

**U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission
LOG OF MEETING**

SUBJECT: Paintball Marker Safety

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LOCATION: CPSC, Bethesda, MD

CPSC ATTENDEE(S): Vince Amodeo, Nick Marchica

NON-CPSC ATTENDEE(S): Dr. Stephen Ho

SUMMARY OF MEETING: Dr. Stephen Ho presented three paintball marker safety devices his company has developed. He has helped get laws adopted in parts of Texas to require these features on paintball markers. (Colorado City, TX passed the Paintball Safety Act) Dr. Ho has recently joined the ASTM paintball committee. The safety features the legislation requires relate to:

- 1. A hopper safety device that prevents paintballs from leaving the hopper unless the safety device switch (safety) is set to the unlocked position.**
- 2. A loader safety device that prevents paintballs from exiting a loader until the loader safety is manually changed from its locked to unlocked position when the loader is placed fully inside a hopper.**

3. A barrel blocking safety system that locks onto the barrel and has an integral feature that destroys all paintballs accidentally fired with the system in place. (ASTM F08.23 sub-committee has recently passed a performance standard for paintball marker barrel blocking devices, ASTM F2271-03.)