
**Sports and recreational facilities —
Impact surfacing testing device**

*Installations sportives et récréatives — Dispositif d'essai de
revêtement d'impact*





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Introduction

Impact attenuating surfacing has been shown to be fundamental to the prevention of 60 % to 75 % of the injuries in playgrounds from impacts with the surface after a fall. The surface materials can be sourced and installed locally such as sand, wood chips or rounded gravel, while others could be sourced from materials around the world and assembled on site such as poured in place rubber, tiles, mats or synthetic turfs and installed at local playgrounds. The performance of installed surfacing materials should be comparable from playground to playground no matter where this playground is situated. The equipment used to measure the performance of playground surfacing is internationally consistent, repeatable and reproducible.

The field of impact attenuation measurement as it applies to playground safety surfaces is very small, resulting in a limited market for potential manufacturers of such equipment. While a small number of reputable manufacturers do exist, organizations needing playground impact test equipment, such as test laboratories and university researchers, often have to rely on their own technical abilities or those of related engineering departments to create the needed equipment from scratch.

A wealth of information is available to aid in the effort to build one's own instruments. Of particular note is ISO 6487, which details impact measurement particularly of anthropomorphic test dummies in automotive environments. But as ISO 6487 deals with automotive situations, some of the information is not relevant and could confuse the reader. This document uses the pertinent details from ISO 6487 and also provides a concise reference for test device parameters unique to the playground sector such as the dimensions of the missile (headform). This document also introduces procedures for ensuring the integrity of the test equipment which are not applicable to the automotive sector.

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1 Scope

This document gives the specifications for impact attenuation testing equipment used to evaluate the impact performance characteristics of playground surfacing. Its specifications are aimed at ensuring that developers and manufacturers of such instruments meet minimum performance characteristics to allow repeatable, reproducible and accurate results.

This document does not specify a test method.

NOTE Such test methods are covered in other standards, e.g. EN 1177, ASTM F1292, ASTM F3313, AS 4422, CSA Z614.

2 Normative references

The following documents are referred to in the text in such a way that some or all of their content constitutes requirements of this document. For dated references, only the edition cited applies. For undated references, the latest edition of the referenced document (including any amendments) applies.

ISO 6487, *Road vehicles — Measurement techniques in impact tests — Instrumentation*

3 Terms and definitions

No terms and definitions are listed in this document.

ISO and IEC maintain terminological databases for use in standardization at the following addresses:

- ISO Online browsing platform: available at <https://www.iso.org/obp>
- IEC Electropedia: available at <http://www.electropedia.org/>

4 Apparatus

4.1 Missile (headform)

The missile shall have the following specifications:

- a) machined from solid billet of 6061-T6 or equivalent aluminium;
- b) impacting surface of the missile to be spherical or hemispherical in shape with diameter of (160 ± 1) mm;
- c) final mass of missile assembly (including any moving part of a possible guiding system) to be $(4,6 \pm 0,02)$ kg;
- d) accelerometer (see 4.2) mounted at centre of mass (± 5 mm in the vertical or horizontal axis);
- e) no gaps or voids between the mounting face of the accelerometer and the impacting face of the missile;
- f) for non-guided systems, a tri-axial accelerometer shall be used;