



Standard Specification for Eye and Face Protective Equipment for Hockey Players¹

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1. Scope

1.1 This specification covers performance requirements and test methods for face protectors marketed, sold, and intended for ice hockey.

1.2 The intent of this specification is to reduce the risk of injury to the face without compromising the form or appeal of the game. To do so, the face protector shall be used:

1.2.1 As intended within the rules of the game and

1.2.2 In accordance with the manufacturer's instructions.

1.3 Ice hockey is a sport with intrinsic hazards associated with the normal conduct of the game. Participation in ice hockey implies the acceptance of some risk of injury. Use of a face protector certified to this specification will not prevent all injuries.

1.4 This specification has been prepared after careful consideration of the frequency and mechanisms associated with facial and eye injuries that can potentially occur within the rules of the game of ice hockey.

1.5 Requirements and the corresponding test methods, where appropriate, are given for the following:

1.5.1 Construction,

1.5.2 Puck impact resistance,

1.5.3 Penetration,

1.5.4 Field of vision, and

1.5.5 Marking and information.

1.6 Face protection is intended for use by players, goalkeepers, and certain functionaries (for example, referees and coaches). Types of protectors considered under this specification are:

1.6.1 *Type B1*—A full-face protector intended for use by persons older than ten years of age, other than goaltenders;

1.6.2 *Type B2*—A full-face protector intended for use by persons ten years of age or younger, other than goaltenders; and

1.6.3 *Type C (Visor)*—A visor intended for use by person in the junior age category and older, other than goaltenders.

1.7 *Units*—The values stated in SI units are to be regarded as the standard. No other units of measurement are included in this standard.

1.8 Use of the singular does not exclude the plural (and vice versa) when the sense allows.

1.9 Although the intended primary application of this specification is stated in this scope, note that it remains the responsibility of the users of this specification to judge its suitability for their particular purpose.

1.10 *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 and health practices and determine the applicability of regulatory limitations prior to use.*

2. Referenced Documents

2.1 *ASTM Standards*:²

D1003 Test Method for Haze and Luminous Transmittance of Transparent Plastics

D2240 Test Method for Rubber Property—Durometer Hardness

2.2 *CSA Standard*:

CSA Z262.6-02 Specifications for Facially Featured Headforms³

3. Terminology

3.1 *Definitions*:

3.1.1 For the purposes of this specification, the following definitions apply.

3.1.2 *chip, n*—readily visible particle missing from the protector with an area bigger than 9 mm².

3.1.3 *collimated light source (source of illumination), n*—quartz halogen lamp (17 lx or 1.58 footcandles) producing a 100-mm beam at 6-m distance that is centered on the pupils of the eyes of the headform or the midpoint between the pupils

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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 Available from the Canadian Standards Association, 5060 Spectrum Way, Suite 100, Mississauga, Ontario L4W 5N6 Canada.

of the eyes of the headform; this centering is maintained at all times during the optical quality test.

3.1.4 *combination*, *n*—combined unit of a full-face protector or visor placed on a hockey helmet with which it is designed to be used.

3.1.5 *computer interface*, *n*—linkage between the computer, the goniometer, and the sensors that enables a fully automated measurement process via a menu-driven operation during the optical quality test.

3.1.6 *diopetre*, *n*—measure of the power of a lens or a prism equal to the reciprocal of its focal length expressed in metres.

3.1.7 *field of vision*, *n*—projection outward of all retinal points (the nervous layer of the eye) at which visual sensations can be initiated (see Fig. 1).

3.1.7.1 *inferior (downward)*, *adv*—refers to an angle in the vertical plane measured downwards from the horizontal.

3.1.7.2 *nasally*, *adv*—refers to an angle in the horizontal plane measured from the primary position of gaze to the left for the right eye and from the primary position of gaze to the right for the left eye.

3.1.7.3 *superior (upward)*, *adv*—refers to an angle in the vertical plane measured upwards from the horizontal.

3.1.7.4 *temporally*, *adv*—refers to an angle in the horizontal plane measured from the primary position of gaze to the right for the right eye and from the primary position of gaze to the left for the left eye.

3.1.8 *glabella*, *n*—most prominent midline point between the eyebrows identical to the bony glabella of the frontal bone.

3.1.9 *goniometer*, *n*—positioning device that moves the headform such that the angular rotation and movement in both the horizontal and vertical directions enables a spherical scan to be made of the fields of vision as seen through a face protector or visor.

3.1.10 *haze*, *n*—percentage of transmitted light that, in passing through the specimen, deviates from the incident beam by forward scattering.

3.1.11 *helmet positioning index*, *HPI*, *n*—vertical distance measured at the median plane, from the front edge of the helmet to the basic plane, when the helmet is placed on the reference headform.

3.1.12 *impact sites for testing face protectors*:—

3.1.12.1 *eye impact*, *n*—point in the horizontal plane 25° to the median plane and in the direction of the eye (see Fig. 2).

3.1.12.2 *mouth impact*, *n*—point in the intersection between the horizontal plane and the median plane in the direction of the center of the mouth.

3.1.12.3 *side impact*, *n*—point halfway between the mouth level and the eye level in the horizontal plane, 25° to the median plane, and in the direction of the axis formed by the intersection of the median plane and the frontal plane (see Fig. 2).

3.1.13 *interpupillary distance*, *PD*, *n*—distance in millimetres between the centers of the pupils of both eyes on the facially featured headform.

3.1.14 *laser*, *n*—luminous device used for alignment of the sensors.

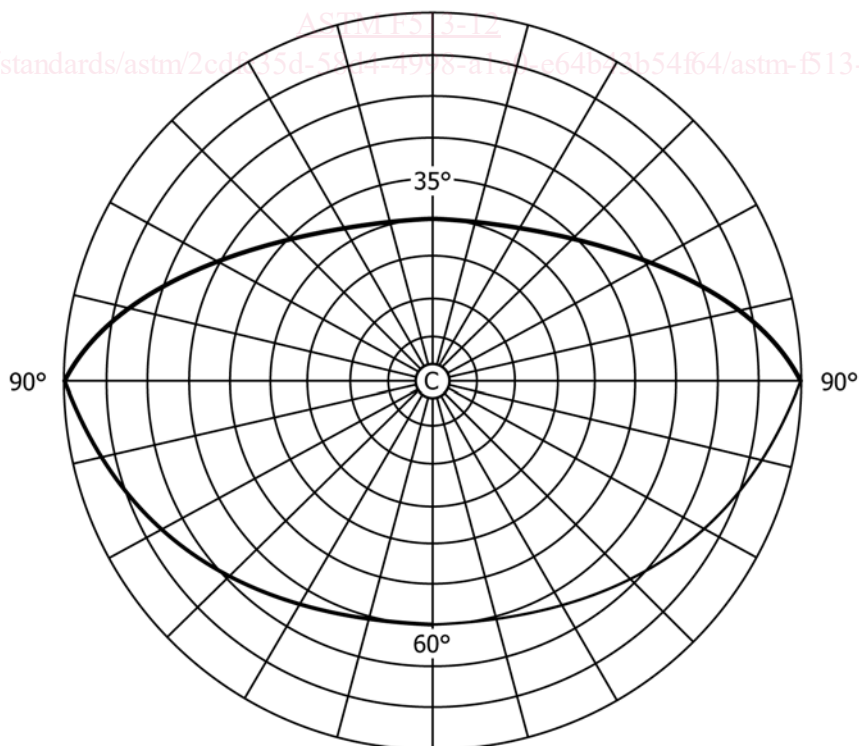


FIG. 1 Peripheral Field of Vision