

First Aid Kit Contents

The American National Standards Institute (ANSI) has revised its standard relating to first aid kits in the workplace. ANSI Z308.1-2015 replaces ANSI Z308.1-2009. The new standard introduces two distinct classes of first aid kits and four distinct types defined by work environment.

Class A kits contain an expanded list of contents designed to offer greater access to the items needed to treat most common types of workplace injuries, such as minor cuts, abrasions and sprains. This kit is better suited for low-risk operations of 40 or fewer employees.

Class B kits feature a broader range and quantity of supplies to treat injuries in more complex or high-risk environments.

Previously recommended items are now mandatory for workplace first aid kits. The former rule eliminating latex from kits remains in effect.

The new (2015) required items are:

Quantity		Description
Class A Kits	Class B Kits	
1	1	First Aid Guide
1	2	Adhesive tape, 2.5 yard roll
10	25	Antibiotic ointment applications, 0.5 gram each
10	50	Antiseptic treatment applications, 0.9 gram each
16	50	Bandage, adhesive, 1" x 3"
1	1	Breathing barrier, single use (CPR)
10	25	Burn treatment applications, 0.9 gram ea.
1	2	Burn dressing, 4" x 4"
1	2	Cold pack, 4" x 5" min.
2	2	Eye covering, 1/4" thick, attachable
1 oz.	4 oz.	Eye/face-wash, sterile
6	6	Hand sanitizer, 1/32 oz.
1	2	Roller bandage, 2" x 4yds.
	1	Roller bandage, 4" x 4yds.
1	1	Scissors
2	4	Sterile gauze pads, 3" x 3"
4	8	Pair medical exam gloves
	1	Tourniquet, 1" wide
1	2	Triangular bandage, 40" x 40" x 56" min.
2	4	Trauma pads, 5" x 9"

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Employers having unique or changing first-aid needs in their workplace may need to enhance their first-aid kits. In the United States, the employer can use the OSHA 300 log, OSHA 301 log, or other reports to identify these unique problems. Consultation from the local fire/rescue department, appropriate medical professional or local emergency room may be helpful to employers in these circumstances.

The kit containers are classified by portability, ability to be mounted, resistance to water, and corrosion and impact resistance.

First aid kits are also classified by Type (I, II, III or IV) depending on the work environment in which they are to be used. For example, Type 1 identifies kits used indoors and permanently mounted to a wall or other structure; Type IV kits are portable, suitable for outdoor use, and must pass tests for corrosion, moisture and impact resistance.

Characteristics of Types of First Aid Kits						
Type	Use	Portable	Mountable	Water Resistant	Waterproof	Performance
I	Indoor		X			
II	Indoor	X				
III	Indoor/ Outdoor	X	X	X		
IV	Indoor/ Outdoor	X	X		X	Requires corrosion, moisture & impact resistance

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