

ASTM proposes to withdraw ASTM F834 with replacement by ASTM F963

The US Toy Safety Standard ASTM F963-08 was approved and published in February, 2008 to replace the previous version ASTM F963-07^{1,2}. One of the key changes^{1,2} was the removal of the toy chest requirement and combined this part under ASTM F834-84(2008) Standard Consumer Safety Specification for Toy Chests.



On 11 May, 2009, the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) unanimously voted to adopt the ASTM F963-08, except the revision to section 4.27 regarding toy chests³.

As the Consumer Product Safety Improvement Act of 2008 (CPSIA) has made ASTM F963-07¹ as the mandatory toy safety standard in which has covered the toy chest safety requirements, it is necessary to revise the current ASTM F963-08 in order for ASTM to be consistent with the mandatory toy safety requirements.

The ASTM Subcommittee has started a new work item (ASTM WK24425)⁴ proposing changes of the following items.

- § Change the title ASTM F963 to Standard Consumer Safety Specification for Toy and Toy Chest Safety
- § Eliminate the exemption for toy chests
- § Incorporate the requirements for toy chests back into ASTM F963
- § Withdrawal of ASTM F834

^{1,2} See STR Newsletters [P0022009 \(for ASTM F834-84\(2008\) Toy Chests\)](#) & [P0042009 \(Revision to US Toy Safety Standard – ASTM F963-08\)](#).

³ CPSC Commissioners voting by Ballot on the proposed revision of ASTM F963-07 (<http://www.cpsc.gov/library/foia/ballot/ballot09/ASTMF96307.pdf>)

⁴ ASTM WK24425 (<http://www.astm.org/DATABASE.CART/WORKITEMS/WK24425.htm>)

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