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Question: There is no minimum height defined for design A in table 7 of EN ISO 20345/20346 and table 5 of EN ISO 20347 What test shall be done on what material?			
Solution: EN20345- 20347 the procedures for testing of materials is fixed more detailed than in the former standards EN 345-347. In table 7 of EN 20345 the procedure which materials have to be tested is fixed by a border in relation to the shoe size. Unfortunately design A is not described in this table. Regarding the procedure at shoes with applications and collars two possibilities are in the discussion to interpret the missing of the design A. - At shoes design A all parts of the upper have to be tested without limitations This is a tightening of the test for shoes with design A in comparison with shoes of design B. This is in our opinion not desired and also not wise. - The requirements for design B are also valid for design A Based on different shoes of design A with this procedure every material application and also nearly all collars has to be tested regarding the upper requirements of the EN 20345. This is also a tightening of the test for shoes with design A in comparison of design B. The German notified Bodies discussed this topic in their last meeting. All members agreed that the procedure has to be fixed regarding design A and both possibilities with tightening the requirements for design A in comparison to design B is not suitable. Nevertheless it was generally agreed that material applications are necessary for the shoe manufacturers to increase the acceptance of safety shoes; provided that these applications do not affect the safety and the protection of the wearer After the discussion the German notified Bodies agreed with the following proposal: For the design A the limit until all materials have to fulfil the upper requirements are the values for design B of Table 7 less 20 mm.			
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(1) Essential safety requirement
(2) HC = horizontal committee

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