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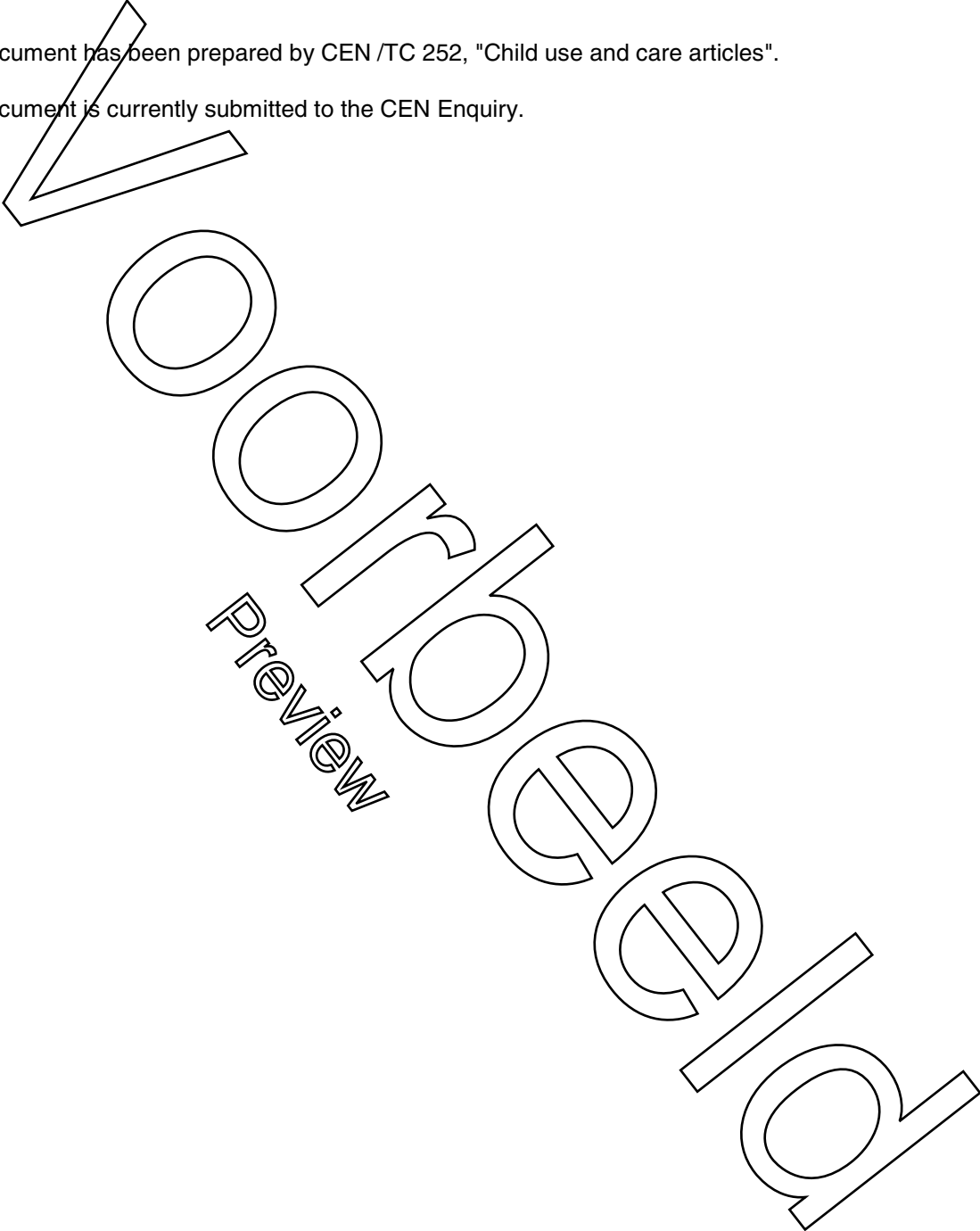
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Foreword

This document has been prepared by CEN /TC 252, "Child use and care articles".

This document is currently submitted to the CEN Enquiry.



1 Scope

This standard specifies the safety requirements and the corresponding test methods for fixed or folding reclined cradles intended for children up to the 6 months and or up to a weight of 9 kg.

