



## **SAFETY SHOE FACTS AND TIPS**

**\*Communication is key** - Discuss your job function with our salesperson. That way we can suggest the BEST footwear for your work conditions. FUNCTION, not fashion, is the most important feature when selecting safety footwear.

### **\*\* HELPFUL TIPS FOR PROPER FIT \*\***

- Be sure to walk in the shoe to check the fit.
- Have your feet measured regularly, since foot size does change.
- Have both feet measured, fit the largest foot.
- Check to see that your heel fits with minimum slippage.
- Stand when checking the fit. Make sure you have 3/8 to 1/2 inch additional room beyond your longest toe to insure proper room up front for your toes. A short, one finger behind the heel when the heel is pushed forward indicates good length.
- Make sure the ball of the foot fits well into the widest part of the shoe. (Note: If the ball of the foot does not fit well, shoe size must be changed, or a different style selected.)
- Judge shoes by the fit, not by the size marked inside the shoe. Sizes vary among brands and styles. Shoes may even vary slightly within the same style since they are, by large, hand-made.
- Select a shoe, which fits the shape of your foot. (Note: There are also different size and shapes of safety toe caps. Check out the differences for comfort.)

### **\*\*PROPER CARE & MAINTENANCE-USEFUL LIFE\*\***

- Leather should be polished using a leather treatment such as mink oil or shoe polish to keep it supple. Do not dry leather in direct heat. Clean leather with saddle soap. Dispose after leather is ripped, torn, or becomes saturated with chemicals.
- Outsoles should be kept clean of debris build up, as this will minimize the contact to the floor. Cracked or extremely thinned down outsoles are a sign to replace the footwear.
- **\*HOW TO EXTEND WEAR-** Any shoe will wear better if it's not worn every day. If you have more than one pair you should rotate them every other day to allow for the liners to dry out naturally.

