

NFPA 1971-2013 Edition

Standard on Protective Ensembles for Structural Fire Fighting and Proximity Fire Fighting

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1. Add a new section 6.4.8 and associated Annex A.6.4.8 to read as follows:

6.4.8* For helmets with items installed or attached, the helmet with the items installed/attached shall meet the affected design and performance requirements of this standard.

A.6.4.8 Examples of items include, but are not limited to: (1) front holders for helmet identification shields, (2) supplemental face shields and (3) other eye/face protection where goggles are provided with the helmet as the required face shield/goggle component as identified in 6.5.2.

Substantiation: The present NFPA 1971 language is unclear and could lead to various interpretations by certification organizations or other entities. This could allow manufacturers to solicit certifications that would favor their product. This will also clarify that the product, as received by the firefighter, is compliant with NFPA 1971.

Emergency Nature: Currently the NFPA 1971 standard, 2013 edition contains an error and/or an omission that was overlooked during the regular revision process. The proposed language will correct this error. Current edition language is unclear that items attached to or integrated with the helmet as sold are to be included in tests. If these items are not included, users run the risk that these items can melt, drip, or ignite during firefighting operations, and can interfere with said operations or potentially cause a hazard to the user.

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