

High-visibility PPE and Retro-reflective band classes

PPE categories There are 3 PPE categories: Category I: PPE to protect against minimum risks. Category II: PPE to protect against medium to high grade risks, although not mortal or irreversible. Category III: PPE to protect against life-threatening or irreversible risks. There are 3 classes of high-visibility PPE:

**Class 1:** Low visibility level fluorescent 0.14m<sup>2</sup>, retro-reflective 0.10m<sup>2</sup> or combined 0.20m<sup>2</sup>.

**Class 2:** Medium visibility level fluorescent 0.50m<sup>2</sup> and retro-reflective 0.13m<sup>2</sup>.

Class 3: High visibility level fluorescent 0.80m<sup>2</sup> and retro-reflective 0.20m<sup>2</sup>.

## There are 2 classes of retro-reflective bands:

Class 1: Medium retro-reflective level Class 2: High retro-reflective level



## Water Penetration/ Breathability

This standard encompasses materials and stitching and is divided into two sections: water penetration and resistance to water vapour. For water penetration there are three classes, where Class 2 requires Wp (water pressure) ≥ 8000 Pa and Class 3 requires Wp ≥ 13000 Pa. Class 1 requires the same as Class 2, but without pre-treatment. For resistance to water vapour (RET), (the lower the rating the greater the penetration) there are 3 classes: Class 1: RET ≥ 40, Class 2: 20 < RET ≤ 40, Class 3: RET ≤ 20





## Protective Clothing Labels

General requirements

- Manufacturers mark
- Product identifying mark
- Size or size range
- Specific hazard protection plus performance levels
- Care labelling.

