Visibility Garment Class Checklist

Each performance class has a required minimum amount of background and reflective materials. Each class also has guidelines on the placement of materials to enhance the visibility of workers.

Note that some specifications described in the following content may not be the same as the specifications followed by your agency. Always check with your State agency's standards and specifications when using these guidelines.

Sections

- Class 1 Visibility Garment
- Class 2 Visibility Garment
- Class 3 Visibility Garment
- Class E Visibility Garment

Class 1 Visibility Garment

- **Rule of thumb**
  - Class 1 visibility garments are NOT approved for use by highway workers
    - Lowest levels of background and reflective materials
    - NOT to be worn near roadway traffic or equipment moving in excess of 25 mph.
    - Typical styles are vests and T-shirts

- **Examples of jobs where Class 1 should be worn include:**
  - Parking lot attendants
  - Workers in warehouses with equipment traffic
  - Shopping cart attendants
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Class 2 Visibility Garment

- **Rule of thumb**
  - Wear Class 2 during the daytime when you are working with or near roadway traffic
    - Most commonly used class
    - Minimum coverage for people working in or near roadway traffic
    - Higher percentage of background and reflective materials than Class 1
    - Typical styles such as vests, T-shirts, and jackets

- **Examples of jobs where Class 2 apparel should be worn are:**
  - Flaggers
  - Inspectors
  - Survey crews

Class 3 Visibility Garment

- **Rule of thumb**
  - Wear Class 3 when working with or near roadway traffic, at night, and in bad weather
    - For use in or around roadway traffic, nighttime, and poor weather conditions
    - Requires the greatest amount of background and reflective coverage
    - Class 2 top with Class E bottoms: pants, coveralls, and rain suits

- **Examples of jobs that require Class 3 coverage are:**
  - Roadway construction personnel
  - Work zone flaggers during nighttime operation
Rule of Thumb

- Use Class E garments to boost coverage to Class 3 status when wearing a Class 2 top
  - Worn to boost coverage to complete a Class 3 outfit
  - For use in most severe environments—work zones in and around roadway traffic at night and in inclement weather
  - Styles such as pants and shorts, overalls, and rain suits

Examples of jobs that require Class E coverage are:

- Roadway construction personnel
- Flaggers during inclement weather