



Priority Action Report

Footwear and Tire

Physics/Pattern SAC

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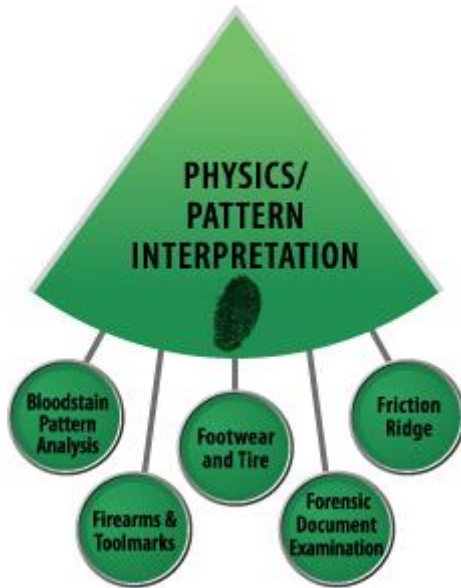
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Discipline Description



Footwear and Tire:

Detection, documentation, recovery, examination and comparison of footwear and tire evidence.



Summary of Standards/Guidelines Priority Actions

Priority	Working Title of Document
High	Footwear/Tires Test Impression Guide
High	Research needs for footwear and tire track evidence
High	Terminology and Training/Competency documents developed from the SWGTREAD standards
High	Source identification conclusion scale and what documents to create or modify for standards or guidelines
Low	Revise the remaining SWGTREAD documents to conform with OSAC SDO requirements



Topic 1: Footwear/Tires Test Impression Guide

Priority Level: High

- A guideline for examiners in the creation and collection of test impressions made from footwear and tires for comparison purposes.

Task Group Name: Footwear & Tire

Examination/Comparison Methods

Task Group Chair Name: Sarah Bohne

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Topic 1: Footwear/Tires Test Impression Guide

Standards/Guidelines to Move Forward

Title	Organization	Suggested OSAC Process: (Registry, SDO, Canvass)
Footwear/Tires Test Impression Guide	AAFS	SDO





Topic 1: Footwear/Tires Test Impression Guide

Committee Action Plan

Priority (high/med/ low/)	Planned Actions	Approx. Deadline	Assignee
High	Create KAVI project		
	Address final comments from FW/TT Subcommittee		
	Final Subcommittee vote		
	Seek SAC approval for SDO process	April 1, 2016	Sarah Bohne



Topic 2: Footwear and Tire Comparison Conclusions

Priority Level: High

- Action pending finalization of Physics/Pattern SAC harmonized source conclusion scale

Task Group Name: Footwear & Tire

Examination/Comparison Methods

Task Group Chair Name: Sarah Bohne

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Topic 2: Footwear and Tire Comparison Conclusions

Committee Action Plan

Priority (high/med/ low/)	Planned Actions	Approx. Deadline	Assignee
High	Create FW/TT conclusion scale?	TBD	Sarah Bohne
	Create FW/TT report writing/Testimony Guide?	TBD	Sarah Bohne





Topic 3: Research Needs

Priority Level: High

- Production of Research Needs documents for OSAC

Task Group Name: Footwear & Tire Research/Technology
Task Group Chair Name: Jacqueline Speir, Ph.D
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Committee Action Plan

Priority (high/med/low/)	Planned Actions	Approx. Deadline	Assignee
High	PCAST Response	Completed	Jacqueline Speir, Ph.D
High	Submit 5 OSAC Research Needs Assessment forms for SAC approval	April 1, 2016	Jacqueline Speir, Ph.D



Topic 4: Terminology

Priority Level: Medium

- A FW/TT Terminology document is pending Physics/Pattern SAC Terminology Task Group action
- The harmonized source identification conclusion scale and pending FW/TT report writing/testimony documents may delay submission to SDO

Task Group Name: Footwear & Tire Terminology

Task Group Chair Name: Jan LeMay

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Topic 4: Terminology

Standards/Guidelines to Move Forward

Title	Organization	Suggested OSAC Process: (Registry, SDO, Canvass)
Footwear/Tire Terminology Guide	AAFS	SDO





Topic 4: Terminology

Committee Action Plan

Priority (high/med/low/)	Planned Actions	Approx. Deadline	Assignee
Medium	Continue to review/revise terminology document	TBD	Jan LeMay
	Adjust and refine terms based on pending conclusion/report writing/testimony documents	TBD	
	Submit for SDO process	TBD	



