

Introduction to HIGH VISIBILITY WORKWEAR

EN20471

All protective high visibility gear should meet the requirements of The safety at Street Work and Road Works Code of Practise.

EN20471 sets minimum standards of visual performance and durability needed for high visibility clothing worn in the course of a trade or profession and is mandatory.

Hi-Vis and Reflective Banding

Three classes of visibility (Class 1, 2 & 3) and two levels of retro-reflectivity (Level 1 & 2) appropriate to the risks in a particular occupational environment. (Level 2 gives the highest reflectivity).

CLASS 1 LOW VISIBILITY

The lowest level of protection and should only be worn in areas of minimal risk, e.g. off-road situations.

NOT suitable for working with road traffic

CLASS 2 INTERMEDIATE VISIBILITY

The minimum requirement when working on roads. Certain industries may have established codes of practise that give guidance on the selection of high visibility clothing when working in certain road conditions.

Only suitable on roads where the speed limit is LESS than 40mph



CLASS 3 HIGH VISIBILITY

Incorporates the largest areas of fluorescent and reflective materials and should be worn on trunk roads and all other roads forming the Primary Route Network (PRN), as well as roads displaying green/blue directional signs.

Should be worn on ALL roads where the speed limit is 40mph and above

