

Hard Yakka UPF ratings

Hard Yakka knows a thing or two about Australia's unique work conditions. That's why most Hard Yakka workwear is rated UPF 50+ for excellent protection against the harsh Australian sun. In fact, as you can see from the table below, when it comes to protection from harmful UV rays, Hard Yakka is a tough act to follow. All Hard Yakka workwear has been tested by independent, accredited laboratories and rated according to Australian/New Zealand Standard AS/NZS 4399 Sun Protection Clothing Classification. The UPF rating system used to evaluate Hard Yakka workwear is similar to the SPF rating used for sunscreen lotions. For example, a Hard Yakka permanent press shirt rated UPF 25 offers the same "very good protection" from the sun as an SPF 25 sunscreen – the only difference being you have to keep re-applying sunscreen!



The following important factors should also be considered when selecting your Hard Yakka workwear. The UPF rating is for the fabric only and does not take into account the design of the garment. For outdoor workers Hard Yakka recommends garments that cover the maximum area of the body. For example Hard Yakka workwear with full arm and leg coverage should be selected. To ensure complete protection a hat and sunscreen should also be worn. Finally, the UPF protection offered by the garment may be lessened if the fabric is stretched, wet, in close contact with the skin, or worn out due to wear and tear over time.

UPF Range	Rating UVR Protection Category	Effective UVR Transmission
15, 20	Good protection	6.7 to 4.2
25, 30, 35	Very good protection	4.1 to 2.6
40, 45, 50	Excellent protection	<2.5



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