

## USER INSTRUCTION



**SONTEX WELDPPOWER®**

Jacket art. no. 10 003, Trousers art. no. 11 003, Bib Trousers art. no. 12 003

### 1. Manufacturer

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Notified Body – NB 0555  
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### 3. Composition

Fabric : 99% Cotton, 1% Antistatic.

The assessments were made on the basis of regulation EU 2016/425.

The PPE is used in the following workplaces, among others: in the steel processing industry and in factories where people need to be protected from high temperatures and electrostatic charge.

If the PPE is not worn during activities in the above-mentioned workplaces, this can lead to health hazards such as burns and electrostatic charging.

PPE protects against risks that are covered by the underlying standards.

In order to provide the specified level of protection, it is necessary that both parts of the garment are always worn together:  
Jacket 10 003 with waistband trousers 11 003 or bib trousers 12 003 must always be worn in combination.

The protective clothing must be worn closed!

The CE marking on the product is the external sign that a product complies with the applicable requirements of the European Union. By marking the product with the CE mark, the manufacturer confirms under his own responsibility that his product fulfils all the conditions required by law for CE marking.



### 4. EN ISO 11612:2015 Protective clothing to protect against heat and flames



| Code | Inspection                             | Test Norm                 | Performance Level | lowest | highest |
|------|----------------------------------------|---------------------------|-------------------|--------|---------|
| A    | limited flame spread                   | EN ISO 15025              |                   |        |         |
|      | face ignition                          | method A                  | Code A1           |        |         |
|      | edge ignition                          | method B                  | Code A2           |        |         |
| B    | convective heat                        | EN ISO 9151               |                   | B1     | B3      |
| C    | radiant heat                           | EN ISO 6942               |                   | C1     | C4      |
|      |                                        | $q_0 = 20 \text{ kW/m}^2$ |                   |        |         |
| D    | liquid aluminium splash                | EN ISO 9185               |                   | D1     | D3      |
| E    | molten iron splash                     | EN ISO 9185               |                   | E1     | E3      |
| F    | contact heat $T_c = 250^\circ\text{C}$ | EN ISO 12127-1            |                   | F1     | F3      |

**WARNING:** The clothing is not designed for continuous flex applications.  
In addition, a leather apron should be worn for continuous flex applications.  
The wearer bears full responsibility as a last resort!

In the event of chemical or flammable liquids on clothing covered by this International Standard, the wearer should immediately withdraw and carefully remove the garments to ensure that the chemical or liquid does not come into contact with any part of the skin. The clothing should then be cleaned or disposed of.

Should exposure to splashes of molten metal occur, leave the workplace immediately and remove the garment. Molten metal splashes can cause burns if the garment is worn next to the skin.

### 5. EN ISO 11611:2015 Protective clothing for use in welding and allied processes



This protective clothing provides protection against the dangers during welding operations, e.g. by exposure of radiant heat and small molten metal spatter. Depending on the type of welding work, this protective clothing is divided into two classes:

| Inspection test                             | Test method               | Lowest class<br>Class 1 | Highest Class<br>Class 2 |
|---------------------------------------------|---------------------------|-------------------------|--------------------------|
| Small hot metal drops after pre-treatment   | ISO 9150                  | $\geq 15$ drops         | $\geq 25$ drops          |
| Heat transfer radiation after pre-treatment | EN ISO 6942               | $RHTI \geq 7s$          | $RHTI \geq 16s$          |
|                                             | $q_0 = 20 \text{ kW/m}^2$ |                         |                          |

Class 1: is foreseen for manual welding machines with slight formation of spatters and drops e.g. gas welding, TIG welding, MIG welding, micro plasma welding, brazing, spot welding, MMA welding and for the operation of machines of oxygen cutting machines, plasma cutting machines, resistance welding machine, machines for thermal spraying and bench welding.

Class 2: is for manual welding techniques with heavy formation of spatters and drops e.g. MMA welding, MAG Welding, MIG welding, self-shielded flux cored arc welding, plasma cutting, gouging, oxygen cutting, thermal spraying and for operation of machined e.g. in confined spaces, for overhead welding/cutting or in comparable constrained positions.

For operational reasons, all welding voltage carrying parts of the arc welding equipment are not protected against direct contact.

The garments are designed to provide protection against short term, accidental contact with live electric conductors at voltages up to approximately 100 V d.c. Additional partial body protection may be required, e.g. for welding overhead. If users experience sunburn-like symptoms, UVB is penetrating. In either case, the garment should be repaired (if practicable) or replaced and consideration given to the use of additional, more resistant, protective layers in future.

Additional layers of electrical insulation are required for arc welding!

The level of protection against flame is reduced when clothing is contaminated with flammable materials!

The electrical insulation of clothing is reduced when the clothes are wet, dirty or sweaty.

An increase in the oxygen content of the air considerably reduces the flame protection of the protective clothing. Care must be taken when welding in confined spaces, e.g. if it is possible for the atmosphere to be enriched with oxygen.

