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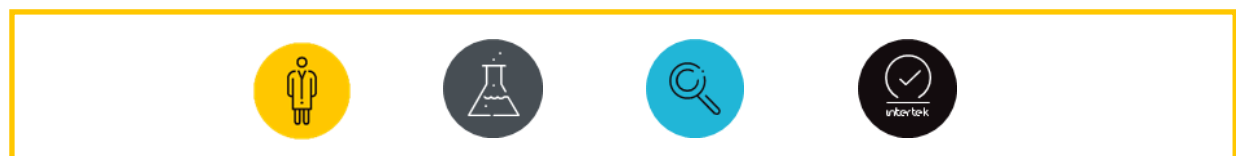
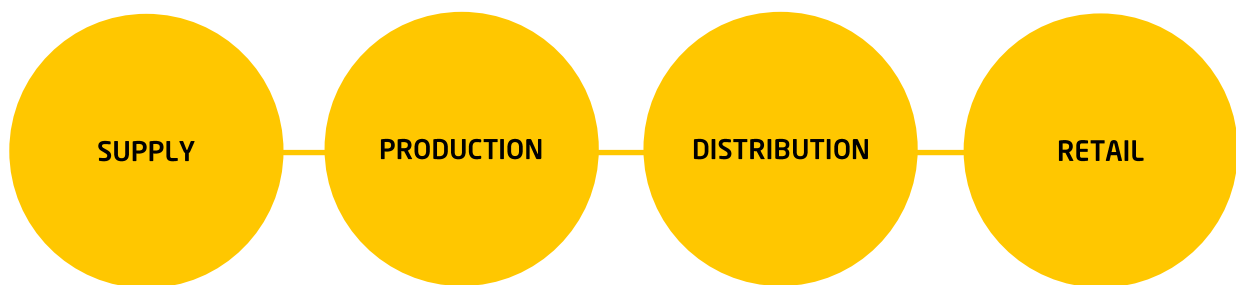
END-TO-END QUALITY ASSURANCE FOR FOOTWEAR & LEATHERGOODS

Footwear brands and retailers face many challenges as they strive to maintain a competitive edge in a crowded industry. To achieve success, brands and retailers must:

- Reduce risk to protect your brand
- Ensure compliance with local, federal and global regulations
- Differentiate your products
- Be able to facilitate global expansion

Intertek's global network of technical experts and state-of-the-art laboratories deliver world-class support services that enable footwear brands and retailers achieve success by minimizing risk and avoiding costly product recalls; demonstrating compliance with unique safety regulations in different markets; developing innovative products by leveraging our testing expertise; and expanding into new markets quickly and confidently.

As your Total Quality Assurance partner, you can rely on Intertek at every stage of your supply chain, from sourcing to production to distribution to online and store shelves. Our end-to-end Assurance, Testing, Inspection and Certification services ensure the safety, quality and performance of your footwear and leathergoods products.





ASSURANCE SOLUTION

Footwear In-house Lab Accreditation Program

Designed for footwear suppliers with in-house laboratories, the program provides evaluation and assessment of the in-house lab's capacity and capability in a quantitative manner.

For brands and retailers, the program allows them to understand the performance of their suppliers own labs, and conduct benchmarking analysis for continuous improvement. Under the program, Intertek can review and assess the quality assurance system, laboratory set-up, technical knowledge of technicians, and equipment calibration. On top of these, we can also provide pre-audit training.

Anti-mould Solution

Mould is a fungal micro-organism that can spread over long distances in the form of a spore. It is commonly found in textile and leather products. Mould is a frequent cause of financial loss to shipments undergoing long transportation times, and has become a major safety issue in leading import markets as well.

Since the use of anti-mould agents has been restricted, we have leveraged our expertise in chemical testing and management to create the Anti-mould Solution. Combining three key elements, lab testing, training and on-site mould risk assessment, the solution allows you to take preventive measures against mould formation and assure quality at every production point.

Fit Assessment

Often overlooked, shoe fit is crucial to both sales and consumer health. Our trained and qualified shoe fitters can assist clients in fit assessment, size assessment, fitting panels and even make recommendations for improving shoe fit for global markets. Our fitting experts are available to assess your full range of shoes.

Footwear Consultation

With our experts serving various multinational brands and retailers, Intertek offers mindful advice and consultations to your footwear business ranging from quality assurance system reviews, manual writing, test report analysis, technical support and testing training for technologists and buyers, factory in-house laboratory audit and due diligence support.





TESTING SOLUTION

We cover the entire spectrum of footwear for all ages and purposes, as well as small leathersgoods, including handbags, suitcases, belts, purses and wallets, etc. Our services help ensure compliance with the ever-increasing number of regulations that govern the use of hazardous and restricted substances during and after production.





