2026 InterLaboratory Comparison Schedule

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	26-060	Wetsuits, Thermal resistance, EN 14225-1, §5.4.3 / Annex A												
	26-173	Buoyancy compensators, Buoyancy test, EN 1809												
	26-159	Lifejackets, Measurement of freeboard, ISO 12402-9												
Clothing	26-001	Dimensional change due to INDUSTRIAL washing and drying, ISO 13688 / 15797 / 5077												
	26-002	Surgical, Water penetration, Hydrostatic test, EN 13795-1 / ISO 811												
	26-003	Molten metal splash, ISO 9150:1998												
	26-016	Liquid permeation, ISO 6529												
	26-017	Determination of antibacterial activity, ISO 20743												
	26-018	Trapezoidal tear resistance, EN 14325, §4.7 / ISO 9073-4												
	26-032	Flammability of textiles, 16 CFR Part 1610												
	26-033	Liquid particle repellency, retention and penetration, ISO 22608												
	26-046	Electrostatic properties, Surface resistivity, EN 1149-1												
	26-047	Surgical, Dry microbial penetration, EN 13795-1 / ISO 22612												
	26-048	Tensile strength, EN 14325, §4.5 / ISO 13934-1												
	26-061	Chemical, Spray test, ISO 17491-4												
	26-062	Dimensional change due to DOMESTIC washing and drying, ISO 13688 / 6330 / 5077												
	26-063	Determination of pH of aqueous extract, ISO 3071												
	26-074	Abrasion resistance, EN 14325, §4.4 / ISO 12947-2												
	26-088	Molten metal splash, ISO 9185												
	26-075	Surgical, Wet bacterial penetration, EN 13795-1 / ISO 22610												
	26-076	High visibility Retroreflectivity, ISO 20471, §6.1												
	26-089	Seam strength EN 14325, §5.5 / EN 13935-2												
	26-094	Cut resistance, ISO 13997:1999 - *Also Hand*												
	26-102	Electrostatic properties, Resistance through a material, EN 1149-2												
	26-103	Surgical, Particle release, EN 13795-1 / ISO 9073-10												
	26-116	Liquid penetration, ISO 6530												
	26-117	Surgical, Wet microbial penetration, EN 13795-1 / ISO 22610												
	26-118	Chemical, Jet test, ISO 17491-3												
	26-130	Puncture resistance, EN 14325, §4.10 / EN 863												
	26-138	Cut resistance, ISO 13997:2023 / 2024 - *Also Hand*												
	26-145	Fire fighters, Radiant heat, EN 469												
	26-146	Surgical, Tensile strength, EN 13795-1 / EN 29073-3												
	26-158	Protective suits, Inward leakage of aerosols of fine particles, ISO 13982-2 - *Also Respiratory*												
	26-160	High visibility, Chromaticity and Luminescence, ISO 20471, §5.1/5.2												
	26-161	Flexc cracking resistance, EN 14325, §4.5												
Eye and Face	26-004	Wide angle scattered light / Haze, ISO 12311 / ISO 18526-2 / ANSI Z87.1												
	26-005	Resistance to fogging, EN 168 / ISO 18526-2 / ANSI Z87.1												
	26-019	Protection against large dust particles, EN 168 / ISO 18526-3 / ANSI Z87.1												
	26-034	Photochromic performance, ISO 18526-2 / ANSI Z80.3												
	26-049	Refractive powers, ISO 18526-1 / ANSI Z80.3												
	26-064	High velocity impact, ANSI Z87.1												
	26-077	Transmittance (UV/Vis/IR), ANSI Z87.1 / ISO 18526-2												
	26-090	Refractive powers, ANSI Z87.1												
	26-104	Resistance to surface damage by fine/flying particles, EN 168 / ISO 18526-3												
	26-119	Polarizing sunglasses, Polarizing efficiency, ISO 12311:2013, §7.10.2 / ISO 18526-2, §15.2												
	26-131	Resistance to high-speed particles / Ballistics impact, EN 168 / ISO 18526-3												
	26-132	Light diffusion / Narrow angle scattered light, EN 167 / ISO 18526-2												
	26-147	Luminous transmittance, EN 167 / ISO 18526-2 / ANSI Z87.1												
	26-148	Resistance to artificial ultraviolet radiation, EN 168 / ISO 18526-3, §6.8.3												
	26-162	Polarizing sunglasses, Polarizing axis/plane of transmission, ANSI Z80.3, §4.13 / ISO 18526-2, §15.1												
	26-163	Resistance to solar ultraviolet radiation, ANSI Z80.3, §5.9 / ISO 18526-3, §6.8.2												
Fall	26-006	Full body harness, Dynamic feet first drop test, ANSI Z359.11												
	26-020	Energy absorber, Dynamic performance, EN 355												
	26-035	Retractable fall arresters, Dynamic performance, EN 360												
	26-050	Kernmantel rope, Peak force and dynamic performance, EN 1891												
	26-065	Adjustable lanyard, Static and dynamic slippage, EN 358												
	26-078	Corrosion, Salt spray, ISO 9227 / ASTM B117 / ANSI Z359.12												
