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1 SCOPE

1.1 Background: The members of the Window Covering Manufacturers Association, Inc. (WCMA), recognizing that unfortunate accidents, including strangulation, have occurred among young children using certain products made or imported by members of the industry, have prepared this Standard in cooperation with the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC).

This Standard is not intended to inhibit, but rather to encourage, the development of devices and methods that shall further improve the safety of products manufactured by industry members. Manufacturers and other users of this Standard are requested to submit suggestions for improvements to WCMA.

Members of WCMA, in recognition of continuing improvements to be made, shall sponsor appropriate revisions to this Standard on a regular basis.

1.2 This Standard applies to all interior window covering products. The items covered include the products listed in 1.3.

1.3 Types of window covering products documented in this standard include, but are not limited to, cellular shades, horizontal blinds, pleated shades, roll up style blinds, roller shades, sheer shades, Roman style shades, traverse rods (including products that are used with traverse rods, e.g., curtains and drapes), panel tracks, and vertical blinds. These products can be manufactured and distributed as either stock or custom products. (See Section 3 for definitions of these terms.)

2 GENERAL

2.1 Objective: The objective of this Standard is to provide requirements for products documented in this standard in 1.2 and 1.3 that reduce the possibility of injury, including strangulation, to young children from the bead chain, cord, or any type of flexible Loop.

2.2 Values: Required values given in this Standard are given in U.S. units. The SI (metric) equivalents are approximate.

2.3 Tolerances: Where only plus or minus values are given, they are permitted to be exceeded or reduced as appropriate at the option of the manufacturers. Linear dimensions expressed without specific tolerances or not marked maximum or minimum shall be plus or minus 1/32 in (1 mm).

2.4 Reference Documents: All documents referenced are included in Appendix A: Reference Documents.

2.5 Products: Product types are described and / or illustrated in Appendix H: Product Illustrations.

3 DEFINITIONS

Genus	ID	Term	Definition
1. Window Covering products	1.01	Cellular Shades	Multiple layers of material formed into tubes or cells, whose operation consists of raising and lowering.
	1.02	Horizontal Blinds	Rigid horizontal slats, suspended from a headrail by Ladders, and whose operation may include tilting, raising and lowering.
	1.03	Pleated Shades	Single or multiple layers of material with permanent pleats in a horizontal orientation, whose operation consists of raising and lowering.