistant insert**

non-metallic footwear component placed (or intended to be placed) in the sole complex or used as an insole simultaneously in order to provide protection against perforation

#### 3.2

##### **“tent effect”**

separation between the layers of the test piece during the testing procedure, some layers are perforated other not giving, the aspect of the tent to the test piece

Note 1 to entry: The procedure is given in [Annex A](#).