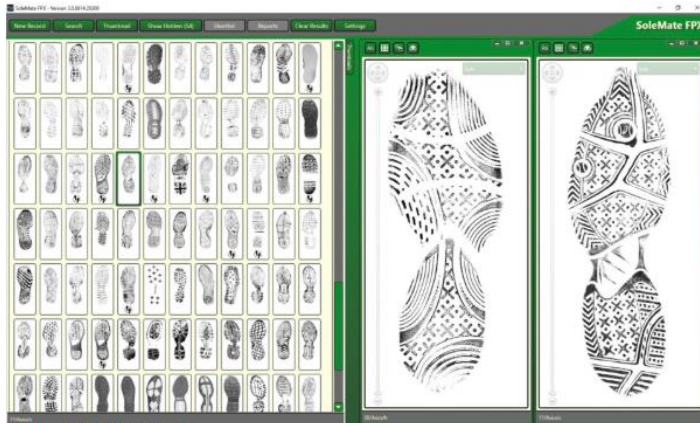


# SoleMate® FPX- New Service Announcement!



Have a questioned footwear impression from a scene, but don't have a shoe standard for comparison? Want to know possible makes and models of the shoe that could have left the impression behind at the scene? SoleMate® FPX is a footwear database designed to do just that!

Even if no suspect shoe standard is available, footwear impression evidence can be submitted to the Wisconsin State Crime Laboratory for a search in the SoleMate® FPX database. These database searches can generate information about a shoe's possible make(s) and model(s) which may provide the investigator with valuable leads that would otherwise go unknown.

SoleMate® FPX will be piloted at the Madison Laboratory. Images or physical evidence that you wish to have searched in the SoleMate® FPX database can be submitted directly to the Madison Laboratory Footwear Unit, or to your local Crime Lab for transfer to the Madison Laboratory.

## What and how to submit impressions for a search in SoleMate® FPX:

Items of physical evidence, or digital images, that contain questioned impressions can be submitted!

- Submit physical items or images on electronic media directly to the lab.

-OR-

- Email digital images (18 MB size limit) and a completed Transmittal form to:

[footwearssearch@doj.state.wi.us](mailto:footwearssearch@doj.state.wi.us)

**\*While we do not recommend it (see photography tutorial), unscaled images can be searched in the SoleMate® FPX database, HOWEVER, if a suspect shoe is later found, these types of images will limit our comparisons and conclusions.**

**\*If suspect shoes (standards) are located after a SoleMate® FPX report has been issued, the suspect standards and properly scaled images of the questioned impressions should be submitted to the laboratory in your service area for a complete comparison.**



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Footwear Analysis Unit