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Model: FW71 | Brand: Portwest

1. INTRODUCTION

The Portwest FW71 S5 Safety Boots are designed to provide superior protection and comfort in demanding work environments. These boots are CE certified and feature a steel toe cap, steel midsole, antistatic properties, and an energy-absorbing heel. Constructed from durable PVC/Nitrile material, they offer 100% waterproofing to keep your feet warm and dry. This manual provides essential information for the proper use, maintenance, and care of your Portwest FW71 safety boots.

2. SAFETY INFORMATION

Always inspect your safety boots before each use for any signs of damage or wear. Damaged footwear may compromise your safety. Ensure the boots fit correctly to provide maximum protection and comfort. These boots are designed to protect against specific hazards as indicated by their S5 classification, including toe impact, sole penetration, and water ingress. They are not designed for protection against all possible hazards. Always follow workplace safety regulations and use appropriate personal protective equipment (PPE) for your specific task.



Figure 2.1: Example of various personal protective equipment, emphasizing the importance of safety footwear in a comprehensive safety approach.

3. FEATURES

- **CE Certified:** Meets European safety standards.
- **Protective Steel Toe Cap:** Offers protection against impact and compression hazards.
- **Steel Midsole:** Provides penetration resistance from sharp objects underfoot.
- **Antistatic Footwear:** Reduces electrostatic discharge, suitable for environments where static electricity is a concern.
- **Energy Absorbing Heel:** Enhances comfort and reduces fatigue during prolonged standing or walking.
- **100% Waterproof:** Ensures feet remain dry in wet conditions.

4. SETUP AND PREPARATION

1. **Unpacking:** Remove the boots from their packaging.
2. **Initial Inspection:** Visually inspect both boots for any manufacturing defects or shipping damage. Check for any loose parts or irregularities.
3. **Fitting:** Try on the boots with the type of socks you typically wear for work. Ensure a comfortable fit, allowing for toe movement without excessive slippage at the heel. The steel toe cap should not press against your toes.
4. **First Use:** Wear the boots for a short period to ensure comfort before extended use in a work environment.



Figure 4.1: The Portwest FW71 S5 Safety Boot, ready for inspection and fitting.

5. OPERATING AND USAGE

The Portwest FW71 S5 Safety Boots are designed for professional use in environments requiring S5 level protection. These are slip-on boots, making them easy to put on and take off. Ensure your feet are fully inserted into the boots and that they feel secure before commencing work. The boots are suitable for winter conditions and provide excellent grip and protection in wet and challenging terrains due to their waterproof PVC/Nitrile construction.

- **Proper Wear:** Always wear both boots. Ensure they are clean and free from debris that could affect grip or comfort.
- **Environmental Suitability:** Ideal for wet, muddy, or cold conditions where waterproof and robust foot protection is essential.
- **Limitations:** While highly protective, these boots have limitations. They are not designed for extreme heat, chemical splash protection beyond standard industrial exposure, or specialized electrical hazard protection unless explicitly stated by additional certifications.

6. MAINTENANCE

Regular maintenance extends the life and effectiveness of your safety boots.

- **Cleaning:** After each use, clean the boots with water and a mild detergent to remove dirt, mud, and other contaminants. Use a brush for stubborn grime. Rinse thoroughly.
- **Drying:** Allow the boots to air dry naturally at room temperature. Avoid direct heat sources like radiators or direct sunlight, as this can damage the PVC/Nitrile material. Ensure the inside of the boots is also dry to prevent odor and bacterial growth.
- **Storage:** Store boots in a cool, dry, well-ventilated area away from direct sunlight and extreme temperatures. Do not store heavy objects on top of the boots.
- **Inspection:** Periodically inspect the boots for signs of wear, cuts, punctures, or damage to the sole, upper, or protective components. Pay close attention to the sole for tread wear, which can reduce slip resistance. Replace boots if significant damage or wear is observed.

7. TROUBLESHOOTING

If you encounter issues with your Portwest FW71 S5 Safety Boots, consider the following:

- **Discomfort:** Ensure you are wearing appropriate socks. If discomfort persists, re-evaluate the fit. Boots that are too tight or too loose can cause issues.
- **Reduced Grip:** Check the sole for excessive wear or embedded debris. Clean the sole thoroughly. If the tread is significantly worn, the boots may need replacement.
- **Water Leakage:** Inspect the boots for any visible cracks, punctures, or damage to the seams. Even small damages can compromise waterproofing. If leakage occurs, the boots may need to be replaced.
- **Odor:** Ensure boots are thoroughly dried after each use. Consider using antifungal sprays or odor absorbers if persistent odor is an issue.

For issues not resolved by these steps, contact Portwest customer support or your supplier.

8. SPECIFICATIONS

Attribute	Detail
Model Number	FW71
Brand	Portwest
Material	PVC/Nitrile
Lining Description	Natural rubber
Color	Black
Toe Style	Steel toe
Midsole	Steel
Closure Type	Slip-on
Safety Standard	S5 (CE Certified)
Waterproof	100%

Attribute	Detail
Antistatic	Yes
Energy Absorbing Heel	Yes
Item Weight	1.95 Kilograms
Product Dimensions	36 x 22 x 12 cm
Seasons	Winter

9. WARRANTY AND SUPPORT

Portwest products are manufactured to high standards and are typically covered by a manufacturer's warranty against defects in materials and workmanship. For specific warranty details, please refer to the documentation provided with your purchase or visit the official Portwest website. For technical support, product inquiries, or warranty claims, please contact your retailer or Portwest customer service directly. Keep your proof of purchase for any warranty-related requests.

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