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1 Scope

This European Standard specifies physical and performance requirements, methods of test and marking requirements for industrial safety helmets. The mandatory requirements apply to helmets for general use in industry. Additional optional performance requirements are included to apply only where specifically claimed by the helmet manufacturer. Industrial safety helmets are intended primarily to provide protection to the wearer against falling objects and consequential brain injury and skull fracture.

2 Normative references

[A1] The following documents, in whole or in part, are normatively referenced in this document and are indispensable for its application. For dated references, only the edition cited applies. For undated references, the latest edition of the referenced document (including any amendments) applies. **[A1]**

EN 960:2006, *Headforms for use in the testing of protective helmets*

EN ISO 472, *Plastics — Vocabulary (ISO 472:1999)*

EN ISO 9185:2007, *Protective clothing — Assessment of resistance of materials to molten metal splash (ISO 9185:2007)*

3 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this document, the following terms and definitions apply.

3.1

industrial safety helmet

headgear, hereinafter referred to as a “helmet”, primarily intended to protect the upper part of a wearer’s head against injury from falling objects

3.2

shell

hard, smoothly finished material that provides the general outer form of the helmet

3.3

peak

extension of the shell above the eyes

3.4

brim

rim surrounding the shell

NOTE A brim may include a rain gutter.

3.5

harness

complete assembly that provides a means:

- a) of maintaining the helmet in position on the head; and/or
- b) of absorbing kinetic energy during an impact

NOTE A harness includes a headband and nape strap and may also include the items defined in 3.5.3 to 3.5.6.