



**ASTM Organizational Meeting on Fun Go-Karts
CPSC Headquarters Bethesda, MD
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Attendees: See Attached

Summary of Meeting

The meeting was chaired by Mr. John Vowell from ASTM. The meeting had been called by ASTM at the request of the Consumer Product Safety Commission to address the issue of deaths and injuries related to go karts.

Mr. Vowell presented a brief overview of the ASTM process. Mr. John Blair, Vice chairman for the ASTM F15 Subcommittee, presented information about the Subcommittee, the internal procedure, and the concept of the provisional standard.

Discussion centered around the need for a standard and what the standard should address. There were questions related to the methods used in CPSC data collection, and the extent of the information available as to the exact accident scenarios involved in the deaths and injuries. Mr. Whitfield agreed to supply CPSC in-depth investigation (IDI) reports involving go-karts to the group for review.

The group agreed to form ASTM Subcommittee F15.41 on fun go-karts. The group agreed to form several task groups to address various aspects of the standards development process. The four groups formed are as follows: Risk Assessment, Scope and Terminology, Performance Test, and Safety Bulletins/Labels/Instructions. Hank Strother, Bill Hatlem, Ronald Ramon, and Stuart Arn will chair the respective task groups. Additionally, there was discussion regarding the development of guidelines (similar to that produced for snowmobiles) and video news releases to educate the consumer and provide some awareness about the dangers of misusing fun go-karts.

It was agreed that the next meeting of the F15.41 Subcommittee will be held at the CPSC Headquarters on November 7, 1996 to discuss the progress and results reached by the various task groups.

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