



**ASTM F08.26 Subcommittee on
Baseball and Softball Equipment
Chicago, Illinois
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Log of Meeting

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Summary of Meeting

ASTM F08.26 Subcommittee on Baseball and Softball Equipment met at McCormick Place East, Room 263, Chicago, IL, Saturday, July 15, 1995. The meeting was chaired by Mr. Bud Cosgrove, Senior Deputy Commissioner, Department of Parks and Recreations, County of Nassau, East Meadow, NY. Activities of the subcommittee which are relevant to the Baseball Protective Equipment project are reported below.

Bases

The existing types of bases were described briefly. They include

- o fixed bases which generally have a post and sleeve anchoring system,
- o release bases which have a grommet and nub anchoring system or a magnetic anchoring system,
- o impact bases which compress on impact and have a post and sleeve anchoring system,
- o combined release and impact bases which compress on impact and have an mushroom type anchoring system, and
- o low profile bases which have tapered edges.

The question of whether to try to develop a single standard for all types of bases was discussed. Several committee members thought it might be possible to design a single test which would measure the amount of force needed to dislodge the base. It was suggested that work done on ice hockey goals might be relevant. It was decided to await the results of the CPSC special study underway this summer before deciding whether to try to write a safety standard.

Softer Baseballs

At the last meeting, it had been decided that the test method for coefficient of restitution (COR) which was being proposed would be written as intended for both baseballs and softballs. It was noted that baseball has traditionally used ash backboard as test surface, as opposed to steel surface in the proposed COR test method. It was agreed that the baseball and softball COR test methods would be separated. Dennis Heffling, Rawlings, will draft baseball COR. Dr. Henry Scarton, MIT, reported that his work on dynamic hardness had been completed and he would now be able to write a draft test method for dynamic hardness for baseballs and softballs. The latest revision of the test method for compression-displacement of baseballs and softballs was distributed.

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