

MEETING LOG

SUBJECT: ASTM F15.20 Infant Bath Seats Subcommittee

FY 24 OP PLAN ENTRY: Infant Bath Seats

DATE OF MEETING: 11/30/2023

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

CPSC STAFF FILING MEETING LOG: Julia Kerns

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CPSC ATTENDEE(S): Julia Kerns (ESHF), Zachary Goldstein (LSM), Jacqueline Campbell (EXHR), Celestine Kish (ESHF), Daniel Taxier (ESMC), Runiya Dasgupta (CRE), and Suad Wanna-Nakamura (HSPP)

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

Summary of Meeting:

The subcommittee discussed an update from the task group which is updating the specifications for the bathtub used as a test platform in the standard, ASTM F1967.... The bathtub currently specified in the standard is not available for purchase. CPSC staff has reported market research and analysis of current bathtubs available in the market today to support the revised standard. The subcommittee discussed some of the proposed changes, including the removal of Figures 4 and 5 and omitting the word, "smooth" from 7.4.1.1 Test Platform section. The subcommittee also discussed the removal of some of the measurements from Figure 3 to simplify the ability to procure an acceptable bathtub without reducing the level of safety provided by the test. An attendee inquired about the reasoning for leaving test strips in the standard. CPSC staff stated leaving test strips in the performance testing would allow for the worst-case scenario for the least amount of friction to the bath seat which is only attached to the bottom of the tub. Another attendee suggested removing additional dimensions from Figure 3, including dimensions depicting the locations for AA and BB, which coincide with Figures 4 and 5, as these do not have any bearing on testing. Further changes to bathtub specifications will be discussed at a future task group meeting.

The subcommittee chair asked staff to provide feedback on updated Infant Bath Seat incident data provided by CPSC staff before the meeting. CPSC staff provided feedback based on information found in the IDIs. Due to the discussion, another attendee noted the importance of example images of Bath Seats in the incident data to gain a better understanding of the products involved in incidents.

Next Steps:

The next subcommittee meeting is expected to take place during the ASTM juvenile product meetings week on May 20-22, 2024.