

The Quarterly Newsletter of the Snell Memorial Foundation

This is the forty eighth of the Foundation's newsletters to the helmet manufacturing industry. The forty seventh was sent out in October 2007. Comments and items for inclusion in subsequent issues are invited.

Manufacturer's Meeting - New Location

The Foundation will host a Manufacturer's Meeting at 9:00 AM on Friday, February 15, 2008, at the Hyatt Regency Hotel in downtown Indianapolis, one block away from where Snell usually holds this meeting. The address is One South Capitol Avenue, Indianapolis, IN 46204. Telephone (800) 233-1234. A continental breakfast will be available at the beginning of the meeting. Snell certified manufacturers are invited. Other interested parties must contact the Snell office in California for details. Snell board of directors Dr. Harold A. Fenner, Dr. Daniel J. Thomas and Mr. William H. Muzzy will attend as will Ms.Hong Zhang, Ed Becker, Randy McCarty, and Steve Johnson.

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Holiday Schedule

The Snell Office and Lab will be closed from December 23 through New Year's day. The Lab will be shut down for the first two weeks in January for calibration and maintenance. Testing services will resume on or about January 14, 2008.

Fee Increases

The fees for testing and for M, SA and K certification labels will increase as of the new year, January 1, 2008.

Testing	
M Certification	\$1040.00
SA/K Certification	\$1260.00
B/N Certification	. \$830.00
E/S Certification	. \$910.00
RST	. \$135.00
Prototype	. \$240.00
RSTR	. \$275.00

Certification Labels

M2005 (one-part)	\$0.75
M2005 (two-part bar coded)	\$0.80
SA2005 (one-part)	\$1.20
SA2005 (two-part bar coded)	\$1.25
K2005 (one-part)	\$1.20

Snell 2010 Transition

The transition from the 2005 standards to M, **I** SA and K 2010 will be more difficult than in previous standards revisions. In general, certification to the new standard will not assure that the same model also meets the requirements of the previous standard. Furthermore, many of the 2005 certified models will require extensive modification to meet Snell 2010 standards. For these reasons, the Foundation proposes a longer transition period. M2010, SA2010 and K2010 will begin a year early. The first units may be offered for sale as early as October 1, 2009. And M2005, SA2005 and K2005 will continue for a year longer than usual. Manufacturers will not be required to stop production of these helmets until March 31, 2012.

M2010 Introduction

Certification Testing starts	03/01/2008
M2010 Labels Available	07/01/2009
First M2010 Helmets Available	10/01/2009

M2005 Termination

Certification Testing ends	06/30/2011
M2005 Labels last available	06/30/2011
M2005 Production ends	03/31/2012

The changes proposed for Snell 2010 Istandards are in response to recent anthropometric measurements of the human head. Although the new requirements are expected to force a redesign of current headgear, particularly in the smaller sizes, Snell M2010 helmets should also encompass the requirements in ECE 22-05. For the first time in many years, manufacturers may be able to build the same helmets for distribution throughout Europe and North America. The newest M2010 draft has been posted on the Snell web site: www.smf.org.

Snell/FIA Children's Helmet Standard

The joint Snell/FIA standard for children's motor sports helmets is in its final form. A

copy is posted on the Snell web site www.smf.org and should be available in booklet form soon.

The Foundation will administer the certification program for CMH2007 which will be similar to current Snell certification programs and will include an RST enforcement component. For certification testing, manufacturers may either submit helmets to the Snell laboratory in California or arrange for testing at Newton S.r.l. in Italy. Contact information for Newton:

Newton S.r.l. via G. di Vittorio 2/D 20017 Mazzo di Rho (MI), ITALY Phone: +39 02 93906088, Fax:+39 02 93906075 Email: luca.cenedese@newtonlab.it

Testing services will be available at both locations by November 1, 2007.

Comments and Suggestions

Please direct any comments, suggestions or complaints about any aspect of the Snell programs or services to Ed Becker.

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