	26-091	Fall arrester, Dynamic performance, EN 353-2												
	26-105	Energy absorber, Dynamic performance, ANSI Z359.13												
	26-120	Dynamic mountaineering rope, Dynamic elongation and peak force, EN 892												
	26-133	Adjustable lanyard, Static and dynamic slippage, ANSI Z359.3												
	26-134	Mountaineering connectors, Static strength, EN 12275												
	26-149	Fall arrester, Dynamic performance, ANSI Z359.15												
	26-150	Full body harness, Dynamic performance, EN 361												
	26-164	Self retracting device, Dynamic performance, ANSI Z359.14, §4.3												
Foot and Leg	26-013	Boots, Impact cut resistance, EN 13634, §4.4.5 - *Also Motorcyclists*												
	26-007	Metatarsal impact resistance, ASTM F2412-2e, §7												
	26-008	Electrical resistance, ISO 20344, §5.13												
	26-021	Slip resistance, ISO 20344, §5.14												
	26-022	Water vapor characteristics, ISO 20344, §6.6/6.7/6.8												
	26-036	Electrical conductivity, ASTM F2412-2e, §8												
	26-037	Compression resistance of the toecaps, ISO 20344, §5.5												
	26-038	Ankle protection, ISO 20344, §5.22												
	26-051	Perforation resistance of the sole, ISO 20344, §5.9/§5.10												
	26-052	Water absorption and desorption of insock, ISO 20344, §7.2												
	26-053	Impact resistance of the toe area, ASTM F2412-2e, §5												
	26-066	Upper/outsole and side inserted heel strength, ISO 20344, §5.2												
	26-067	Perforation inserts (non-metallic), Resistance to nail perforation, ISO 22568-4, Annex A or B												
	26-079	Energy absorption of the seat region, ISO 20344, §5.17												
	26-080	Puncture resistance, ASTM F2413-24, §11												
	26-092	Impact resistance of the toecaps, ISO 20344, §5.4												
	26-093	Water penetration and water absorption for upper, ISO 20344, §6.13												
	26-106	Abrasion resistance of the outsole, ISO 20344, §5.4												
	26-107	Toecaps, Impact resistance, ISO 22568-1, §5.3												
	26-108	Electric hazard resistance, ASTM F2412-2e, §9												
	26-121	Water resistance of the whole ISO 20344, §5.19												
	26-122	Flexing resistance of outsole, ISO 20344, §8.6												
	26-135	Toe compression resistance, ASTM F2412-2e, §6												
	26-136	Insulation against cold, ISO 20344, §5.16												
	26-137	Insulation against heat, ISO 20344, §5.15												
	26-151	Perforation inserts (metallic), Resistance to nail perforation, ISO 22568-3, §5.1												
	26-152	Outsole resistance to hot contact, ISO 20344, §8.9												
	26-153	Static-dissipative footwear performance, ASTM F2412-2e, §10												
	26-166	Toecaps, Compression resistance, ISO 22568-1, §5.4												
	26-167	Knee protectors, Impact test, EN 14404-1, §4.6												
Hand and Arm	26-009	Abrasion resistance, ANSI 105, §5.1.4 / ASTM D3389 / D3884												
	26-010	Thermal risks, Limited flame spread, EN 407, §6.2												
	26-023	Puncture resistance, ANSI 105, §6.1.2 / EN 388												
	26-024	Medical gloves, Force at break, EN 455-2 / ASTM D412												
	26-039	Liquid penetration, ISO 374-2												
	26-040	Thermal performance, Heat transfer, EN 407, §6.3/6.4/6.5												
	26-054	Liquid permeation, EN 16523-1												
	26-068	Abrasion resistance, EN 388 / ISO 23388, §6.1												
	26-081	Tear resistance, EN 388 / ISO 23388, §6.4												
	26-082	Blade cut resistance, EN 388 / ISO 23388, §6.2												
	26-094	Cut resistance, ISO 13997:1999 / EN 388 / ISO 23388, §6.3 - *Also Clothing*												
	26-095	Puncture resistance, EN 388 / ISO 23388, §6.5												
	26-099	Impact abrasion resistance, EN 13594, §6.8 - *Also Motorcyclists*												
	26-109	Electrically insulating AC proof test, ASTM F496 / D120 - Class 0												
	26-110	Electrically insulating AC proof test, ASTM F496 / D120 - Class 2												
	26-123	Impact resistance, EN 388 / ISO 23388, §6.6												
	26-138	Cut resistance, ISO 13997:2023 / 2024 - *Also Clothing*												
	26-139	Electrically insulating, AC Proof test, IEC 60903												
	26-153	Degradation by chemicals, ISO 374-4												
	26-168	Cut resistance, ANSI 105, §6.1.3 / ASTM F2992												
	26-171	Impact abrasion resistance, Reference canvas only, EN 13594, §6.8 - *Also Motorcyclists*												
Head	26-011	Equestrian helmets, Shock absorption, EN 1384												
	26-025	Mountaineering helmets, Retention system strength, EN 12492												
