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Inspecting your Dielectric Wellingtons

At the end of 2024 the Skellerup Quatro dielectric wellington boot was added to our approved PPE items, following a successful trial. During recent statutory inspections, it was discovered that a number of the boots had worn in unexpected ways and in critical areas of the boot. This prompted a meeting with Skellerup and our supplier, J K Ross, to discuss the inspection process and acceptable wear and tear.

Skellerup will produce a full user guide for us to share with you but, in the meantime, please keep the following in mind when performing pre-use checks on your boots:



Remember that damaged footwear will not provide you with the necessary protection

Sole wear

There is no wear indicator on the sole of the Skellerup Quatro wellington. Therefore, if you see damage on the flat sole area between the raised cleats, remove the boot from service as this can reduce dielectric protection. The Respirex boot has a yellow wear indicator. Check the sole for any signs of yellow or other damage, and remove from service if seen.



Flat sole area

Outer condition

The outer part of the boot should be free from cuts, splitting, abrasions, holes, excessive wear, and delamination. If you find any of these, remove the boot from service as these can affect dielectric protection. This guidance applies to all dielectric wellingtons.



Modification

While the Respirex Workmaster boot can be modified by a cut down to the designated line via the approved process and agreed with your line manager - the Skellerup Quatro wellington **cannot**.

Serial number

Each boot has a unique serial number that can be found on the inside of the boot. This must be recorded along with the issue date.

