



MEETING LOG

SUBJECT: ASTM F15.18 Bassinet/Cradles Mattress Pad and Latching Task Group

FY 23 OP PLAN ENTRY: Bassinets/Cradles

DATE OF MEETING: 9/29/2023

LOCATION OF MEETING: Virtual

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FILING DATE: 10/23/2023

CPSC ATTENDEE(S): Daniel Taxier (ESMC), Frederick deGrano (ESMC), Stephen Harsanyi (ESHF), Ashley Johnson (HSPP), Jacqueline Campbell (EXHR)

NON-CPSC ATTENDEE(S): Contact ASTM for the full attendee list.

Summary of Meeting:

This task group is developing proposed requirements for ASTM F2194, *Standard Consumer Safety Specification for Bassinets and Cradles*, to allow bassinets with built-in padding underneath the bassinet floor.

The task group discussed the latest draft ballot proposal from the task group chair. The discussion included the following topics:

- The draft ballot includes revisions to definitions of “removeable bassinet bed,” “compact bassinet/cradle,” and a new definition for “free-standing bassinet.” Staff noted that these definitions suggest that compact bassinets will be allowed despite the Commission’s vote to reject ASTM F2194-22e1 because compact bassinets pose a falling hazard when placed on an elevated surface. The task group chair clarified that the intent of these definitions was to allow other task groups to use the terms to develop performance requirements to address the hazard. Staff asked that the task groups coordinate their efforts on these definitions, and recommended the topic be discussed at the next subcommittee meeting.
- A task group member noted that a change to the term “play yard bassinet” could allow for bassinets which convert to play yards and will discuss the topic with the task group chair offline.
- Staff recommended that the term “bassinet floor” or “product floor” be used in place of the term “floor” when describing the internal support surface of the product to avoid confusion with the typical usage of the term “floor.” The task group chair said that all other uses of the word “floor” when meaning the floor of the room had been revised and recommended the continued usage of “floor.”
- Several task group members were concerned that the draft ballot would result in bassinets with very firm sleep surfaces (*e.g.*, if a mattress is not provided with the bassinet), which may promote the placement of soft bedding in the bassinet by parents who perceive the surface to be uncomfortable. The task group chair responded that the draft ballot was intended to allow bassinets with even more padding to address the same issue of perceived discomfort.



- One task group member noted that the defined terms for “mattress” and “mattress support” did not appear to allow for mattress supports with non-segmented mattresses. The task group recommended a change to the term “mattress support” to allow such mattresses.

The task group did not have time to review the full draft ballot or the draft firmness test ballot.

Next Steps:

Additional task group meetings will be scheduled in the future. The next subcommittee meeting is expected to take place during ASTM’s juvenile product meeting week, November 29 – December 1, 2023.