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Important Safety Advisory Alert



- Product:** **Safety Boot – Temporary Railing System Base.**
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- Approval:** This advisory is issued by Independent Fastening Systems Pty Ltd
- Reference:** Australian Standard - AS/NZ 4994.1.2009
- Effective Date:** 29th May, 2017
- Background:** The Safety Boot is a product which has been sold and used both here in Australia and overseas for more than 15 years. After discussions with SafeWork S.A., we note there are some anomalies concerning the technical literature and installation procedures made available to installers, which may cause some safety issues.
- Effectivity:** This advisory applies to all Safety Boots supplied by IFS and/or their distributors through to any Australian user of the Safety Boot.
- Reasons:** The Safety Boot installation guide does not adequately describe the correct method of installation of the Safety Boot on differing substrates as used typically in Australia, and as such may cause safety issues.
- Design Life:** Safety Boots have a design life of five (5) years from date of manufacture and **must** be removed from service once the design life has been reached. Safety Boots are embossed with a date stamp detailing the month and year of manufacture.
- Mandatory Actions:** **Until the installation guide is corrected and accepted by relevant stake holders, all Safety Boot installations (current and future) are to be approved by a suitably qualified/competent person for all separate installations and applications.**

Remarks: This "Safety Advisory Alert" does not suggest the Safety Boot is or is not suitable for a particular application. What this Advisory states is that until the manufacturer clearly defines the method and limitations associated with the installation of the product, each installation must be approved by a suitably qualified/competent person.

Compliance: This Safety Advisory Alert is effective immediately.

Additional testing: A series of additional testing, by a N.A.T.A. certified laboratory, has been commissioned and is currently being undertaken on the product application.

Release: This Safety Advisory Alert may be cancelled when –

- a/ The industry/industries has/have been made aware of this alert.
- b/ The manufacturer considers the installation guide is suitably substantive enough to describe all necessary design applications of the Safety Boot product and is supported by accredited test reports/certificates.

Issued by: Independent Fastening Systems Pty Ltd.

Public safety and the safety of all workers is of paramount importance to Independent Fastening Systems and we are currently working in conjunction with several organisations, including our distributors, SafeWork S.A., and other interested parties, in a thorough review to rectify any anomalies. Once these have been addressed we will communicate further with you.

