



U.S. CONSUMER PRODUCT SAFETY COMMISSION
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Mr. Clair Arsenault
ASTM Portable Infant Walkers Subcommittee Chairman
Graco Children's Products
150 Oaklands Boulevard
Exton, PA 19341

Re: ASTM F 977-03, Standard Consumer Safety Specification for Infant Walkers

Dear Mr. Arsenault:

The U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) staff* recently conducted tests on infant walkers manufactured by a Juvenile Products Manufacturers Association (JPMA) certified firm. When the walkers were tested to section 7.6.5 *Rearward Facing Step Test* of ASTM F 977-03, the test results were inconclusive as the walkers sometimes met the test requirements, while other times, they did not. Because of this apparent inconsistency, staff has identified test methods in the standard that are somewhat ambiguous and thus can possibly influence the test results.

CPSC staff requests that the ASTM subcommittee on infant walkers consider revising the standard, in an effort to make these test methods more definitive for consistent test results. CPSC staff is available to discuss our test results in more detail at the next subcommittee meeting and is willing to work on this issue with the subcommittee. If you have any questions or comments with regard to this request, please feel free to contact me at 301-504-7577 or at the address above.

Sincerely,

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