

Rock Fall (UK) Ltd has released its ground breaking Tomcat range of stylish Total Protection Footwear, the first to incorporate internal metatarsal protection to meet European S3 Safety Standards.

Based in Alfreton, Derbyshire, the leading designer and manufacturer of quality protective safety footwear has launched its revolutionary range to help reduce the number and severity of metatarsal injuries, a widespread and extremely painful, debilitating injury to suffer. Designed for the comfort and safety of construction, civil engineering and those working in similar workplace environments, the boots were developed through extensive research and testing to become the next industry standard, replacing the traditionally heavy, uncomfortable, unsightly and expensive boots currently on the market.

The range has taken more than two years to develop and surpasses the EN ISO 20345:2004/A1 2007 European Safety Standards. The main design feature is the patented, integral metatarsal protector: a lightweight, flexible inner plate that protects the wearer's fragile metatarsal bones from impact. The footwear is manufactured to the highest S3 specification and also protects the user's toes and sole with a metal toecap and steel mid-sole.

This pioneering range has been crafted utilising state-of-the-art technology and the highest quality materials. Using full grain leather and Rock Fall's unique 'Activ-step' foot-bed for supreme comfort, the boots also feature rubber outsoles constructed for the highest durability and are able to withstand heat up to 300 °C. Developed with the wearer and their specific working environment in mind, the range also includes a fully waterproof design.

Stephen Noon – Rock Fall UK's managing director who conceived the concept of the boot commented: "For many years now we have protected part of a wearer's foot. We at Rock Fall feel that the industry should look to protect the whole foot and make the end-user as comfortable as possible whilst carrying out their day's work."