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**Head and face protectors for
goalkeepers**

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Foreword

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This second edition cancels and replaces the first edition (ISO 10256-4:2016), which has been technically revised.

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The main changes are as follows:

- [Clause 1](#) has been modified to clarify that the standard only refers to head and face protectors for goalkeepers;
- [Clause 3](#) has been expanded to include additional definitions;
- [Clause 4](#) and [Clause 5](#) have been revised to include types of goalkeeper head and face protectors;
- information on ergonomics ([4.2](#) and [5.2](#)), innocuousness ([4.3](#) and [5.3](#)), and markings ([4.4](#) and [5.4](#)) has been added;
- [4.7](#) and [5.7](#) have been revised to clarify puck impact resistance requirements and tests;
- [5.1.2](#) has been revised;
- in [5.1.4](#), a difference between head protector tests ([5.1.4.2](#)) and face protector tests ([5.1.4.3](#)) has been added;
- in [5.5](#), [5.6](#) and [5.7](#), test procedures have been revised;
- in [5.8](#) and [5.10](#) test procedures have been added;
- in [Clause 6](#) requirements have been clarified;
- in [Clause 7](#) requirements have been updated for head protector ([7.1](#)) and for the face protector ([7.2](#)) portions of the goalkeeper head and face protector;

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- [Clause 8](#) has been expanded to provide more information regarding assembly and care of the product;
- [Table 1](#) has been expanded to include the protocol and sequencing of all tests for the goalkeeper head and face protector;
- [Figure 1](#) has been modified to illustrate the overlap of the face protector portion of goalkeeper head and face protector.

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Introduction

Ice hockey is a high-speed, collision sport in which there is a risk of injury. By playing this sport, participants accept the risk of serious injury, paralysis, or death.

This document addresses the unique demands and hazards associated with the position of ice hockey goalkeeper.

Two types of goalkeeper head and face protectors are designated. Performance requirements were determined after consideration of the state of the art of head and face protective design and manufacture.

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Protective equipment for use in ice hockey —

Part 4: Head and face protectors for goalkeepers

1 Scope

This document specifies performance requirements and test methods for head and face protectors for use by ice hockey goalkeepers only.

2 Normative references

The following documents are referred to in the text in such a way that some or all of their content constitutes requirements of this document. For dated references, only the edition cited applies. For undated references, the latest edition of the referenced document (including any amendments) applies.

ISO 10256-1:2024, *Protective equipment for use in ice hockey — Part 1: General requirements*

ISO 10256-2:2024, *Protective equipment for use in ice hockey — Part 2: Head protectors for skaters*

ISO 10256-3:2024, *Protective equipment for use in ice hockey — Part 3: Face and eye protectors for skaters*

CSA Z262.6-14, *Specifications for Facially Featured Headforms*

3 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this document, the terms and definitions given in ISO 10256-1:2024 and the following apply. ISO and IEC maintain terminology databases for use in standardization at the following addresses:

- ISO Online browsing platform: available at <https://www.iso.org/obp>
- IEC Electropedia: available at <https://www.electropedia.org/>

3.1 head protector

device intended to reduce the risk of head injury to ice hockey participants

3.2 face protector

device intended to reduce the risk of injury to the eyes and face of ice hockey participants

3.3 attachment

protector that can be attached or removed by the user described in the manufacturer's documentation

3.4 fastening system

devices used to connect one or more attachments to the *head protector* (3.1)

3.5 chip

readily visible particle missing from the eye or *face protector* (3.2) with an area > 9 mm²

3.6

crack

condition in which there is a break in the protector through the full thickness of the material without complete separation of parts

3.7

fracturing

condition in which there is a complete separation of any part of the protector into pieces

3.8

field of vision

extent of vision through the protector in the 'as worn' position

3.9

retention system

system that secures the *head protector* (3.1) to the head by passing under the mandible in whole or in part when adjusted in accordance with manufacturer's instructions

3.10

helmet positioning index

HPI

vertical distance measured at the median plane, from the front edge of the *head protector* (3.1) to the reference plane, when the head protector is placed on the reference headform

3.11

model

category of protector with the same essential characteristics that can come in several sizes

Note 1 to entry: Essential characteristics include:

- a) materials;
- b) construction;
- c) retention system;
- d) protective padding.

3.12

combination

unit of a face protector placed on a hockey *head protector* (3.1) with which it is intended to be used

Note 1 to entry: The head protector shall be compliant with ISO 10256-2:2024.

4 Requirements

4.1 Types of goalkeeper head and face protectors

The types of goalkeeper head and face protectors shall be as follows.

- a) Type D1 – intended for use by all goalkeepers and meeting the test blade penetration resistance for the head and face.
- b) Type D2 – intended for use by goalkeepers ≥ 18 years of age and meeting the test blade penetration resistance for the head and the test disk penetration resistance for the face.

4.2 Ergonomics

ISO 10256-1:2024, 4.1 shall apply.