The welding protective clothing must be cleaned at regular intervals and in accordance with the manufacturer's recommendations. After cleaning, the clothing must be visually inspected for signs of damage.



## 6. EN 1149-5:2018 Protective clothing - Electrostatic properties

### Part 5: Material performance and design requirements

The person wearing the electrostatic dissipative protective clothing must be properly earthed. The electrical resistance between the person and the earth shall be less than  $10^8 \Omega$ , e.g. by wearing adequate footwear.

Electrostatic dissipative protective clothing shall not be opened or removed in presence of flammable or explosive atmospheres or while handling flammable or explosive substances.

#### WARNING

To ensure that the wearer of the protective clothing is protected, the clothing must be worn closed. Also the press button on the cuffs must always be closed. The zipper and snaps close completely. Contamination may affect the electrostatic properties. Therefore, any residue on the clothing must be removed and the clothing must be washed if necessary.

Electrostatic dissipative protective clothing shall not be used in oxygen enriched atmospheres or in zone 0 without prior approval of the responsible safety engineer;

The electrostatic dissipative performance of the electrostatic dissipative protective clothing can be affected by wear and tear, laundering and possible contamination;

Electrostatic dissipative protective clothing shall permanently cover all non-compliant materials during normal operation (including bending and movements).

The garment is intended to be worn in Zones 1, 2, 20, 21 and 22 (see EN 60079-10-1 and EN 60079-10-2) in which the minimum ignition energy of any explosive atmosphere is not less than 0,016 mJ.

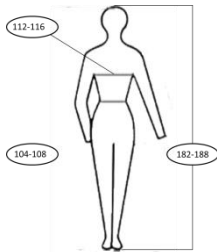
This garment does not provide protection in potentially explosive atmospheres.

The tests were carried out after 5 cleaning cycles.

## 7. EN ISO 13688:2013 + A1:2021 Protective clothing - General requirements

Size range: 44 46 48 50 52 54 56 58 60 62 64 94 98 102 106 110

The body measurements in cm corresponding to each size are shown on the clothing label as shown below.



## 8. Washing and care instructions



Meaning of the symbols:



Machine wash at max. 60°C



Do not bleach



Dry at a low temperature (60°C)



Ironing up to 150°C



Dry cleaning with perchloroethylene

## 9. Instructions for use

Check the garment for wear and tear before wearing it. In case the garment shows signs of wear and tear, have the garment repaired or discarded. Repairs to the clothing must be performed by professionals and with identical materials.

The garment does not provide protection for head, hands and feet. You will need additional protective equipment for full protection.

The garment does not cause any allergies or cancer. There is no impairment in reproduction.

The clothing should be stored dry and dark.

The protection levels are not subjected to age and remain fully maintained.

After use, you can return the clothes to us.

The garment then will be recycled and decomposes into its constituent parts.

## 10. Aging factors

- a. Strong mechanical effects on the clothing (scrubbing, crawling, etc.) exert stress on the material used and weaken the integrity of the protective function. Visible, severe changes (chafing, thinning, cracks, holes, etc.) are indicators that the clothing has a reduced or no protective effect. The clothing must be disposed of.
- b. If repeated thermal effects (e.g. contact with open flames, metal splashes, drops of sweat, etc.) lead to visible permanent changes to the material of the clothing (burn marks, scorch marks, burn holes, etc.), a reduction in the protective function in these areas must be expected. The clothing must be disposed of.
- c. If chemical substances (acids, alkalis, solvents, etc.) attack the clothing, subsequent damage to the material due to long-term exposure cannot be ruled out. Indicators of chemical damage can be strong visual changes (incipient pitting) in the area of contamination, which can lead to a reduction in the protective function. The clothing must be disposed of.
- d. Contaminations, particularly with combustible impurities (grease, oil, tar, etc.) have a significant impact on the protective function and must therefore be removed immediately. If heavy soiling remains despite professional and proper care, a reduction in the protective performance cannot be excluded. The clothing must be disposed of.
- e. Improper care or prolonged exposure to sunlight may also lead to visible changes in the feeds. Extreme changes in color may indicate that the feedstock in these areas no longer has the initial protection.

A possible reduction of the protection performance cannot be excluded in the case of:

- damaged zippers
- open, frayed or otherwise damaged seams
- reflective strips that are extensively and heavily rubbed off, heavily frayed or peeled off

Correct storage of the products has a significant influence on the aging of the product.

Currently, there are no indications that the clothing cannot retain its properties for many years if properly stored (original packaging, dry, dust-free, dark, no major temperature fluctuations, etc.).

## 11. Pictograms



**Protective clothing to protect against heat and flames**

EN ISO 11612:2015

A1+A2 B1 C1 E2 F1



**Protective clothing for welding and related processes**  
EN ISO 11611:2015  
Class 1 A1+A2



**Protective clothing – electrostatic properties**  
EN 1149-5:2018

**Note:**

The declaration of conformity can be downloaded from our website [www.sontex.de](http://www.sontex.de). Please find the Link below:

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