TESTING SOLUTION

Apart from physical and performance testing, chemical compliance and safety is also a key concern when it comes to footwear and leathergoods. Intertek offers a diverse range of innovative chemical testing services and consultation on leather products that involve heavy consumption of chemicals.

Hazardous Chemicals Testing

Leather processing involves various chemicals that enhance the quality, durability, and functionality of leather products. These include tanning agents, retanning agents, finishing chemicals, and others. During processing, restricted chemical substances such as forbidden amines, Chromium VI, formaldehyde, chlorophenols, etc., may be present. We can conduct chemical testing during manufacturing and at final products per regulatory requirement, industry bodies' requirement, or retailers' own protocols to ensure chemical compliance.

RSL Scan

By detecting the presence of some commonly found restricted substances in raw materials or finished goods, our Restricted Substances List (RSL) Scan service can detect and quantify more than 250 organic compounds commonly used in the footwear industry and can be used to test against AFIRM Group™ RSL guidelines.

MRSL Testing

Manufacturing Restricted Substance List (MRSL) is a guideline to reduce the use of hazardous chemical substances at the source of production. Our MRSL testing services can assure supply chains do not contain hazardous substances identified by industry initiatives like the Zero Discharge of Hazardous Chemicals (ZDHC) Roadmap to Zero Programme.

To cope with ever-changing retail industry and trend, we also introduce special testing service, and assist customers' continuous product improvement with our knowledge and insights.

Functionality of Footwear RFID/Tag

It is more common today for retailers to implant RFID tags in footwear to track the production cycle and customer loyalty. Intertek has developed a new testing capability to test the functionality of RFID chips against heat, repeated compression at the chip placement and repeated flexing of soles for such new trends. Tailored solutions can also be offered to you.

Product Intelligence

After reaching store shelves and online inventories, or even landing at the consumer's shoe rack or closet, product testing can still be conducted for due diligence, benchmarking and returns analysis.



INSPECTION SOLUTION

By employing an independent inspection and testing entity, quality concerns will be identified and controlled at the source. Inspection can be conducted before, during and after production. Our inspectors have been well trained to inspect raw materials to be used, craftsmanship, production status, quantity, and more to ensure you will receive your sandals or handbags without unnecessary surprises.



CERTIFICATION SOLUTION

Compliance Practitioners Initiative (CPI)

For brands, retailers or suppliers who wish to train their own inspection team, Intertek offers a training program Compliance Practitioners Initiative (CPI) – Certified Footwear Inspector, which covers basic knowledge in footwear inspection. Upon completion, a certificate is awarded to participants fulfilling course requirement.





HIGH-PERFORMANCE MARK PROGRAM FOR FOOTWEAR

Strengthen Your Functional Claims with the HP Mark

At Intertek, our High-Performance Mark (HP Mark) program is designed to help you demonstrate the quality and performance of your products. We rigorously test and verify the functional properties of your footwear, ensuring they meet the industry-recognised standards set forth by Intertek. By earning the HP Mark, you can confidently signal to consumers that the performance claims of your products are verified.

The HP Mark can be displayed on product tags, brochures, packaging, websites, and in both online and offline stores across multiple channels. This Mark of Trust enhances your brand's credibility and reassures customers that your products live up to their promises.



Whether for sports, outdoor adventures, or everyday use, our HP Mark program covers a full range of functional features for footwear products.

Anti-Bacterial



Anti-Bacterial material can inhibit the growth of bacteria for odor control and other microbiological properties.

Breathable



Breathable material lets moisture readily escape, allowing the feet to breathe and the wearer to enjoy an increased level of comfort.

Cushioning



Cushioning material can absorb impact forces in the sole of the shoe during wear, allowing for greater comfort and helping to alleviate fatigue.

Durable



Durable footwear demonstrates extended lifetime durability in terms of physical performance after being exposed to aging conditions and repeated uses.

Moisture Wicking



Moisture Wicking material promotes moisture diffusion, enabling it to dry more quickly when wetted to provide comfort to the wearer.

Odor-Repellent



Odor-Repellent material can effectively inhibit the production of unpleasant bodily odor.

Oil-Repellent



Oil-Repellent material can repel oil and grease which allows the surface to remain clean and stain-free.

Shock-Absorbing



Shock-Absorbing material absorbs impact on foot in the sole and allow the comfort to be maintained when exercising.

Slip-Resistant



Slip-Resistant material prevents wearer from slipping on the sole of shoe on both dry and wet surfaces, thereby protecting personal safety.

Thermal Insulation



The inner shoe temperature is kept within a comfortable range, so that the wearer does not experience discomfort in cold environments.

Washable



After repeated washing, the footwear can still maintain its original color, size and other appearance characteristics.

