

## SUMMER WEARER TRIAL WITH GORE-TEX® EXTENDED COMFORT FOOTWEAR

# Lightweight safety footwear (S3) with high climate comfort factor for garbage workers

### **DETAILS OF THE USER TRIAL**

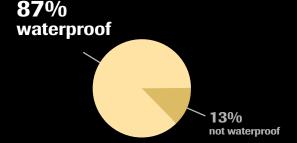
- User trial conducted by Gore in cooperation with Berlin's Public Works Department (BSR), one of the largest sanitation departments in Germany, and footwear partner ELTEN, Uedem, Germany.
- July to September 2016: The shoes were tested by 23 street cleaning, refuse collection and recycling staff at Berlin's Public Works Department (Berliner Stadtreinigung, BSR).
  For about 12 weeks they wore low and mid-cut versions of the S3 safety shoes in normal everyday use. Previously, the testers had mostly worn safety footwear without a membrane.
- 90% of the test persons wore the shoes 4-5 days a week and 6-9 hours a day – indoors, outdoors and in vehicles.
- Most of the testing was done while the wearers were on their feet or performing outdoor tasks, for example, cleaning streets and pavements using special vehicles or hand-operated equipment such as brooms and dustcarts, collecting waste or carrying out tasks at recycling facilities.
- At the end of the 12 week user trial, feedback was collected through a questionnaire and a personal debriefing session.

The data was analysed by Hyve and Gore.

### **RESULTS OF THE USER TRIAL**

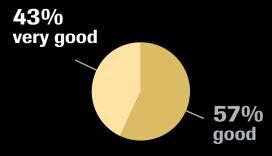
### WATERPROOFNESS

20 of the 23 test persons confirmed that the shoes were totally waterproof.



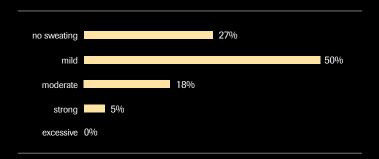
### **WEAR COMFORT**

43% of the test persons said that the wear comfort of the test shoes was "very good".



### **SWEATING**

77% of the wearers said they perceived "no sweating" or only "mild" sweating with the trial shoes.



68% of the test persons said that they had even sweat "less" than in their old shoes (without a membrane).

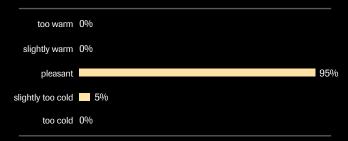




### Looks great, so I think it's a very good shoe."

### PERCEPTION OF TEMPERATURE

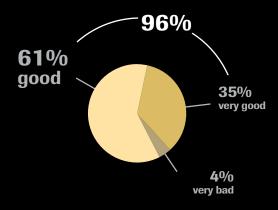
95% of the wearers confirmed that the temperature inside the trial shoes was "pleasant", particularly when the outdoor temperatures were between 10 °C and 25 °C. 82% of the wearers said that the temperature inside the shoes was still "pleasant" at temperatures above 25 °C.



27% of the test persons said that they actually found the test shoes "cooler" than their old shoes (without a membrane).

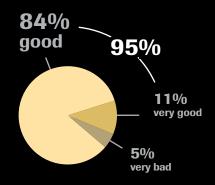
### **WALKING COMFORT**

96% of the test persons praised the shoes for their walking comfort. On average, the trial participants walked a total distance of 16 km a day.



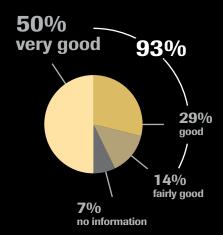
### **DURABILITY (WEAR AND TEAR)**

95% of the wearers were very satisfied with the wear resistance of the test shoes.



### **QUICK RE-DRY**

Nearly all of the test persons (93%) were very satisfied with the speed at which the test shoes dried.



#### WEIGHT

82% of the wearers praised the test shoes for their light weight.





**Recommendation rate: 100%**