

# When to replace work boots

It seems you visited here because you're looking for when to replace work boots. Right? First, you should wear the boots! The reason is that it doesn't only keep you safe from hazards but also makes you attractive by wearing them. Though it is obvious that you will hold onto your boots as long as possible. However, it is unusual to see laborers repairing their damaged boots with handy solutions.

Do you know worn boots are very dangerous? Let's create a scenario; you were working on a machine, which was very heavy. Your boots came in contact with any lubricating fluid. Your boot's soles were torn apart which result in slipping down and the heavy machine falls on you. That will be horrible right?

Boots have a lifespan. If you spot any sign that your shoes are being worn out then you had better change them. Sometimes you even cannot notice that your boots are damaged.

However, you can feel it that something is wrong. It is better to be safe than sorry, here are some [ultimate guides](#) that will inform you when to replace work boots.

## **Tattered Soles**

You work around in industry. Moving from one machine or plant to another machine. Your shoes make contact with rough surfaces, which results in worn soles. That is not all; you also put stress on those soles on every step you take. Whether you work on hard concrete, normal surfaces, sticky surfaces or in the mud, your boot's soles will get damage.

Check the bottom of your shoes and analyze how much worn the threads are. If it is not visible properly then you better get yourself a new pair of shoes. You can also identify when you feel that your steps became smooth.

## **Damaged Midsoles**

You can find midsoles between the outsoles and the insoles. Now you must be wondering when to replace work boots. If your boot's midsoles have a wrinkly appearance then it means that they are losing their shape.

When this occurs, you may even observe that the bump in height you got when wearing your boots has reduced. You may also feel uncomfortable because midsole is the most comfortable part. Another possibility is that you might start to feel pressure in your joints or legs. The reason is that midsoles support your foot and protects your leg.

So avoid the risk and invest in a new pair of boots. The longer you ignore this problem the higher the risk of you hurting yourself.

Soles don't wear out quickly. An estimation is made that they can last 300-500 miles. That is a lot of distance that means if you don't walk too much then your boots can last longer. To ensure your own safety, do check your boots on a regular basis.

## **Excessive Flexibility**

It is very important to have the right amount of flexibility in your boots. The right amount of flexibility means that you can have a grip or better control of your feet.

Now, the question arises here that how to check flexibility? It is easy; you just simply fold the boots in half. Grab the boots up and flex the toe back to the heel. Therefore, the answer of when to replace work boots is that when the toe is almost touching the heel (flexibility test).

This means that the soles of your boots failed in providing you with enough protection as well as support. There is a high probability of pain if you step on any sharp thing.

## **Separated Uppers**

In separated uppers, the uppers of your boots start separating from the soles. You can also experience constant flapping of your outsole as you walk.

It is the most dangerous type of damage. The constant flapping can result in tripping. The more you ignore the more separation increases. Tripping is the initial part, if the separation stretched all the way back to your arch then it can result in dangerous falling.

Most people use glue to fix this problem instead of buying a new pair of shoes. Though this can be used as a temporary fix but there is no guarantee that the upper will be separated again or not. If you feel that uppers are being separated from boots, get yourself a new pair of boots before you hurt yourself badly.

## **Holes and Physical Damage**

Holes, tears and other physical damages are very common in worn boots. This is also a very dangerous problem and get rid of it as soon as possible. So, when you will replace your boots? The answer is when your uppers become worn out. Are you aware that you are putting your feet in danger? Even a small hole can become a disaster for your foot.

If you work in a place surrounded by dangerous chemicals, high voltage electricity or extreme heat then the risk of injury will increase. It doesn't take long for those holes to expand.

Many people make temporary repairs such as stitching. Stitching is a temporary solution to this problem but then why risking you for saving a few bucks. So, avoid these fixes and get yourself a new pair of boots and stay safe.

## **Using Shoes from a Long Time**

As it's already mentioned that boots have a life span. They will start to worn out once they reached a specific limit of time. Even this happens with high-quality boots as well. That's true that they will long last but remember they cannot last forever.

This point is confusing and people often wonder when to replace the boots. Everyone has different weight and foot strike. Both of them will affect your boots. While a few shoes wear out somewhat quicker than others do, so it has been estimated that you should change your shoes after every 6 months.

### **Replace Boots When New Boots Feel Much Better**

You can take new boots as a reference point. Try wearing a new boot and if you notice that you are feeling way comfortable than your old shoes then you pretty much know what that means.

What if the difference is low? Then no need for buying new boots. Your boots still have some life yet it will be better if you get them to change.

### **So Finally When to Replace Work Boots**

The above-mentioned points will provide you with enough information about when to replace work boots. Boots does provide you with protection, especially in industry. You should check your shoes before working and if they have any fault, better get rid of them and buy a new one. Temporary fixes are there but the word explains that it will not last long.

Having high-quality shoes are also part of the professional dressing. Ensure that your boots are always in good condition or else you might regret something in the future just because of lack of information.