



Standard Consumer Safety Specification for Infant Bath Seats¹

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INTRODUCTION

This consumer safety specification is intended to address certain incidents associated with the use of bath seats, bath rings, and other similar devices.

The U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) identified drowning incidents which generally involved infants either tipping over, climbing out of, or sliding through the product after being left unattended by their caregiver.

This specification does not address incidents in which bath seats are unreasonably misused, are used in a careless manner that disregards the warnings and instructions that are provided with each product, or those instances where the caregiver leaves the infant unattended in the product.

This consumer safety specification is written within the current state-of-the-art product technology. It is intended that this specification will be updated whenever substantive information becomes available and known to ASTM which necessitates additional requirements or justifies the revision of existing requirements.

1. Scope

1.1 This consumer safety specification establishes performance requirements, test methods, and labeling requirements to promote the safe use of infant bath seats. Products commonly referred as bath rings also are included in the scope of this specification.

1.2 This consumer safety specification is intended to reduce the risk of death and minimize injury to infants resulting from use and reasonably foreseeable abuse of infant bath seats.

1.3 No infant bath seat produced after the approval date of this consumer safety specification shall, either by label or other means, indicate compliance with this specification unless it conforms to all requirements contained herein.

1.4 The following precautionary caveat pertains only to the test methods portion, Section 7, of this consumer safety specification: *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.*

1.5 The test values and dimensions stated in inch-pound units are to be regarded as standard. SI values in parentheses are given for information only.

2. Referenced Documents

2.1 ASTM Standards:

D 3359 Test Methods for Measuring Adhesion by Tape Test²

F 404 Consumer Safety Specification for High Chairs³

F 462 Consumer Safety Specification for Slip-Resistant Bathing Facilities³

F 963 Consumer Safety Specification on Toy Safety³

2.2 Federal Regulations:⁴

16 CFR 1303 Ban of Lead-Containing Paint and Certain Consumer Products Bearing Lead Containing Paint

16 CFR 1500 Federal Hazardous Substances Act Regulations, including sections:

1500.48 Technical Requirements for Determining a Sharp Point in Toys and Other Articles Intended for Use by Children Under 8 Years of Age

1500.49 Technical Requirements for Determining a Sharp Metal or Glass Edge in Toys and Other Articles Intended for Use by Children Under 8 Years of Age

1500.50 Test Methods for Simulating Use and Abuse of Toys and Other Articles Intended for Use by Children

1500.51 Test Methods for Simulating Use and Abuse of Toys and Other Articles Intended for Use by Children 18 Months of Age or Less

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² Annual Book of ASTM Standards, Vol. 06.01.

³ Annual Book of ASTM Standards, Vol. 15.07.

⁴ Code of Federal Regulations, available from U.S. Government Printing Office, Washington, DC 20402.