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Standard Guide for Manufacturers for Labeling and Care Instructions for Wrestling Mats¹

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1. Scope

- 1.1 This guide sets forth labeling and instruction guidelines for manufacturers of wrestling mats.
- 1.2 This guide applies only to wrestling mats whose standard specifications are under auspices of ASTM Committee F08.
- 1.3 This standard does not purport to address all of the safety concerns, if any, associated with its use. It is the responsibility of the user of this standard to establish appropriate safety, health, and environmental practices and determine the applicability of regulatory limitations prior to use.
- 1.4 This international standard was developed in accordance with internationally recognized principles on standardization established in the Decision on Principles for the Development of International Standards, Guides and Recommendations issued by the World Trade Organization Technical Barriers to Trade (TBT) Committee.

2. Referenced Documents

2.1 ASTM Standards:²

F1081 Specification for Competition Wrestling Mats

3. Terminology

- 3.1 Definitions:
- 3.1.1 *accompanying literature, n*—printed material that accompanies the product when it is sold or distributed.
- 3.1.2 *caution*, *n*—signal word used to indicate a potentially hazardous situation that, if not avoided, may result in injury or death.
- 3.1.3 *contact information, n*—information that allows the user to contact the manufacturer of the product, such as name, telephone number, website address.
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- ² For referenced ASTM standards, visit the ASTM website, www.astm.org, or contact ASTM Customer Service at service@astm.org. For *Annual Book of ASTM Standards* volume information, refer to the standard's Document Summary page on the ASTM website.

- 3.1.4 *danger*, *n*—signal word used to alert the user to an imminently hazardous situation that, if not avoided, will result in serious injury or death and this signal word is to be limited to the most extreme situations.
- 3.1.5 *label*, *n*—printed material that is physically attached to the wrestling mat in a durable fashion.
- 3.1.6 *label material*, *n*—substrate paper, fabric, ink, paint or other material from which the label is made.
- 3.1.7 *manufacturer*, *n*—entity responsible for marketing the product.
- 3.1.8 *mat*, *n*—shock absorbing material that meets Specification F1081.
- 3.1.8.1 *Discussion*—May or may not be coated or incorporate a cover (example: fabric).
- 3.1.9 *mounting location*, *n*—position on the mat in which information may be affixed.
- 3.1.10 *pictogram*, *n*—graphic representation that depicts or illustrates an act or condition without the use of accompanying writing.
- 3.1.11 *signal word, n*—word that conveys a level of danger commensurate with the risk of injury.
- 3.1.12 *warning*, *n*—signal word used to indicate a potentially hazardous situation that, if not avoided, could result in death or serious injury.
 - 3.2 Definitions of Terms Specific to This Standard:
- 3.2.1 *date of manufacture*, *n*—uncoded four-digit year during which the wrestling mat was manufactured.
- 3.2.2 *durable*, *adj*—label should be designed to be legible as long as the manufacturer's logo remains legible.

4. Significance and Use

- 4.1 This guide gives guidelines for labels and instructions to manufacturers that manufacture wrestling mats.
- 4.2 The purpose of the labels and instructions is to help alert and remind users of important issues related to wrestling mats and their use.
- 4.3 *Limitation*—This guide applies only to wrestling mats whose standard specifications are under auspices of ASTM Committee F08.