

U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission Log of Meeting

SUBJECT: Teleconference with the ASTM F15.42 F3096 Voluntary Standard Tip Restraints Task Group on Instructions

DATE OF MEETING: March 29, 2023

LOCATION: Teleconference

LOG ENTRY SOURCE: Kristen Talcott

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CPSC ATTENDEES: Kristen Talcott (ESHF), Daniel Taxier (ESMC)

NON-CPSC ATTENDEES: Contact ASTM for the full list of attendees

SUMMARY OF MEETING:

Task group members reviewed current instructions and suggested additions sent by the task group chair prior to the meeting. The following suggestions were proposed and/or discussed:

- Add a statement that consumers should consult furniture manufacturer's instructions, because some furniture instructions include anchoring in assembly instructions. This may also need to be addressed in the ASTM F2057 clothing storage unit (CSU) standard.
- Provide additional information on how to locate a wall stud in the instructions; however, some manufacturers expressed concern about liability if consumers do not install the anti-tip device correctly. Task group members are interested in providing more guidance on anchoring instructions in the standard, perhaps in an informative annex (optional guidelines). The task group chair asked a task group member to draft additions for review.
- Include a minimum load rating recommendation for wall anchors. Some task group members, and CPSC staff, recommended including appropriate drywall anchors with the anti-tip device; however, there is concern about what type and strength is needed.
- Include direction on how much slack should be left between the device and wall in instructions; there seems to be agreement on including this information.
- Include a statement of compliance with the standard in the instructions. Task group member seems to agree to include this, especially for aftermarket products.

CPSC staff suggested to include a requirement that instructions included with anti-tip devices not contradict those provided by the CSU manufacturer, add a test method for wall anchors, make information about compliance with standard available to consumers at the point of sale, and include a mark indicating compliance on the product. Staff also suggested using anchorit.gov, a CPSC-maintained site, as a resource for information on anchoring furniture.

Next steps: The task group plans to meet again before the May 4, 2023 ASTM F15.42 Furniture Subcommittee meeting. A task group member plans to draft instructions wall attachment for review.