

**STANDARD PERFORMANCE
SPECIFICATION FOR
RECERTIFIED BASEBALL-SOFTBALL
BATTERS AND CATCHERS HELMETS**

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1 Scope

- 1.1 This standard specification establishes performance requirements for the recertification of baseball-softball batter's helmets with or without face protectors and catcher's helmets with attached face protectors.
- 1.2 ***All testing and requirements of this standard specification must be in accordance with NOCSAE DOC.001, except where modified herein.***
- 1.3 Firms may recertify only those helmets/combinations that have been previously certified to NOCSAE.
- 1.4 *This standard does not purport to address all of the safety problems, 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 STANDARD DROP TEST METHOD AND EQUIPMENT USED IN EVALUATING THE PERFORMANCE CHARACTERISTICS OF PROTECTIVE HEADGEAR, NOCSAE DOC.001
- 2.2 STANDARD PERFORMANCE SPECIFICATION FOR NEWLY MANUFACTURED BASEBALL/SOFTBALL BATTER'S HELMETS, NOCSAE DOC 022
- 2.3 STANDARD PERFORMANCE SPECIFICATION FOR NEWLY MANUFACTURED BASEBALL/SOFTBALL CATCHER'S HELMETS WITH FACEGUARD, NOCSAE DOC 024

3 Helmet Preparation

- 3.1 See Section 10, NOCSAE DOC.001.
- 3.2 Face Protectors – Catcher Helmets must be tested with face protectors attached. Batter's helmets may be tested with face protectors attached.
 - 3.2.1 Recertifiers shall verify that the face protectors on catcher's helmets are attached properly according to the manufacturers instructions and are intended for the helmet they are attached to. All face protectors that are attached to catcher's helmets must be visually inspected for damage. (refer to sec 6.5 of NOCSAE Doc.024)
 - 3.2.2 Recertifiers shall verify that the face protectors on batter's helmets are attached properly according to the manufacturers instructions and bear the NOCSAE logo. If the logo is present and a visual inspection of the protector indicates no damage the unit may be recertified. If no logo is present or the face protector is damaged the face protector must be removed before the helmet can be recertified.
 - 3.2.3 Damaged face protectors shall not be recertified or returned to play.

- 3.3 Helmets must be tested before and after all processing and in the condition in which they are to be returned to use (not all helmets are tested - not all helmets are tested both before and after) a statistical sample must be tested. This section should not be construed in any way as overriding Section 3.2 above.

4 Conditioning Environments

- 4.1 See Section 12.1 and 12.3, NOCSAE DOC.001

5 Impact Attenuation Tests

- 5.1 The ½" Test MEP is used as the impact surface for recertification tests.
- 5.2 Impact locations are described in Section 19, NOCSAE DOC.001.
- 5.3 Each submitted sample helmet shall be impacted in the side position and in one other location in accordance with Table 1 below and as depicted in Figure 1.
- 5.4 The peak severity index of any impact shall not exceed 1200 SI.

TABLE 1

**LOCATION - DROP HEIGHT - inches (cm)
(All drop heights must be ± 1/8")**

	RIGHT SIDE	REAR BOSS	REAR
Ambient Temperature	36 (91)	36 (91)	36 (91)

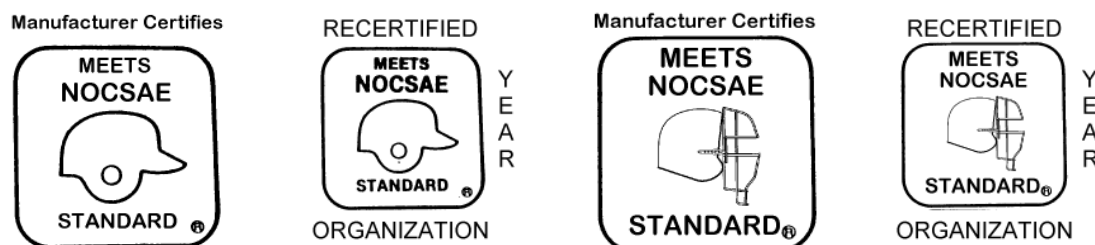
6 Additional Requirements for Recertification

- 6.1 Helmet configuration must be the same as originally certified.
- 6.2 All components must function as originally certified.
- 6.3 Helmet shells must be free from cracks (as defined in NOCSAE DOC.001, Section 3.5).
- 6.4 Face protectors must be free of cracks and have no exposed metal or sharp corners.

