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The **Spring Boot Starter Test** dependency is a primary dependency for testing the Spring Boot Applications. It holds all the necessary elements required for the testing.

This starter includes:

- 1. Spring-specific dependencies
- 2. Dependencies for auto-configuration
- 3. Set of testing libraries JUnit, Mockito, Hamcrest, AssertJ, JSONassert, and JsonPath.

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When using this starter, we don't need to update the versions of all the dependencies (JUnit, Mockito, Hamcrest, AssertJ, JSONassert, and JsonPath) manually. The Spring Boot parent POM handles all dependency versions, and the Spring Boot team ensures the different testing dependencies work properly together.