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This third edition cancels and replaces the second edition (ISO 15027-1:2012) which has been technically revised.

The main changes are as follows:

- Terms and conditions have been revised;
- In [subclause 4.3](#), requirements for Other optional accessories have been added;
- In [table 3](#), new thermal performance level E, equivalent to SOLAS uninsulated immersion suit has been added;
- In [table 3](#), minimum immersed CLO values to Suit Performance levels have been added;
- In [subclause 4.12](#), the Performance Requirements have been re-ordered to improve the order of testing;
- In [subclause 4.12.5](#), missing donning time for hand protection has been added;
- In [clause 5](#), Warnings in Marking have been revised;
- In [clause 7](#), Consumer information has been revised;
- [Annex A](#) has been revised;

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Introduction

This part of ISO 15027 has been prepared to meet the needs of persons engaged in certain activities on or near water.

The justification for using a constant wear suit would be to provide protection in the event of accidental immersion, to prolong life and to aid rescue. An individual's estimated thermal protection time when wearing this type of equipment will depend upon the water temperature, weather conditions, clothing, the cold tolerance of the person and the person's behaviour. This part of ISO 15027 specifies the minimum levels of insulation provided by the different ranges of suit in particular water temperatures.

This part of ISO 15027 allows for thermal protection to be provided by a variety of methods and materials, some of which may require action when the suit enters the water (e.g. inflation of chambers by gas from a cylinder). The compliance of a constant wear suit with this part of ISO 15027 does not imply that it is suitable for all circumstances. This part of ISO 15027 cannot make detailed provision for all the special uses to which a constant wear suit may be put, such as special working conditions, i.e. slip resistance or fire resistance or special leisure applications.

This part of ISO 15027 is intended to serve as a minimum performance requirement for manufacturers, purchasers and users of constant wear suits by ensuring that they provide an effective standard of performance in use. Designers should encourage the wearing of this equipment by making it comfortable and functional for continuous wear on or near water.

The primary aims in wearing a constant wear suit are:

- a) to reduce the risk of cold shock and to delay the onset of hypothermia;
- b) to enable the user to propel himself in the water and extricate himself from the water without it becoming an encumbrance;
- c) to make the user sufficiently conspicuous in the water so as to aid his recovery.

The performance of the suit may be altered by a number of factors, including wave action or the wearing of additional equipment. Users, owners and employers should ensure that equipment is correctly maintained according to manufacturer's instructions.

A suit system may comprise one or more pieces provided that in all cases it meets the requirements of this document as a complete system.

A constant wear suit may often be worn with a lifejacket as it will provide extra flotation and may help to bring a person to a face-up position.

Immersion suits —

Part 1: Constant wear suits, requirements including safety

1 Scope

This document specifies performance and safety requirements for constant wear immersion suits and suit systems for professional and leisure activities to protect the user against the effects of cold water immersion, such as reducing cold shock and delaying the onset of hypothermia.

It is applicable for dry and wet constant wear immersion suits and suit systems.

Abandonment suits are not covered by this document. Requirements for abandonment suits are given in ISO 15027-2:202x. Test methods for immersion suits are given in ISO 15027-3:202x.

2 Normative references

The following documents are referred to in the text in such a way that some or all of their content constitutes requirements of this document. For dated references, only the edition cited applies. For undated references, the latest edition of the referenced document (including any amendments) applies.

CIE 15:2004, *Colorimetry*¹⁾

ISO 13688, *Protective clothing - General requirements (ISO 13688:2013)*

ISO 105-A02, *Textiles — Tests for colour fastness — Part A02: Grey scale for assessing change in colour*

ISO 105-B04, *Textiles — Tests for colour fastness — Part B04: Colour fastness to artificial weathering: Xenon arc fading lamp test*

ISO 105-E02, *Textiles — Tests for colour fastness — Part E02: Colour fastness to sea water*

ISO 105-X12, *Textiles — Tests for colour fastness — Part X12: Colour fastness to rubbing*

ISO 188, *Rubber, vulcanized or thermoplastic — Accelerated ageing and heat resistance tests*

ISO 1421, *Rubber- or plastics-coated fabrics — Determination of tensile strength and elongation at break*

ISO 2411:2017, *Rubber- or plastics-coated fabrics — Determination of coating adhesion*

ISO 3801:1977, *Textiles — Woven fabrics — Determination of mass per unit length and mass per unit area*

ISO 4674-1:2016, *Rubber- or plastics-coated fabrics — Determination of tear resistance — Part 1: Constant rate of tear methods*

ISO 7854:1995, *Rubber- or plastics-coated fabrics — Determination of resistance to damage by flexing*

ISO 9227, *Corrosion tests in artificial atmospheres — Salt spray tests*

ISO 12401:2009, *Small craft — Deck safety harness and safety line — Safety requirements and test methods*

ISO 12402-2:2020, *Personal flotation devices — Part 2: Lifejackets, performance level 275 — Safety requirements*

1) Available from <https://www.cie.co.at/main/publist.html>.