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Question:

clause 5.5 states that
Footwear with uppers claiming to be permeable to water vapour shall meet the requirements of
EN ISO 20345:2011, 5.4.6 and 5.5.3

It often happens that the front/rear joints are the only parts which do not pass the test.

Since they are normally a small part in relation to the whole upper area, and that the EN ISO 20345:2022 enable to have some parts of the upper non-breathable (up to 10% in case breathable materials 0,8 to 2, or upr to 25% with breathable materials with value over 2).

Is it possible to not consider those elements for the “B” marking?

Solution:

Yes