7 Labels and Warnings

- 7.1 See Section 9.1 through 9.3 of NOCSAE DOC.001.
- 7.2 The labels identified in Section 9.1 shall be permanently and legibly labeled or marked in a manner such that the information can be easily read without removing any permanent component.

- 7.3 A permanent replica of one of the seals shown below must appear on the exterior of the headgear. If the original "Manufacturer" NOCSAE logo is not clearly legible, then the "Recertified" logo shall be applied.



If the "recertified" seal needs to be added, the "YEAR" data must be given and it shall reflect the year of the particular reconditioning season (e.g., 2003) that the helmet is being recertified. The "ORGANIZATION" information is optional; examples might be the name of the recertifier's organization or his company (e.g., NAERA or XYZ Reconditioning).

- 7.4 Each helmet shall have permanently affixed to the exterior of the shell a clearly legible statement which can be easily read without removal of any decal tape, other temporary material or permanent component, which contains language which effectively communicates to the purchaser and user the following information using the same or similar language:

WARNING:

NO HELMET CAN PREVENT ALL HEAD OR ANY NECK INJURIES A PLAYER MIGHT RECEIVE WHILE PARTICIPATING IN BASEBALL-SOFTBALL.

DO NOT USE THIS HELMET TO BUTT, RAM OR SPEAR AN OPPOSING PLAYER. THIS IS IN VIOLATION OF THE BASEBALL-SOFTBALL RULES AND SUCH USE CAN RESULT IN SEVERE HEAD OR NECK INJURIES, PARALYSIS OR DEATH TO YOU AND POSSIBLE INJURY TO YOUR OPPONENT.

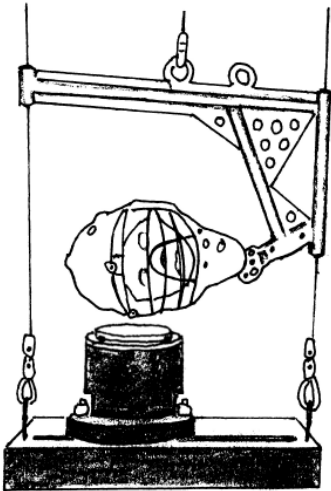
- 7.5 Recertified helmets must have a recertification seal that includes the name of the recertifying firm and the year of recertification. This seal may be placed on the interior or exterior of the shell in an area in which it can be easily read without removal of any permanent component and will also contain the following language:

"This helmet has been recertified according to procedures established to meet the NOCSAE Standard."

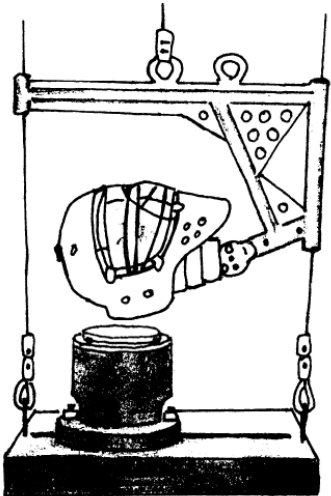
- 7.6 Batters protectors shall have the appropriate labels, warnings and attachments as required in NOCSAE DOC 022 section 6.

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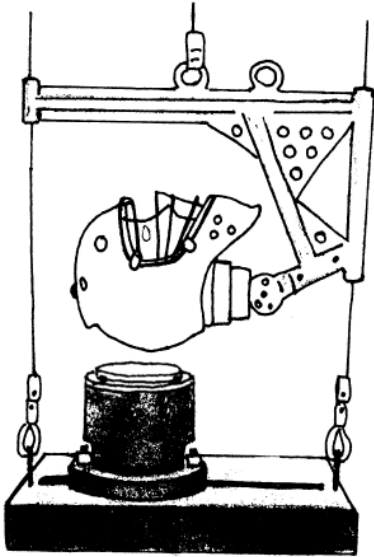
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Right Side Impact



Rear Boss Impact



Rear Impact

Figure 1

JUNE, 2004 MODIFICATIONS/REVISIONS

- Added section 5.3
- Added the word “helmets” in the scope

DECEMBER 2004 MODIFICATIONS/REVISIONS

- Modified section 3.3 to clarify helmets tested.

MARCH 2007 MODIFICATIONS/REVISIONS

- Modified section 5 to clarify impact surface.
- Modified figure 1 to illustrate impact surface.

JANUARY 2008 MODIFICATIONS/REVISIONS

- Corrected typographical error in section 7.