



AMENDMENTS TO AS/NZS 4602.1:2011

Background

AS/NZS 4602.1:2011 is a joint Australian and New Zealand standard covering high visibility safety garments. The Standard outlines the strict design requirements of such garments and also refers to another standard (AS/NZS 1906.4:2010) for the specification of materials that are used in the garments. Recent changes (November 2016) have been made to AS/NZS4602.1:2011 which impact manufacturing requirements for compliance. Manufacturers of high-visibility garments need to be familiar with these amendments to ensure future compliance.

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List of Amendments

- The garment tested has to be one that will fit chest size 100 – 105 cm. This design shall remain consistent throughout the size range, increasing or decreasing proportionately with the design integrity.
- Section 6.4.5 (dispensation for small garments) has been deleted because of the above amendment.
- The waist and the hoop band have been defined as 530 ± 20 mm. This means that when testing we can use this definition for locating the waist for the purpose of measurement. NZWTA will use 550 mm and state this on the test report. Alternatively as per the standard, when there is a discontinuity of the background material we will set our bottom line at that point.
- The elbow has been defined as a point no more than 400 mm below the highest shoulder point to the seam.
- The underarm point is defined and in the case of batwing sleeves the junction point is 300mm below the highest shoulder point vertically to the side seam.
- The use of non- fluorescent background material has been clarified. Materials capable of accepting fluorescent dye cannot be classed as non- fluorescent. It applies to garments made from natural fibres.
- The top horizontal line for measurement has been more clearly defined as the highest point at the shoulder and Figure 1 has been redrawn to reflect this.
- Contrasting thread for functional or structural seam purpose is now stated as being allowable.
- Figures 2 and 3 showing tape placement have been redrawn and are now easier to follow. Extra dimensions have been added.
- The RF tape has to be at least 50mm (NZ) or at least 25 mm wide (Australia) - previously they were 50 ± 1 mm and 25 ± 1 mm.
- It is recommended that the size should include the intended wearer's body chest measurement in the sewn-in permanent label.
- Appendix A has been updated (taking out the small size instruction), with clearer diagrams.
- The test report has to include the chest measurement taken 300 mm vertically below the highest shoulder point and any size information on the garment.
- Appendix C has a new paragraph that refers to the risk assessment that should be conducted if overlays or patches are added post manufacture.

Testing Requirements

As the garment to be tested has to fit chest size 100-105cm, we can no longer test the same garment for AS/NZS4602.1 and TTMC-W (NZTA COPTTM). **Please ensure you send two garments if you require compliance testing to both standards.**



The NZTA COPTTM has been reviewed by a Technical Note to W17 requirements. Check our website for future updates or for further information, contact NZWTA Ltd on: