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Standard Specification for Warnings on Paintball Marker Accessories Used In the Sport of Paintball¹

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1. Scope

1.1 This specification covers warnings used on paintball marker accessories used in the sport of paintball. The warnings contained in this standard are intended for products that do not have individual ASTM standards which contain product specific warnings.

1.2 *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.*

1.3 *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. Terminology

2.1 Definitions of Terms Specific to This Standard:

2.1.1 *paintball marker accessory, n*—a product which is designed to be used in conjunction with a paintball marker and which is sold separately from a paintball marker.

2.1.1.1 Discussion—

This definition includes products which are affixed to a paintball marker and used in conjunction with it. It specifically excludes other products which may be used when playing the sport of paintball if such products are not attached to the paintball marker. If specified by the manufacturer that the accessory in question requires installation by a qualified dealer or specially trained individual these warnings will not apply. This standard is not intended to cover service or original equipment replacement parts.

3. Significance and Use

3.1 This specification specifies the minimum warnings that are to be provided with or on paintball marker accessories which are used in the sport of paintball.

4. Conformance

4.1 Paintball products shall not, either by label or other means, indicate conformance with this specification unless, at the time of manufacture, they conform to all applicable requirements contained herein.

5. Product Marking

5.1 All paintball marker accessories for use in the sport of paintball shall include a cautionary statement which prominently and durably conveys the following information on the packaging, the instruction sheet, or the product itself, or a combination thereof.

5.1.1 The prominence of the statement shall be achieved by placement within the borders of a rectangle and by use of a suitable contrasting background. The statement may be a combination of upper and lower case letters of a recommended size being no less than 8-point type. The letters in the signal word shall be at least 50 % larger than the letters in other words in the cautionary statement. The signal word shall be in sans serif letters in upper case only and preceded by a safety alert symbol. It is composed

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of an equilateral triangle surrounding an exclamation point. The base of the safety alert symbol shall be on the same horizontal line as the base of the letters of the signal word. The height of the safety alert symbol shall equal or exceed the signal word height. The signal word shall be in black letters on an orange background. The solid triangle of the safety alert symbol shall be black and the exclamation point portion orange. The cautionary statement shall have either black lettering on a white background or white lettering on a black background. When special circumstances limit the use of warning in two colors, the colors assigned to the signal word background may also be used for the cautionary statement letters, provided that they contrast with the background color of the product. When special circumstances preclude the use of safety colors on base materials such as wood, cardboard, metal, plastic, etc., the marking used should (when feasible) contrast with the background color of the base material.

5.1.2 A signal word such as “WARNING,” “DANGER” or “CAUTION.”

5.1.3 A warning that this is not a toy.

5.1.4 A warning that misuse may cause serious injury or death.

5.1.5 A warning that eye protection designed specifically for paintball use must be worn by the user and any person within range.

5.1.6 A recommendation that a person be at least eighteen (18) years of age to purchase.

5.1.7 A warning that users under eighteen (18) years of age must have adult supervision.

5.1.8 A warning to read the operating manual before using any paintball marker or paintball marker accessory.

5.1.9 The following example may be used:

WARNING: This is not a toy. Misuse may cause serious injury or death. Eye protection designed specifically for paintball must be worn by the user and persons within range. Recommend 18 years or older to purchase. Persons under 18 must have adult supervision. READ OWNER’S MANUAL BEFORE USING.

5.2 In addition all paintball marker accessories offered for sale in the sport of paintball will have the following basic information included on the packaging, the instruction sheet, or the product itself, or a combination thereof.

5.2.1 Name of manufacturer or distributor and contact information for the entity.

5.2.2 Country of origin or manufacture.

5.3 All paintball marker accessories offered for sale in the sport of paintball whose operation requires batteries shall include warnings which convey the following information included on the product, the packaging, or the instruction sheet, or a combination thereof.

5.3.1 A warning that to prevent fire or shock hazard, do not immerse the unit in liquids.

5.3.2 A warning that the disposal of the battery used to power the product may be regulated in your area. Please conform to all local or state regulations with regard to battery disposal.

5.3.3 The following example may be used:

WARNING: At the end of its useful life, under various state and local laws, it may be illegal to dispose of the battery used to power this device into the municipal waste stream. Check with your local solid waste officials for details in your area for recycling options or proper disposal.

6. Keywords

6.1 battery; disposal; paintball; paintball marker accessories; paintball sports; warnings

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