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MEMBER BULLETIN

Updated Tip Restraint Standard Requires 60-Pound Test Weight

While preparing to comply with ASTM F2057-23 - the new mandatory safety specification for clothing storage furniture - companies should not overlook a recent update to the ASTM voluntary standard for tip restraints.

ASTM F3096 is the standard performance specification for the tip-over restraints that must be included with every unit of clothing storage furniture within the scope of F2057-23.

F3096 was updated in May, Scott Buehrer, president of B. Walter & Co., told AHFA members last week during the 2023 Regulatory Summit. The only change was an increase in the test weight from 50 to 60 pounds.

The update keeps F3096 consistent with F2057, Buehrer reported.

ASTM F3096-23 is available at <https://www.astm.org/f3096-23.html> for \$50. It was published May 24, and all anti-tip devices manufactured after that date should comply with the new 60-pound test.

Buehrer, whose company produces tip restraints, is participating in the ASTM task groups that are reviewing additional updates to F3069-23. Among areas of interest to the task groups are:

- Expanding the scope of the standard to include anti-tip devices available directly to consumers;
- Evaluating the materials used in tip restraints and how age and environmental factors (like sunlight, temperature and humidity) might impact performance;
- Possible dynamic force testing.

Anyone interested in joining the task groups reviewing F3069 should contact Molly Lynyak, ASTM's manager of technical committee operations, at mlynyak@astm.org.

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