2 Normative references

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ISO 48, *Rubber, vulcanised or thermoplastic - Determination of hardness (Hardness between) 10 IRHD and 100 IRHD*

3 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this European Standard, the following definitions apply :

3.1

reclined cradle

device intended for accommodating a child in a reclined position; it can bounce or rock

3.2

restraint system

system used for maintaining the child in the reclined cradle

3.3

crotch strap

component part of restrained system intended for passing between the child's legs in order to prevent it from sliding out of the reclined cradle

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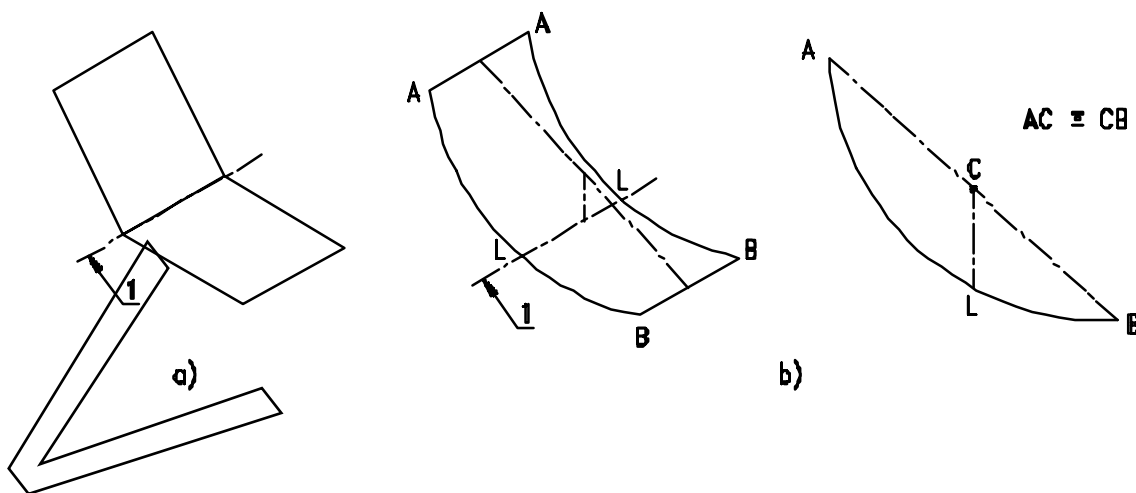
carrying handle

component part allowing the reclined cradle to be carried by hand

3.5

junction line

- a) the intersection of the seat and the back, represented by a line ;
- b) when the seat is in the form of hammock, then a theoretical junction line, "L", is determined as shown in Figure 1.



Key

- 1) Junction line

Figure 1 - Determination of the junction line for reclined cradles in form of hammock

3.6

folding mechanism

mechanism intended to fold the reclined cradle

3.7

locking mechanism

mechanism intended to prevent inadvertent folding

3.8

reclining mechanism

mechanism intended to modify the inclination of the back or of the cradle

4 Properties of materials

4.1 Chemical properties

The surface of any parts, plastic coatings or finishes shall comply with EN 71-3.

4.2 Surface flash

There shall be no parts of the reclined cradle that can give rise to surface flash (as e.g. plush surfaces), when tested in accordance with EN 71-2.

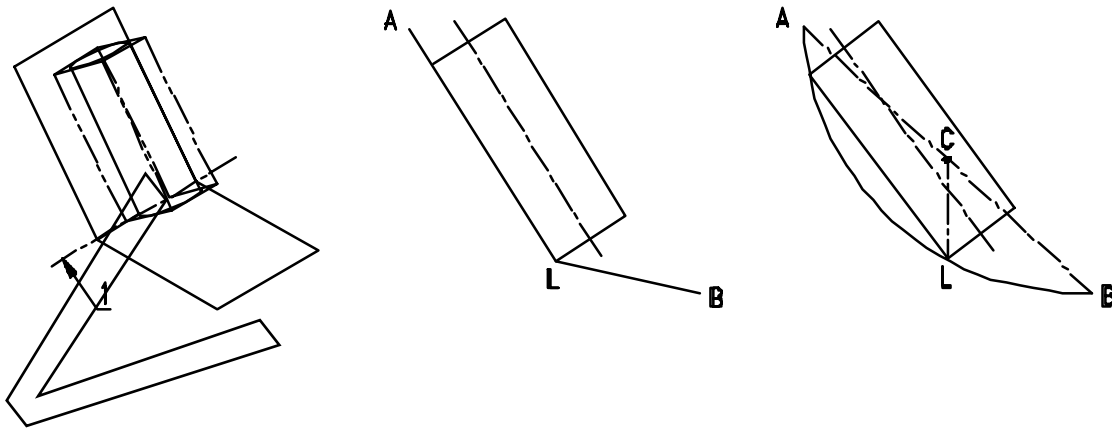
5 Construction

5.1 General

If not otherwise stated, all forces shall have accuracy of $\pm 5\%$, all masses an accuracy of $\pm 0,5\%$ and all dimensions an accuracy of $\pm 0,5$ mm.

Where the test mass in annex A is used, it shall be positioned in the reclined cradle as shown in Figure 2 and retained by the restraint system.

The following requirements shall be not after washing or clearing and drying the fabrics twice in accordance with the manufacturers instructions and any resulting shrinkage in the fabric covering materials shall not prevent them from being refitted, if removable, and shall not show any damage to the seams or fabrics that may impair the reclined cradles performance during testing.



Key

- 1) Junction line

Figure 2 - Positioning of the test mass

5.2 Openings

The reclined cradle shall not feature any slots, holes, open ended tubes, etc. in which a child's finger or flesh can be trapped.

