



MEETING LOG

SUBJECT: ASTM F15.11 Expansion Gates and Expandable Enclosures Subcommittee Meeting

FY 24 OP PLAN ENTRY: Gates and Expandable Enclosures

DATE OF MEETING: 12/01/2023, 9:00 am, ET

LOCATION OF MEETING: Virtual and In-Person at ASTM Headquarters (West Conshohocken, PA)

CPSC STAFF FILING MEETING LOG: Carlos Torres (ESMC)

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CPSC ATTENDEE(S): Jacqueline Campbell (EXHR) (in-person), Daniel Taxier (ESMC), Carlos Torres (ESMC), Jill Hurley (ESHF), Stefanie Marques (HSPP), Susan Proper (EC), Suad Wanna-Nakamura (HSPP), Matthew Kreese (LSM)

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

Summary of Meeting:

Mr. Steven Anzaroot (subcommittee chair) called the meeting to order. After introductions, and the meeting agenda and meeting minutes were approved, the chair informed participants that there were no ballot results. The task group (TG) lead then proceeded to present updates.

- Third-party accessories (wall [cups] extenders): A member presented the issue of third-party accessories (from non-gate manufacturers) for pressure-mounted gates that, when installed, would widen the opening between the gate and the wall/door frame larger than the required maximum of 3 inches. These extenders may allow children to bypass the gate or become entrapped in the gap/opening and may also create product instability. The TG lead presented three warning label language options to address the issue by advising consumers not to use third-party accessories. One of the concerns discussed was the limited space for an on-product warning label. Another option discussed was to either expand the scope of the gates standard to include third-party accessories or to create a separate standard for these accessories. A member contested that, if the scope of the gate's standard is expanded, why put the burden of testing compliant gates with the wide variety of third-party accessories on compliant gate manufacturers. The group agreed to continue the discussion at the TG level.

On new business, the chair discussed a letter from a member about retractable gates sold by online retailers not in compliance with the gate's standard. The conversation revolved around whether the issue is an enforcement issue or needs to be addressed in the standard (e.g., revise the requirements for bottom spacing). The group agreed to form a TG to discuss the issue. CPSC staff will provide the latest incident data and search for incidents with retractable gates.

Next Steps:

CPSC staff will participate on the wall extenders and retractable gates TG(s). Additionally, staff will provide the subcommittee with the latest incident data.