

Flex

Workwear  
Protective clothing



# uvex workwear

## Sustainability

For over 90 years, we have been producing and distributing high-quality products to protect people in sports, leisure and at work. Any company wanting to protect people must accept the responsibility that comes with it. It is exactly this mission that instils our commitment to work sustainably and with social responsibility.



### Durable products

In contrast to the current trend for “fast fashion”, our goal is to develop long-lasting products while maximising resource efficiency, so it is of the utmost importance that we use high-quality materials and ingredients. To ensure we do so, we subject our workwear products to our uvex quality standards and regularly test them at our in-house textile test lab to check that they can withstand mechanical stress such as abrasion, cutting and washing. We also send our products to external washing laboratories to confirm that they can be washed in an industrial laundry facility – such products are labelled with “SL” (Suitable for Laundry) in the catalogue. We firmly believe that this effort helps to conserve resources and significantly extends the product life cycle.



## Protecting people

OEKO-TEX® STANDARD 100 – uvex hazardous substances list

To succeed in our mission of “protecting people”, we are fully committed to ensuring that our products contain no substances that are harmful to human health. OEKO-TEX® STANDARD 100 certification guarantees that our products have been tested for harmful substances. From the outer shoe material and accessories to even the smallest press stud or label, we ensure from the development stage that every single element of the product can be certified in accordance with OEKO-TEX® STANDARD 100 so that the entire product can also be certified.

In addition to OEKO-TEX®, our materials also meet the requirements of our uvex hazardous substances list, which exceeds legal regulations. We use this list to test our products for hazardous pollutants such as PFCs (perfluorinated compounds), pesticides, heavy metals or phenols, because both protecting people and reducing environmental pollution are core concerns for us.



## Manufacturing expertise

In the textile industry, the current norm is to import everything: contrary to this, we continue to trust in products that are made in Europe. As a manufacturer, our responsibilities include design, development, material procurement and production. This is the only way that we at uvex can ensure that everything we produce consistently meets our high quality requirements. We are also a member of the Business Social Compliance Initiative (BSCI), meaning we have pledged to continuously improve living and working conditions on-site for those working on every stage of our supply chain – from production right through to the final product. By sourcing our products in Europe, we can also achieve shorter transport routes, lower CO<sup>2</sup> emissions and faster availability.



## Sustainable materials

Tencel®

Another focus for us is the materials we choose to make our products from. We therefore use Tencel®, a natural fibre made from beech and eucalyptus wood, when we produce our T-shirts. The wood we use comes from sustainable forests that are cultivated in a way that preserves resources – i.e. no additional irrigation and no pesticides.

Recycled polyester

So that we can conserve valuable resources, we use recycled polyester made from empty plastic bottles. The bottles are melted in and spun into new threads, which are used for the production of our materials. Using recycled polyester reduces our dependence on crude oil and reduces waste.

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