To avoid entrapment of fingers, there shall be no accessible openings, holes or gaps with a width greater than 5 mm and smaller than 12 mm, unless the depth of penetration is less than 10 mm.

5.3 Edges, points and corners

- 1) edges, points and corners within the protected volume shall either comply with the example given in Figures 3 a), 3 b) or 3 c) or, if arising from a wall thickness smaller than 4 mm, shall comply with at least one of the following requirements :
 - be chamfered or rounded ; or
 - be folded, roller or spiralled ; see examples given in Figure 3 d) ; or
 - be protected with a plastic coating or other adequate means ; see example given in Figure 3 c).

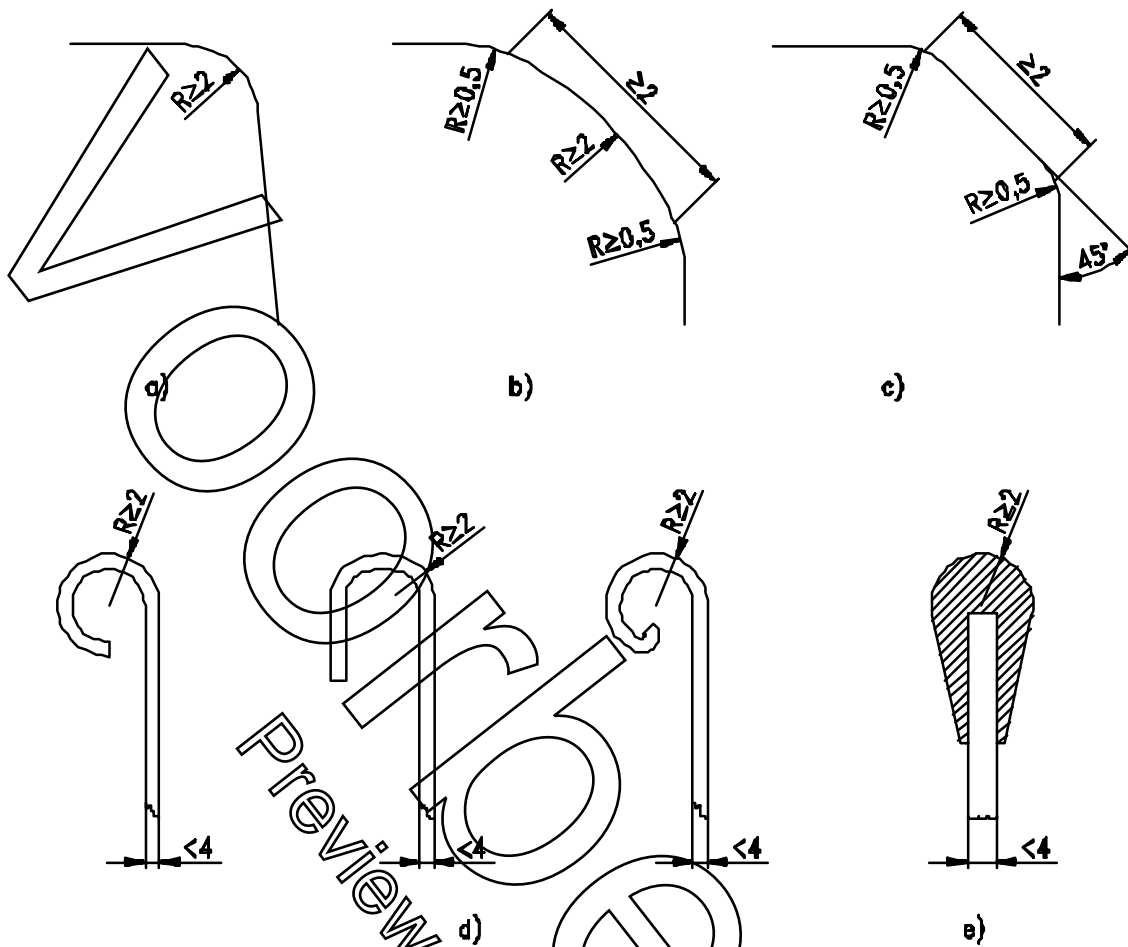


Figure 3 - examples for minimum radii of edges and corners

2) edges, points and corners out of the protected volume shall be rounded.

5.4 Small parts

In order to avoid ingestion or inhalation of small objects, components intended to be removed by the child shall not, whatever their position, fit wholly within the small parts cylinder specified in EN 71-1:1998.

Non-detachable components, parts which are not intended to be removed, shall comply with one of the following :

- the components shall be so embedded that the child cannot grip them with its teeth or fingers ;
- the components shall be so fixed to the product that they cannot become detached when tested in accordance with the torque test and tension test from EN 71-1:1998 ;
- any components which become detached when tested to b) above shall not fit wholly within the above specified cylinder in any orientation.

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