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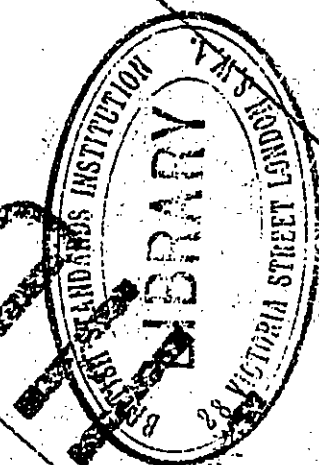
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BRITISH STANDARD LINGERIE SIZES

FOREWORD

The purpose of this schedule is to establish British Standard size designations and corresponding measurements for women's lingerie. The general use of this standard by manufacturers, wholesalers, retailers and the public will eliminate the confusion which has arisen in the past as a result of the use of a diversity of sizing systems and designations.

In particular, the committee responsible for the preparation of this standard deprecates continuance of the use of the SW, W, WX, OS and XOS system of designation.

It is incumbent, therefore, on all those interested in the development of the British lingerie trade, both at home and overseas, to use this standard.

The Board of Trade has adopted as the present utility range, British Standard sizes 32-46 inclusive, so that during the maintenance of Government control reference should be made to Statutory Rule and Order 1946, No. 1113, governing the manufacture of utility underwear and nightwear.

A wall chart incorporating the requirements of this British Standard is available at the price of 6/-, post free 7/6, and may be obtained from the Publications Sales Department of the British Standards Institution, 28 Victoria Street, London, S.W.1. The chart is intended for display in design and cutting departments and will provide an easy means of reference to the requirements of the standard.

This standard was issued under the authority of the General Council of the British Standards Institution on 30th October, 1946.

EXPLANATORY NOTES

The measurements given in the standard are based on the following body measurements :

Bust	Hip	BS size designation
in.	in.	
Up to 31	35	30
32-33	37	32
34-35	39	34
36-37	41	36
38-39	43	38
40-41	45	40
42-43	47	42
44-45	49	44
46-47	51	46
48-49	53	48
50-51	55	50
52-53	57	52

It is not anticipated that any one manufacturer will make or stock the complete range of sizes but only those which suits his class of business.

Scope. This standard gives dimensions of garments to fit wearers having a bust measurement of 30 in. to 52 in. inclusive, and/or equivalent hip measurements, and it covers the following types of garments made from woven cotton or rayon cloths :

Camis-knickers
Directoire knickers
French-leg knickers
Nightdresses
Panties, trunks, briefs, etc.
Pyjamas
Slips
Vests

Dimensions. *a.* The measurements are minimum measurements.

b. In the case of woven and knitted directoire knickers, panties and briefs, etc., the front rise may be reduced up to 1 in. provided its equivalent is added to the back rise.

Measurement location guide. The measurements shall be taken at the positions shown in the measurement location guide for each type of garment.

General. To comply with the requirements of this standard the garments shall :

- be made in accordance with the measurements specified in the tables.
- bear a tab, ticket or mark indicating the size designation given in the tables.

NOTE. The size designations are shown in red in the tables.

CAMI-KNICKERS

DIMENSIONS FOR BIAS-CUT WOVEN AND KNITTED-RAYON CAMI-KNICKERS

BS size designation	30	32	34	36	38	40	42	44	46	48	50	52
	in.	in.	in.	in.	in.	in.	in.	in.	in.	in.	in.	in.
Minimum measurements												
Bust	30	32	34	36	38	40	42	44	46	48	50	52
Hip	34	36	38	40	42	44	46	48	50	52	54	56
Length, shoulder to crutch	30	31	32	33	34	35	36	37	38	38	39	39
Length, shoulder to hem	29	30	31	32	33	34	35	36	37	37	38	38

DIMENSIONS FOR STRAIGHT-CUT WOVEN CAMI-KNICKERS

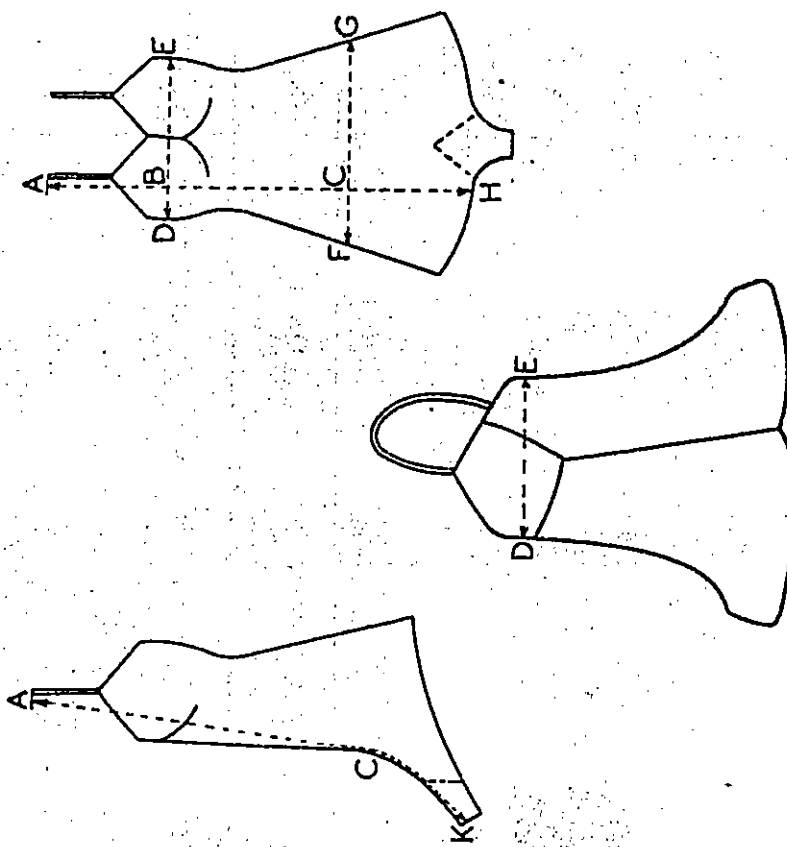
Minimum measurements	in.	in.	in.	in.	in.	in.	in.	in.	in.	in.	in.	in.
Bust	31	33	35	37	39	41	43	45	47	49	51	53
Hip	35	37	39	41	43	45	47	49	51	53	55	57
Length, shoulder to crutch	31	32	33	34	35	36	37	38	39	39	40	40
Length, shoulder to hem	29	30	31	32	33	34	35	36	37	37	38	38
BS size designation	30	32	34	36	38	40	42	44	46	48	50	52

NOTE. The Board of Trade utility sizes are British Standard sizes 2-46 given above.

LOCATION GUIDE FOR MEASURING

CAMI-KNICKERS

BS size designation	30	32	34	36	38	40	42	44	46	48	50	52
	in.	in.	in.	in.	in.	in.	in.	in.	in.	in.	in.	in.
Measurements												
Centre, shoulder to bust (A to B)	8½	9	9½	10	10½	11	11½	12	12½	13	13½	14
Centre, shoulder to hip (A to C)	21½	22	22½	23	23½	24	24½	25	25½	26	26½	27



Bust. The garment should be measured straight across at location B—twice D to E.

Hip. The garment should be measured straight across at location C—twice F to G.

Length, shoulder to hem. A to H.

Length, shoulder to crutch. The garment should be folded double with front outside and measured from A to K through C.