	26-026	Industrial helmets, Shock absorption, EN 397												
	26-041	Equestrian helmets, Retention system, Dynamic loading, ASTM F1163												
	26-055	Industrial helmets, Force transmission, ANSI Z89.1												
	26-069	Equestrian helmets, Retention system strength, EN 1384												
	26-083	Helmets, Shock absorption / Impact attenuation, Accelerometer method using an MEP							S					
	26-174	Industrial bump caps, Force transmission, ANSI 100-2024												
	26-096	Electrically insulating helmets for use on low and medium voltage installations, EN 50365												
	26-097	Cyclists helmets, Retention system strength, EN 1078												
	26-111	Industrial helmets, Lateral deformation, EN 397												
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	26-124	Industrial helmets, Impact energy attenuation, ANSI Z89.1												
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	26-154	Industrial helmets, Electrical insulation, ANSI Z89.1												
	26-155	Cyclists helmets, Shock absorption, EN 1078												
	26-169	Industrial helmets, Retention system strength, EN 397												
	26-175	Helmets, Triaxial accelerometer method for impact attenuation using an MEP												
Hearing	26-012	Earplugs, Real-ear attenuation, ANSI S12.6												
	26-027	Earplugs, Attenuation, EN 13819-2												
	26-042	Headband earmuffs, Headband force and cushion pressure, EN 13819-1												
	26-056	Headband earmuffs, Insertion loss, EN 13819-2				S								
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	26-126	Headband earmuffs, Real-ear attenuation, ANSI S12.6												
	26-141	Headband earplugs, Attenuation, EN 13819-2												
Motorcyclist	26-013	Boots, Impact cut resistance, EN 13634, §4.4.5 - *Also Footwear*												
	26-028	Visors, Transmittance (luminous and spectral), UNECE Reg 22.06, §7.8.3.2.1.1												
	26-043	Garments, Impact abrasion resistance (Darmstadt method), EN 17092-1												
	26-057	Back protectors, Impact attenuation, EN 1621-2, §5.1												
	26-071	Visors, Light diffusion before & after abrasion, EN 1938 / UNECE Reg 22.06, Annex 10 & 11												
	26-085	Boots, Impact energy protection of ankle & shin, EN 13634, §6.2												
	26-099	Gloves, Impact abrasion resistance, EN 13594, §6.8												
	26-127	Limb joint protectors, Impact attenuation, EN 1621-1, §6.3												
	26-142	Garments, Tear strength, EN 17092												
	26-170	Gloves, Impact abrasion resistance, Reference canvas only, EN 13594, §6.8 - *Also Hand*												
Respiratory	26-014	Medical face masks, Particulate filtration efficiency, ASTM F2100 / F3502												
	26-015	Liquid particle/filter penetration using encapsulated filters, EN 143 / EN 14387 / EN 13274-7												
	26-029	Filtering half masks, Breathing resistance, EN 149												
	26-030	Gas filter (type B), EN 14387 / ISO 10800-4												
	26-044	Filtering half masks, Total inward leakage, EN 149												
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	26-058	Filtering half masks, Flammability, EN 149												
	26-059	Particulate filter efficiency, Sodium chloride, NIOSH STP-0059												
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	26-073	Medical face masks, Breathability, ASTM F2100 / EN 14683, Annex C												
	26-086	Carbon dioxide content of inhalation air, using a breather standard							S					
	26-087	Filtering half masks, Solid particle penetration, Sodium chloride aerosol, EN 13274-7 / EN 149												
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	26-115	Gas filter capacity (Type A/2/K), EN 14387 / ISO 16900-4												
	26-128	Medical face masks, Bioburden, EN 14683, Annex D / ISO 11737-1												
	26-129	Filtering half masks, Carbon dioxide content of the inhalation air, ISO 16900-9 / EN 149, §8.7												
	26-143	Filtering half masks, Liquid particle penetration, Paraffin oil aerosol, EN 13274-7 / EN 149												
	26-144	Breathing resistance of encapsulated filters, EN 143 / EN 14387 / EN 13274-3												
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	26-157	Medical face masks, Resistance against penetration by synthetic blood, EN 14683 / ISO 22609												
	26-158	Protective suits, Inward leakage of aerosols of fine particles, ISO 13982-2 - *Also Clothing*												
	26-171	Full face masks, Field of vision, EN 136												
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LEGEND

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