



Standard Specification for Pole Vault Box Collars¹

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1. Scope

1.1 This specification covers minimum requirements of size, physical characteristics of materials, standard testing procedures, labeling and identification of pole vault box collars.²

1.2 *Units*—The values stated in SI units are to be regarded as the standard. The values given in parentheses are for information only.

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:*³

F1292 Specification for Impact Attenuation of Surfacing Materials Within the Use Zone of Playground Equipment

3. Terminology

3.1 Definitions:

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3.1.1 *box collar arms, n*—the two parts of the pole vault box collar to the left and right of the pole vault box. If the box collar has box collar wings, the wings are part of the box collar arms.

3.1.2 *box collar body, n*—the part of the pole vault box collar that pads the horizontal surfaces around the rim of the pole vault box and under the front buns.

3.1.3 *box collar cutout, n*—the opening in the pole vault box collar above the pole vault box.

3.1.4 *box collar wing, n*—the part of the box collar arm that extends down the inner sidewall of the pole vault box. The box collar wings provide protection and help to hold the box collar in place.

3.1.5 *front buns, n*—the parts of the pole vault landing system that pad the areas between the standard bases and around the pole vault box.

3.1.6 *front opening, n*—the opening at the front of the pole vault box nearest the approach runway.

3.1.7 *pole bend cavity, n*—the rearmost portion of the pole vault box and box collar cutout in front of the strike plate where the pole bends and rotates. The cavity is formed by the sidewalls and strike plate of the pole vault box, the rearmost part of the pole slide, and inside edges of the box collar cutout over the deepest part of the box where the pole slide meets the strike plate.

3.1.8 *pole slide, n*—the floor of the pole vault box that slants downward from its front boundary with the runway to its rear boundary with the back of the box. The tip of the vaulting pole slides on the pole slide to the strike plate.

3.1.9 *pole slide opening, n*—the space between the ends of the box collar arms at the front of the pole vault box collar and above the intersection of the runway with the pole slide.

3.1.10 *pole vault box, n*—the trough at the end of the pole vault runway. It has four sides: a downward sloping floor or pole slide, two sidewalls, and a strike plate. A vaulter directs the lower end of the vaulting pole into the pole vault box. The back wall of pole vault box stops the forward motion of the end of the pole while allowing the pole to rotate about its end as the vaulter leaves the ground and completes a vault.

3.1.11 *pole vault box collar, n*—a device used to offer impact protection to pole vaulters in and around a pole vault box.

3.1.12 *sidewalls, n*—the left and right walls of the pole vault box.

3.1.13 *strike plate, n*—the back wall of the pole vault box; the stopboard.

4. Performance Requirements

4.1 The average peak acceleration calculated from the last two of a series of three impact tests for each impact test location on the pole vault box collar shall not exceed 200 g when impact tested in accordance with Section 9.

4.2 The average HIC score calculated from the last two of a series of three impact tests for each impact test location on the pole vault box collar shall not exceed 1150 when impact tested in accordance with Section 9.

5. Dimensions

5.1 *Minimum Dimensions*—A pole vault box collar shall be at least 122 cm (48 in.) wide and 146 cm (57½ in.) long. The distance from the rear edge of the box collar at its base to the rear edge of the box collar cutout shall be at least 38 cm (15 in.). At its uppermost surface, the box collar shall cover the upper edges of each sidewall of the box from the front of the box where the pole slide meets the runway to a point on the top edge of the sidewall no less than 20 cm (8 in.) forward of the top of the strike plate. The box collar arms shall extend forward at least 108 cm (42½ in.) from the base of the rear edge of the box collar cutout. (See Figs. 1 and 2.)^{4,5}

5.2 *Maximum Thickness*—A pole vault box collar shall be no more than 10 cm (4 in.) thick.

5.3 *Maximum Dimensions of Box Collar Cutout*—At the box collar's uppermost surface in the vertical plane passing through the front edge of the pole slide, the horizontal distance from left to right across the box collar cutout shall be no more than 58 cm (23 in.). At the horizontal plane of the runway, the horizontal distance from left to right across the rear of the box collar cutout at the front of the bend cavity shall be no more than 29 cm (11½ in.). The width across the base of the rear opening of the box collar cutout shall be no more than 42 cm (16½ in.). The width across the base of the front opening of the box collar cutout shall be no more than 60 cm (24 in.). The box collar arms shall extend over the box beyond the upward extended plane of the adjacent sidewall of the pole vault box from a point no more than 20 cm (8 in.) forward from the top edge of the strike plate to the front of the box where the pole slide meets the runway. (See Figs. 1 and 2.)

5.4 *Minimum Dimensions of Box Collar Cutout*—At the box collar's upper most surface in the vertical plane passing

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through the front edge of the pole slide, the horizontal distance from left to right across the box collar cutout shall be no less than 56 cm (22 in.). At and above the horizontal plane of the runway, the horizontal distance from left to right across the rear of the box collar cutout at the front of the bend cavity shall be no less than 23 cm (9 in.). The width across the base of the rear opening of the box collar cutout shall be no less than 41 cm (16 in.). The width across the base of the front opening of the box collar cutout shall be no less than 58 cm (23 in.). The front edge of the box collar that borders the strike plate shall not extend forward past the upward extended plane of the strike plate. The box collar arms shall not extend over the box beyond the upward extended plane of the adjacent sidewall of the pole vault box for a distance of at least 15 cm (6 in.) forward from the top edge of the strike plate. (See Figs. 1 and 2.)

5.5 To allow the pole to bend undisturbed, the front face of the box collar edge that borders the strike plate shall be tapered away from the box at an angle between 116 and 140° from horizontal to match or exceed the angle of the strike plate.

5.6 To allow the pole to bend undisturbed, the inner faces of the box collar arms that border the sidewalls shall be tapered away from the box at an angle between 124 and 140° from horizontal to match or exceed the angle of the sidewalls. This taper shall extend forward along the side of the pole bend cavity the full length of the pole bend cavity. (See Figs. 1 and 2.)

5.7 The body of the box collar shall extend rearward at least 30 cm (12 in.) under the front buns of the pole vault landing system.

5.8 The body of the box collar shall extend laterally at least 15 cm (6 in.) under the front buns of the pole vault landing system.

5.9 The box collar wings shall be no more than 10 cm (4 in.) thick on the upper sidewalls of the box. The box collar wings shall extend no closer towards rear of the box than 15 cm (6 in.) from the strike plate. The horizontal distance between the wings of the box collar arms shall be no less than 15 cm (6 in.) when measured at the front edge of the bend cavity. The minimum horizontal distance between the wings of the box collar arms shall increase linearly from this point forward to the front opening of the box, where the pole slide meets the runway and where the opening between at the base of the box collar arms shall be no less than 58 cm (23 in.). The box collar wings shall allow room for a pole to slide freely down the interior edges of the pole vault box where the sidewalls meet the pole slide. The box collar wings shall extend down the sidewalls of the box to a point no lower than 10 cm (4 in.) from the pole slide at the front edge of bend cavity. The minimum distance between the lowermost edges of the wings of the box collar arms and the pole slide shall decrease linearly from this point forward to the front opening of the box, where the pole slide meets the runway and where the distance between the lower surface of the inner most edges of the box collar arms and the pole slide shall be no less than 3 cm (1 in.). (See Figs. 1 and 2.)

5.10 The box collar wings shall allow improperly planted poles to slide forward and downward into the bottom of the