



ASTM Publishes F2050 - 12 Standard Consumer Safety Specification for Hand-Held Infant Carriers

The ASTM F2050 -12 Standard Consumer Safety Specification for Hand-Held Infant Carriers is a recently revised safety specification published by ASTM International to address safety concerns identified with the popular juvenile products known as hand held infant carriers. These products are defined in the standard as:

"[A] freestanding, rigid sided product intended to carry an occupant whose torso is completely supported by the product to facilitate transportation by a caregiver by means of hand-holds or handles"

The Challenge:

The updated standard, among other things, addresses several safety concerns raised by the Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) with regards to hand held infant carriers, some of which were based on past incidents. Key new requirements of this revised standard include:

- New definition regarding of products known as "*hand-held bassinet / cradles*"
- A new requirement and test method that hand-held infant carriers must feature carrying handles which automatically lock or move into a manufacturer's designated carry position
- A new test method to evaluate the strength of the handle locking mechanism through the application of dynamic impacting forces

Are you prepared to incorporate these changes in your supply chain and ensure that your products comply with new ASTM F2050 standard?

The Solution:

Intertek, through our extensive global network, has a variety of services available to help you overcome the challenges related to complying with the ASTM F2050 - 12 Standard Consumer Safety Specification for Hand-Held Infant Carriers. Besides keeping you updated on this and other new product safety developments, Intertek experts can assess your specific compliance and product testing needs and recommend ways to ensure that your juvenile product and other product testing programs meet all the CPSC, as well as other US and international requirements, in the most effective and efficient way possible.

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