



STANDARDS FOR PROTECTIVE HEADGEAR 1968

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Effective 1 September 1967 the Snell Memorial Foundation will utilize the USA Standards Institute Z90.1-1966 Performance Standard for Protective Headgear, as the technical basis upon which Snell Foundation certification of protective headgear will be granted. This change from the 1962 Snell Memorial Foundation Standards for Protective Headgear is made in the interests of simplification and uniformity of standards, and in accordance with expressions of concern by helmet consumer groups, manufacturers and legislative bodies.

The Foundation acknowledges the need for continuance of its certification process as expressed by a number of consumer groups, and plans to maintain this service as in the past 8 years. All helmets certified by the Foundation from 1 September 1967 forward must comply with the requirements of the Z90 Standard. Those manufacturers whose helmets are currently certified by the Foundation will be required to re-submit their product prior to that date for complete re-evaluation according to the Z90.1 Standards. To attain certification, in addition to meeting the performance requirements of these Standards, certain other conditions must be satisfied for the consumer's protection under contract between the Foundation and manufacturer.

In recent months the Snell Memorial Foundation has received a marked increase in the number of requests from consumer groups and helmet manufacturers for testing of both prototype helmets and samples submitted for certification to standards. For nearly a decade, the Foundation has made its facilities available without charge for these purposes as a service to the ultimate consumer. The volume of this work has now increased to a point where it is no longer possible for the Foundation to absorb the entire cost of the non-research testing aspects of our facility. Effective 20 February 1967, the charges will be as follows:

- 1.) Prototype testing: This preliminary type evaluation will be conducted at a cost of \$80.00 per helmet.
- 2.) Testing in accordance with 1962 Snell Foundation Standards: (To be discontinued effective 1 September 1967) This requires three helmets, size 7 $\frac{1}{4}$, submitted for each model. Testing costs will be \$250.00 per model test series submission.
- 3.) Testing in accordance with USASI Z90.1 Standard: This requires four helmets, size 7 $\frac{1}{4}$, submitted for each model. Testing costs will be \$350.00 per model test series submission.
- 4.) If Snell Foundation certification, allowing the use of the Foundation name and the use of the Foundation identification decal is desired, an additional fee of \$50.00 is required to cover the cost of the legal contract arrangements entered into between the Foundation and the manufacturer.

Additional requirements for certification by the Foundation, incorporated in the contractual agreement, include provision for periodic random sampling of helmets taken from dealer stocks or from the manufacturer's plant. Also, manufacturers whose product is certified are required to submit to the Foundation a monthly statement of the serial numbers of the Foundation's certification mark used during that month so that the Foundation will have a record of the date of manufacture of all helmets certified.