



Standard Specification for Helmets Used in Recreational Bicycling or Roller Skating¹

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1. Scope ^{*}

1.1 This specification covers performance requirements for helmets manufactured for use by recreational bicyclists or roller skaters. This specification recognizes the desirability of lightweight construction and ventilation; however, it is a performance standard and is not intended to restrict design.

1.2 All testing and requirements of this specification shall be in accordance with Test Methods F1446, except where noted herein.

1.3 Partial utilization of this specification is prohibited. Any statement of compliance with this specification shall be a certification that the product meets all of the requirements of the specification in its entirety. A product that fails to meet any one of the requirements of this specification is considered to have failed the standard and should not be sold with any indication that it meets parts of the standard.

2. Referenced Documents

2.1 ASTM Standards:²

F1446 Test Methods for Equipment and Procedures Used in Evaluating the Performance Characteristics of Protective Headgear
F2043 Classification for Bicycle Usage

3. Terminology

3.1 Definitions of Terms Specific to This Standard:

3.1.1 *recreational bicycling, n*—bicycling in conditions up to Condition 4₃ as specified in Classification F2043.

3.1.2 *in-lines, n*—roller skates with all wheels on each skate arranged along a single longitudinal line.

3.1.3 *quads, n*—roller skates with four wheels on each skate arranged in a rectangular pattern.

3.1.4 *recreational roller skating, n*—skating horizontally using quads or in-lines but not roller hockey or trick roller skating such as ramp jumping, sliding sideways, or skating on stairs.

4. Headforms

4.1 Headforms to be used in this specification are as specified in the section on Test Headforms of Test Methods F1446, using the variable mass drop assembly configuration. The appropriate size headform shall be selected in accordance with the section on Headform Size of Test Methods F1446 for the helmet to be tested.

4.2 In addition to the provisions of Test Methods F1446, the center of gravity of the headform must be within a 10° vertical cone from the center of impact and lie within a rectangular area 28 by 12.8 mm oriented as shown in Fig. 1. The center of gravity of the drop assembly shall lie within 6.4 mm millimeters of the Z-X plane, which is defined for twin wire systems as the plane containing the axes of the two guide wires, and for monorail systems as the plane containing the design center of the headform and the axis of the monorail. The center of gravity of the drop assembly shall lie within 6.4 mm of the Y-Z plane on the side opposite the arm of the ball arm and within 21.6 mm of the Y-Z plane on the side containing the ball arm where the Y-Z plane is perpendicular to the Z-X plane and contains the design center of the headform. Please see Fig. 1. The center of the anvil must be fixed in alignment with the center vertical axis of the accelerometer.

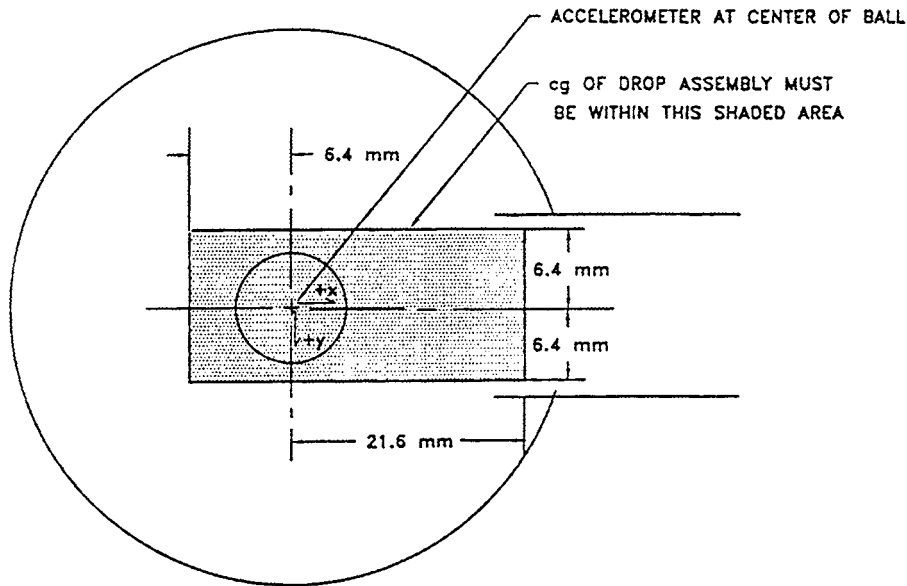
5. Anvils and Impact Velocities

5.1 Anvils to be used for impact tests in this specification are the flat, hemispherical, and curbstone anvils described in the section on Apparatus of Test Methods F1446.

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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.



NOTE 1—Overview of ball-arm as installed on impact test apparatus.

NOTE 2—Coordinate system as defined in FMVSS 218, revised April 6, 1988. Z axis positive downward (into page).

FIG. 1 Center of Gravity for Drop Assembly

5.2 The helmet shall be dropped onto the flat anvil to achieve an impact velocity of 6.2 m/s (corresponding to a theoretical drop height of 2.0 m).

5.3 The helmet shall be dropped onto the hemispherical and curbstone anvils to achieve an impact velocity of 4.8 m/s (corresponding to a theoretical drop height of 1.2 m).

5.4 The impact velocity shall be measured during the last 40 mm of free-fall for each test and shall be within $\pm 3\%$ of the velocities specified in 5.2 and 5.3.

6. Marking the Test Line (Area of Required Coverage)

6.1 Place the helmet on the appropriate size headform in accordance with the section on Headform Size Selection of Test Methods F1446 and preload with a preload ballast weight of 5 kg.

6.2 Position the helmet as specified by the manufacturer's head positioning index (HPI) with the brow parallel to the basic plane.

6.3 Draw a line A-B-C-D on the helmet as shown in Fig. 2. This represents the test line defined in Test Methods F1446.

7. Conditioning, Number of Samples and Laboratory Environment

7.1 The test normally requires eight samples of each shell/liner combination.

7.2 Conditioning of the samples to be tested is described in the section on Conditioning Environment of Test Methods F1446, except that the ambient sample may be conditioned in an environment at 17 to 27°C with a relative humidity of 20 to 80 %, and the wet sample is to be submerged inverted in potable water at a temperature of 17 to 27°C to an external crown depth of at least 305 ± 25 mm.

8. Impact Sites and Projections

8.1 Impact sites are described in the section on Impact Sites and Anvils of Test Methods F1446.

8.2 *Projections*—Any unfaired projection extending more than 7 mm from the helmet's outer surface shall break away or collapse when impacted with forces equivalent to those produced by applicable impact-attenuation tests in Section 5. There shall be no fixture on the helmet's inner surface projecting more than 2 mm into the helmet interior except occipital stabilizers and foam fit pads.

9. Impacting Schedule

9.1 All impacting shall be performed in accordance with Test Methods F1446.

9.2 Helmets shall be impacted with the anvils centered on or above the test line described in Section 6.

9.3 The test anvils can be oriented in any horizontal, centered position.

9.4 One each hot, cold, wet, and ambient helmet shall be impacted using the flat and hemispherical anvils only.

9.5 The curbstone anvil shall be used to impact one time each of the second set of four samples, one conditioned under each of the four conditioning environments.

9.6 In accordance with the section on Test Schedule of Test Methods F1446, retention system testing (see Section 11) shall be completed prior to impact testing.