Waterproof



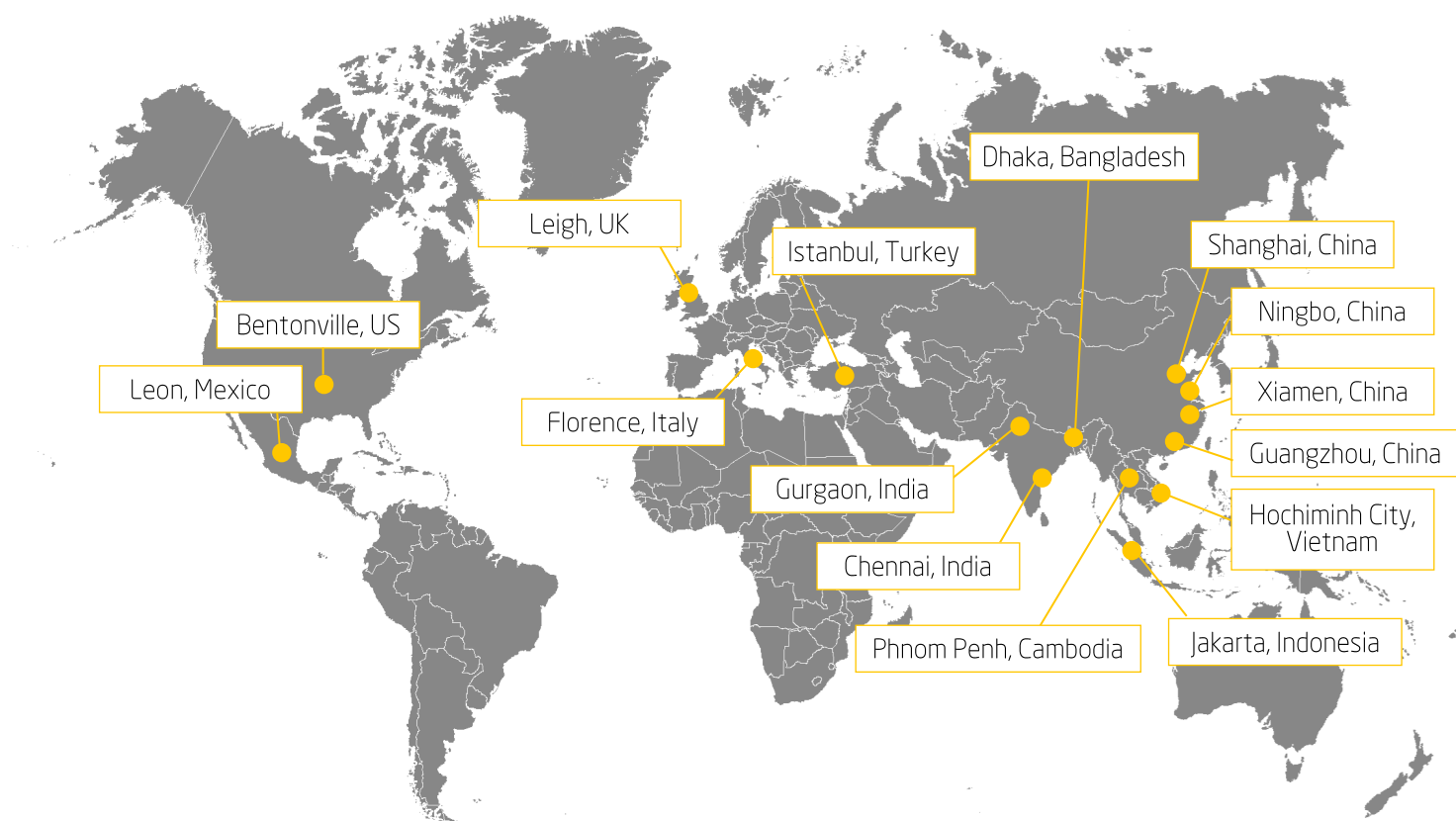
Water will not penetrate the footwear, allowing the wearer to enjoy dry and comfortable feet.



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ROBUST EXPERTISE AND CAPABILITIES

Intertek's global network of 15 footwear testing laboratories are strategically located in key manufacturing centers to provide brands and retailers convenient testing with rapid turnaround times. Our footwear laboratories are supported by the expertise of 40 chemical and analytical labs to provide you with a comprehensive quality assurance solution.

With more than two decades of footwear experience, Intertek was the first to establish a footwear testing lab in the production center of Guangzhou, China, followed by strategic locations in the US, UK, Italy, Vietnam, Mexico, India and Cambodia. Today we are your one-stop solution to fulfill your needs and solve your challenges from footwear concept development to consumers' closets. At your disposal are our passionate footwear experts, who participate in various technical committees and have exceptional knowledge of the footwear industry.

We have helped develop, test and inspect every kind of shoe – from a child's first walking shoe, to performance footwear worn by top athletes and luxury designer brands worn by the world's fashionistas – to ensure safety, quality and functionality, ultimately enhancing brand reputation and growing customer loyalty.



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