



Standard Specification for Headforms¹

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INTRODUCTION

This specification identifies the headforms used for testing protective headgear in individual ASTM International test methods and performance standards (standard specifications). This specification was closely based on ISO DIS 6220, which was never published as an International Standard and is no longer available. EN 960, a published standard, is also based on ISO DIS 6220 and has been used as a basis for this standard.

1. Scope

1.1 This standard specifies the materials, sizing, and manufacturing details of test headforms for use in the testing of protective headgear. Details of the exterior dimension of the headforms are included.

1.2 The values stated in SI units are to be regarded as standard. No other units of measurement are included in this standard.

1.3 *This international standard was developed in accordance with internationally recognized principles on standardization established in the Decision on Principles for the Development of International Standards, Guides and Recommendations issued by the World Trade Organization Technical Barriers to Trade (TBT) Committee.*

2. Referenced Documents

2.1 *ASTM Standards:*²

B92/B92M Specification for Unalloyed Magnesium Ingot and Stick For Remelting

2.2 *Other Standards:*

EN 960 Headforms for Use in the Testing of Protective Helmets

3. Terminology

3.1 Definitions:

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² For referenced ASTM standards, visit the ASTM website, www.astm.org, or contact ASTM Customer Service at service@astm.org. For *Annual Book of ASTM Standards* volume information, refer to the standard's Document Summary page on the ASTM website.

3.1.1 *basic plane, n*—an anatomical plane that includes the superior rim of the external auditory meatuses (upper edge of the external openings of the ear) and the inferior margin of the orbit (the lowest point of the floor of the eye socket) (see **Figs. 1 and 2**).

3.1.2 *coronal plane, n*—an anatomical plane perpendicular to both the basic and midsagittal planes and passing through the superior rims of the right and left external auditory meatuses. The transverse plane corresponds to the coronal plane (see **Figs. 1 and 2**).

3.1.3 *impact headforms, n*—headforms used for impact testing of protective headgear. Impact headforms shall conform to the external dimension defined in this specification. These headforms shall meet the material, dimensions, mass, and center of gravity requirements of this specification. These headforms shall include surface markings corresponding to the basic, coronal, midsagittal, and reference planes.

3.1.4 *midsagittal plane, n*—an anatomical plane perpendicular to the basic plane and containing the midpoint of the line connecting the notches of the right and left inferior orbital ridges and the midpoint of the line connecting the superior rims of the right and left external auditory meatuses (see **Figs. 1 and 2**).

3.1.5 *other (reference) headforms, n*—headforms used for other testing, other than impact, of protective headgear. They shall conform to the external dimension requirements of each particular headform size, as specified in this specification. Reference headforms shall be made of material of sufficient strength and stiffness to maintain their geometry during testing. Full-chin headforms will be used as necessary. Reference headforms shall include surface markings corresponding to the basic, coronal, midsagittal, and reference planes.

3.1.6 *reference plane, n*—a plane marked on the headforms at a specified distance above and parallel to the basic plane (see **Fig. 2**).