Topic 5: Training/Competency

Priority Level: High

- Produce a standard for training footwear and tire comparison examiners
- Collaborate with IAI on the updating of the Recommended Course of Study for Footwear/Tire Track Examiners training manual in an effort to harmonize an OSAC FW/TT training standard with the IAI training manual

Task Group Name: Training and Competency

Task Group Chair Name: David Kanaris

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Topic 5: Training/Competency

Standards/Guidelines to Move Forward

Title	Organization	Suggested OSAC Process: (Registry, SDO, Canvass)
Footwear and Tire Examiner Scope of Work, Minimum Requirements, and Training Standard (title ?)	AAFS	SDO





Topic 5: Training/Competency

Committee Action Plan

Priority (high/med/ low/)	Planned Actions	Approx. Deadline	Assignee
Medium	Collaborate with IAI on RCOS and create training standard accordingly	TBD	David Kanaris/Lesley Hammer





Topic 6: Footwear & Tire Processing/Enhancement Methods

Priority Level: Medium

- Documents having to do with the processing and enhancement of evidence impressions at crime scenes or on evidence in a laboratory environment

Task Group Name: Footwear & Tire

Processing/Enhancement Methods

Task Group Chair Name: Michael Gorn

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Topic 6: Footwear & Tire Processing/Enhancement Methods

Standards/Guidelines to Move Forward

Title	Organization	Suggested OSAC Process: (Registry, SDO, Canvass)
Footwear and Tire Impression Chemical Enhancement Guide	AAFS	SDO





Committee Action Plan

Priority (high/med/low/)	Planned Actions	Approx. Deadline	Assignee
Medium	Poling of examiners use of various chemicals for enhancement purposes	April 1, 2016	Michael Gorn
	Develop draft for SC input	July 1, 2016	Michael Gorn



Topic 7: Footwear & Tire Detection/Collection Methods

Priority Level: Medium

- Several guideline documents to be developed including photography, casting, and lifting of impression evidence

**Task Group Name: Footwear & Tire Detection/Collection
Methods**

Task Group Chair Name: Alan Kainuma

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Topic 7: Footwear & Tire Detection/Collection Methods

Standards/Guidelines to Move Forward

Title	Organization	Suggested OSAC Process: (Registry, SDO, Canvass)
Guide for Casting Footwear and Tire Impression Evidence	AAFS	SDO
Guide for Lifting Footwear and Tire Impression Evidence	AAFS	SDO
Guide for the Forensic Documentation and Photography of Footwear and Tire Impressions at the Crime Scene	AAFS	SDO





Topic 7: Footwear & Tire Detection/Collection Methods

Committee Action Plan

Priority (high/med/low/)	Planned Actions	Approx. Deadline	Assignee
Medium	Develop drafts for SC approval and submission to SDO	July 1,2016	Alan Kainuma





Topic 8: Resources

Priority Level: High

- Develop document management workflows and identify features within KAVI to enable effective subcommittee and task group collaboration

Task Group Name: Resources

Task Group Chair Name: Brian McVicker

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Committee Action Plan

Priority (high/med/low/)	Planned Actions	Approx. Deadline	Assignee
High	Create “projects” in KAVI for all documents and TG assignments	April 1, 2016	Brian McVicker



Research Gaps Identified

- 1. Examiner reliability- black box/white box studies for footwear and tires
- 2. Development of a national footwear/tire reference collections
- 3. Studies on the frequency of class characteristics such as outsole design pattern and size of footwear
- 4. Laser scanning of 3D (footwear/tire) impressions to include necessary resolution, depth of field, focus and printing of images into a hard copy format for comparison
(includes comparative studies to existing techniques)
- 5. Probability of randomly acquired characteristics in footwear



Additional Items of Interest

- Created a task group for NIST research on footwear/tire evidence to communicate research between subcommittee and NIST
- Considering whether we are going to come out with a report writing/testimony document to compliment the conclusions scale document
- Project to carry over material on SWGTREAD website to an OSAC webpage
- Project to develop standards for printing/imaging/scanning relevant to FW/TT evidence
- Populating AAFS canvassing body for FW/TT documents



Summary

- Sending our first documents through the new AAFS SDO process
- Conclusion consensus amongst disciplines
- Research needs-National Footwear Database
- Populating the Registry

Rank	Topic Area
1	SDO process
2	Conclusions and related documents to move forward
3	Research needs
4	Populating the Registry with comprehensive discipline topics





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