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Part 3 Clothing**

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The Committee has reviewed the provisions of the following International Standards referred in this adopted standard and has decided that these are acceptable for use in conjunction with this standard:

<i>International Standard</i>	<i>Title</i>
ISO 15384	Protective clothing for firefighters — Laboratory test methods and performance requirements for wildland firefighting clothing
ISO 16073-2	Wildland firefighting personal protective equipment — Requirements and test methods — Part 2: Compatibility
ISO/TR 19591	Personal protective equipment for firefighters — Standard terms and definitions

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Introduction

Wildland firefighting involves work primarily in summer temperatures, for many hours in which the firefighter may develop high levels of metabolic heat. Loose-fitting clothing is as important as the fire resistance of materials in preventing serious burn injury. Clothing that is tight-fitting poses a danger to the wildland firefighter from radiant heat and heat stress, while, at the same time, diminishing the firefighter's ability to perform. Consequently, the protective clothing should be light, flexible and commensurate with the risks to which the firefighter may be exposed in order to be effective without introducing heat stress to the wearer.

Accordingly, a risk assessment (see ISO 21808) should be undertaken to determine if the clothing covered by this document is suitable for its intended use and the expected exposure. This document does not cover clothing for use in higher risk situations, where clothing complying with ISO 11999-3 (structural firefighting) or even ISO 15538 (firefighting with reflective outer surface), is more suitable, nor does this document cover clothing to protect against chemical, biological, electrical or radiation hazards. This document does not cover risk related to rescue operations that are covered in ISO 18639-3.

The risk assessment should include what additional personal protective equipment is necessary for the head, hand and feet. In some situations, respiratory protection may also be required.

Firefighters should be trained in the use, care and maintenance of the protective clothing covered by this document, including an understanding of its limitation.

The purpose of this document is to provide minimum performance requirements for protective clothing designed for use for extended periods during wildland firefighting activities. The minimum performance requirements and methods of test for personal protective equipment (PPE) covering the head, hands, feet, eyes and ears for wildland firefighting are covered in other parts of ISO 16073.

Indian Standard

WILDLAND FIREFIGHTING PERSONAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT — REQUIREMENTS AND TEST METHODS

PART 3 CLOTHING

1 Scope

This document specifies test methods and minimum performance requirements for personal protective clothing, designed to protect the wearer's body, except for the head, hands, and feet, that is worn during wildland firefighting and associated activities. This clothing is not intended to provide protection during fire entrapment. This document covers the general design of the garment, the minimum level of performance for the materials employed and the methods of test to determine these levels.

This document is not applicable to clothing for use in situations encountered in structural firefighting (ISO 11999-3), rescue (ISO 18639-3) or where a high level of infrared radiation is expected (ISO 15538), nor does this document cover clothing to protect against chemical, biological, electrical or radiation hazards. This document does not provide protection against high mechanical risks such as for protection when using chain saws.

NOTE For information on test methods, minimum performance requirements and general design refer to ISO 15384.

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 15384, *Protective clothing for firefighters — Laboratory test methods and performance requirements for wildland firefighting clothing*

ISO 16073-2, *Wildland firefighting personal protective equipment — Requirements and test methods — Part 2: Compatibility*

ISO/TR 19591, *Personal protective equipment for firefighters — Standard terms and definitions*

3 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this document, the terms and definitions in ISO/TR 19591 apply.

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

4 Clothing

4.1 The clothing shall comply with the test methods and minimum performance requirements given in ISO 15384.

4.2 The clothing may be required to interface with other items of items of PPE used for wildland firefighting. Compatible items of PPE shall meet the relevant requirements given in ISO 16073-2 thereby showing that they fit together and function together.

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