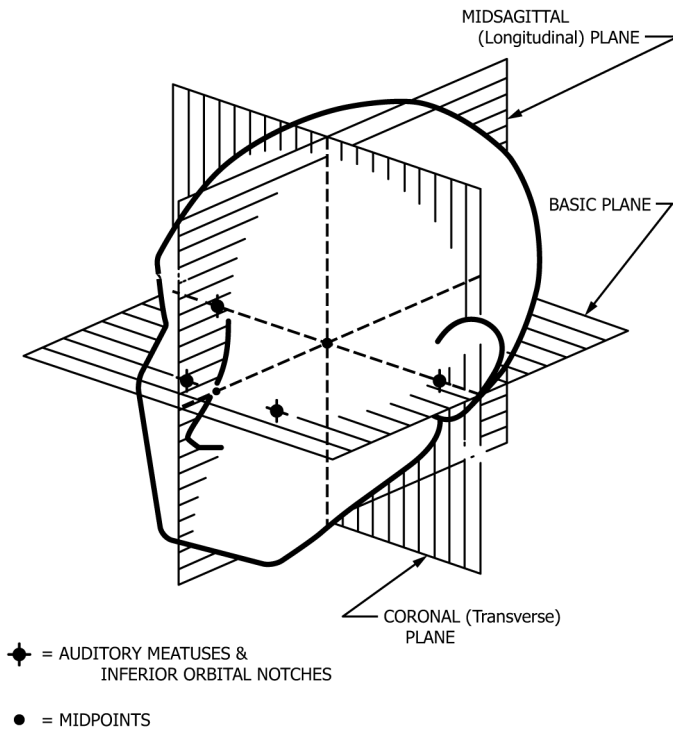


FIG. 1 Anatomical Planes

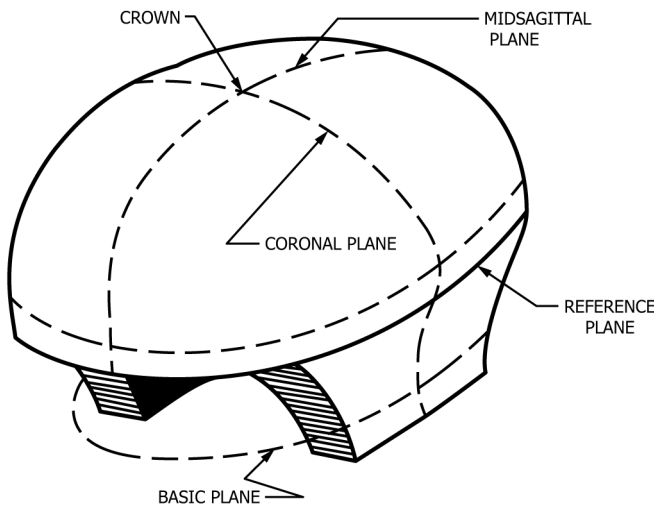


FIG. 2 Impact Headform—Basic, Reference, Midsagittal Planes

4. Classification

4.1 This specification identifies the requirements for six test headform sizes: F2220-A, F2220-C, F2220-E, F2220-J, F2220-M, and F2220-O.

5. Dimensions

5.1 *Datum Levels*—All datum levels are quoted relative to the reference plane (“0” level) and are given in mm.

5.2 *Dimensions*—The external dimensions that the headforms must conform to are identified in Annex A1. The segment lengths from the intersection of the coronal plane, midsagittal plane and the reference plane of the test headform to the intersection of a horizontal angle and a point at each datum level above the reference plane are given. The exact geometry of the external surface may be determined by a spline function or other curve fitting algorithm in order to produce a smooth and continuous outer headform surface. The headforms shall be symmetrical about the midsagittal plane. Internal geometry may be defined to satisfy the requirements of the individual test specifications. The resulting headform must still comply with the other requirements of this specification.

6. Impact Headforms

6.1 *Materials and Manufacture*—The impact headforms shall be made of K1A-F magnesium (nominal composition 0.7 % Zr, balance Mg; Specification B92/B92M, Grade 9980A).

6.2 *Performance Requirements*—The impact headforms shall not have resonant frequencies below 2000 Hz.

6.3 *Mass*—The total mass of the drop assembly (including the instrumented headform and supporting assembly) shall be described in the specific test method for evaluating protective headgear. The mass of the impact headform may be adjusted to accommodate the specific test method requirements.

6.4 *Center of Gravity*—The center of gravity of the impact headform shall lie at a point on the central vertical axis, 12.7 mm above the reference plane.

6.5 *Product Marking*—All impact headforms shall be marked with:

- 6.5.1 Headform size;
- 6.5.2 Basic plane;
- 6.5.3 Reference plane; and
- 6.5.4 Midsagittal (longitudinal) and coronal (transverse) planes through the vertical axis.

7. Other (Reference) Headforms

7.1 *Materials and Manufacture*—Other headforms shall be made of material of sufficient strength and stiffness to maintain their geometry during testing.

8. Keywords

- 8.1 headform(s); helmet(s); protective headgear