ShoeBAT E-PLATFORM

ONLINE REFERENCE TOOL ON THE BEST AVAILABLE TECHNIQUES FOR THE EUROPEAN FOOTWEAR AND TANNING INDUSTRIES

www.life-shoebat.eu.

USER GUIDE
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Introduction
This guide aims to provide a methodology for performing online queries in the database for the best environmentally-friendly available techniques for the footwear and tanning industries. This guide is especially intended for users, although it may also be helpful for staff in charge of the technical maintenance and content update.

This platform has been developed in the framework of the Life+ project “Promotion of Best Available Techniques in the European Footwear and Tanning Industries”.

Platform structure
The platform can be accessed from:

www.life-shoebat.eu.

As a general rule, the browser will automatically select the display language. Nevertheless, you can change the language by clicking the relevant icon on the upper right side of the home page.

You can gain access to the platform in two different ways: either through the graphic area or by direct access to the database.

Graphic Area
This area has an informational nature and provides immediate summarised information. Here, the best available techniques are displayed by means of pop-up texts by clicking the footwear and tanning production processes.

To gain access to this area, click the central image on the project’s home page.
The following screen will be displayed:

From this screen, you can take a virtual tour of a tannery’s or a footwear factory’s facilities.
- Option 1: Access to a tannery’s facilities
- Option 2: Access to a footwear factory’s facilities.
- Option 3: Access to suppliers’ info.
- Option 4: Access to the helpdesk.
- Option 5: Access to the best available techniques for footwear (Footwear BATs)
- Option 6: Access to the best available techniques for tanning (Tanning BATs)
If you choose option 1, the following screen will be displayed:

If you choose the “Beamhouse” section, the following screen will be displayed:

When moving the cursor over the facilities, pop-up texts will be displayed, which provide a summarised description of the best available techniques that can be used to achieve a more environmentally-friendly production process.
The location of the pop-up texts on the image guides you on the production process that is related to a given technique.

If you are especially interested in any of the techniques, click ‘Read more’ to get more detailed information:

Direct access to the database
If you wish to perform a query directly in the database, without viewing the graphic area, you can do it in two different ways:
1. Through the platform:

Go to the ‘Search tools’ menu and then choose ‘Footwear BATs’ or ‘Tannery BATs’.

In both cases, the following **Search Tools** window will be displayed:
This window shows the different search methods to retrieve information about the best available techniques:

- **Search by free text:** type the text or word to be searched. A drop-down menu with possible options will be displayed. Choose one.
- **Search by relevant keywords or tags:** these are keywords that are most frequently used to describe the techniques.
- **Fielded search:** you can perform a search by technology denomination, technical description, environmental benefits, process step or keywords.
You can get a print version or a PDF file of the on-screen information by clicking on the download icon available on each fiche.
Example of use

If you type ‘emissions’ in the ‘technical description’ search field and click ‘Search’, the following screen will be displayed:

Choose one of the techniques by clicking the relevant title highlighted in blue colour:
Click ‘Download’ at the bottom of the fiche to get a PDF file with the technique’s information.

Technical requirements
If your browser is Internet Explorer, it is strongly recommended that you use version 9 or higher; otherwise, some of the platform features might not work or display properly.