

Chapter MVD 18

PROTECTIVE HEADGEAR—STANDARDS AND SPECIFICATIONS

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History: Chapter MVD 18 as it existed on October 31, 1973 was repealed and a new Chapter MVD 18 was created Register, October, 1973, No. 214, effective November 1, 1973.

Note: Section 347.485, Stats., provides for the approval of standards, specifications, and type of protective headgear and the manner of wearing such headgear.

Section 347.485 (1) (a), Stats. No person shall operate or ride upon a motor-driven cycle on any highway unless such person is wearing a protective headgear of a type and in the manner approved by the administrator.

Section 347.485 (1) (b), Stats. No person shall sell or offer for sale any protective headgear for use by a driver or passenger on a motor-driven cycle, not meeting the standards and specifications approved by the administrator.

Section 347.485 (1) (c), Stats. The standards and specifications for protective headgear referred to in this section shall be such as to provide a high level of protection at reasonable cost to the consumer.

Section 347.485 was amended in 1977 removing the requirement of wearing protective headgear for drivers 18 years or older.

MVD 18.01 Applicability. (1) Every non-resident shall use protective headgear as prescribed, except that such headgear will be approved for usage in Wisconsin even though it does not comply with this order, but meets the standards and specifications of his state of residence. If his state of residence does not have standards or specifications for protective headgear, then such headgear shall be in compliance with this order.

(2) Protective headgear shall not be required of operators or passengers of three-wheeled vehicles which are equipped with cabs entirely enclosing the passenger compartment.

(3) Protective headgear purchased by a resident prior to July 1, 1968 which can be identified as meeting these requirements, will be acceptable by the division.

History: Cr. Register, October, 1973, No. 214, eff. 11-1-73.

MVD 18.02 Test standards. (1) The administrator will accept the protective headgear certification program of the American Association of Motor Vehicles (AAMVA) as being the valid certification program in Wisconsin. The AAMVA equipment approval program for protective headgear shall use the American National Standards Institute Z90.1-1971 standard as the basis of approval or denial of certification.

Note: This standard is obtainable from the American National Standards Institute, Inc., 1430 Broadway, New York, NY, 10018. This reference is available in the office of the division of motor vehicles, the revisor of statutes, and the secretary of state.

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(2) A manufacturer desiring approval to market protective headgear in Wisconsin shall submit such test reports as are required by AAMVA to AAMVA for certification.

Note: The American Association of Motor Vehicle Administrators (AAMVA) address is 1828 L Street, N.W. Suite 500, Washington, DC 20036.

History: Cr. Register, October, 1973, No. 214, eff. 11-1-73.

MVD 18.03 Reporting. The AAMVA shall periodically report the current certified headgear meeting established standards to the division.

History: Cr. Register, October, 1973, No. 214, eff. 11-1-73.

MVD 18.04 Identification requirements. Every headgear offered for sale shall have durable labeling which will give the model designation and allow the identification of the manufacturer to be made.

History: Cr. Register, October, 1973, No. 214, eff. 11-1-73.

MVD 18.05 Reflectorization. Protective headgear may have a reflectorized surface or have reflectorized material affixed on the left or right side of the headgear.

History: Cr. Register, October, 1973, No. 214, eff. 11-1-73.

MVD 18.06 Manner of wearing. The protective headgear shall be worn on the head with the chin strap properly fastened, and in contact with the chin or jaw.

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