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Shoe Print Data Collection: Additional Methods



1 Introduction

When developing the methodology for the longitudinal shoe study conducted by the Center for Statistics and Applications in Forensic Evidence (CSAFE), collection procedures were designed to obtain the most ideal shoe-sole impression possible. While these images will be useful to the researcher and practitioner communities, they do not provide realistic examples of prints that would be collected from a crime scene/suspected crime scene. For this reason, CSAFE researchers have compiled this manual which contains procedures for further data collection and offers new, or edited, procedures that better represent the practices of current forensic examiners and crime scene teams. If at any time there is a question on any of these procedures, please make a note using a post-it note and e-mail the principal investigator, the project manager, the faculty in charge of the study, or the author of the specific procedure.