



ASTM Meeting
F15.39 Subcommittee on Bean Bag Chairs
Bethesda, MD
June 27, 1996

Log of Meeting to Bean Bag Chairs

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Summary of Meeting

The meeting was chaired by Mr. Keith Mowry from Underwriters Laboratories representing the ASTM F15 Committee.

Mr. Mowry reported that the letter ballot of the draft standard had failed. The vote was 11 affirmative, 7 negative, 16 abstentions, and 16 no returns. Enough votes were returned to meet the ASTM criteria, but a two-thirds affirmative vote was not achieved.

The group discussed the comments accompanying the negative ballots and revised the standard in a number of areas. The torque and small parts test sections were deleted since there were no reported incidents indicating a hazard in this area. It was decided that the seam test section was redundant since the ability of the chair to contain its beads is adequately tested in the durability section.

It was decided that the purpose of the durability testing was to differentiate acceptable from unacceptable chair design and construction, and that this did not necessarily mean that the test procedure had to mimic actual use conditions. The test load was set at 100 pounds, with a circular base, to be dropped unimpeded 300 times from a height of 8 inches above the surface of the chair. Various other clarifications were made.

It was agreed that Mr. Mowry would incorporate the changes as agreed upon by the group, send a revised version to the group for quick review, and then submit the updated draft to ASTM to be rebaloted. The new ballot is expected to be out within approximately a month.

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