

## **IS 15298 (Part 3): 2019 – Personal Protective Equipment for Occupational Footwear**

IS 15298 (Part 3): 2019 outlines standards for occupational footwear, a category of personal protective equipment (PPE) designed to provide protection and comfort for workers across various industries, such as manufacturing, construction, and healthcare. This standard covers footwear that shields users from workplace hazards like slippery surfaces, moderate impact, and other general risks, supporting safety without requiring the heavy-duty protection found in safety footwear for more extreme conditions.

Consumers expect good-quality occupational footwear to be comfortable, durable, and provide essential protective features. Important qualities include **slip resistance** to reduce the risk of falls, **shock absorption** to minimize foot fatigue, and **breathable, durable materials** to ensure comfort and longevity in demanding environments. Consumers also look for well-fitting, lightweight shoes that can withstand daily use.

IS 15298 (Part 3): 2019 addresses these consumer needs by setting standards that ensure occupational footwear meets basic safety and comfort expectations. The standard specifies **slip resistance requirements** for improved safety on wet or oily surfaces and **shock absorption criteria** to support foot health during long shifts. Additionally, it mandates the use of durable and comfortable materials, ensuring the footwear remains effective and wearable in challenging environments.

The DPIIT Quality Control Order mandates that all Occupational Footwears manufactured, or imported in India **shall comply with IS 15298 Part 3: 2019** and display the BIS Standard Mark.

**By following IS 15298 (Part 3): 2019, manufacturers provide occupational footwear that meets consumers' expectations for quality, comfort, and protection in a range of workplace settings.**