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## Bicycle Safety Regulations as Amended

For the convenience of interested persons, set forth below are the bicycle safety regulations (16 CFR 1500.18(a) (12) and Part 1512) as amended by two documents published in the FEDERAL REGISTER of November 13, 1975 (40 FR 52815, 52828).

As specified in the promulgations of November 13, 1975, the bicycle safety regulations as amended shall become effective May 11, 1976, except for §§ 1512.5 (c) (3), 1512.9(a), and 1512.18(e) and (f), which shall become effective November 13, 1976. Minor corrections and editorial changes have been made.

1. Paragraph (a) (12) of § 1500.18 as revised at 40 FR 52834, Nov. 13, 1975, reads as follows:

**§ 1500.18 Banned toys and other banned articles intended for use by children.**

(a) *Toys and other children's articles presenting mechanical hazards.* Under the authority of section 2(f) (1) (D) of the act and pursuant to provisions of section 3(e) of the act, the Commission has determined that the following types of toys or other articles intended for use by children present a mechanical hazard within the meaning of section 2 (s) of the act because in normal use, or when subjected to reasonably foreseeable damage or abuse, the design or manufacture presents an unreasonable risk of personal injury or illness:

(12) Any bicycle as defined in § 1512.2 (a) of this chapter (except a bicycle that is a "track bicycle" or a "one-of-a-kind bicycle" as defined in § 1512.2 (d) and (e) of this chapter) that is introduced into interstate commerce on or after May 11, 1976, and that does not comply with the requirements of Part 1512 of this chapter, except for §§ 1512.5(c) (3), 1512.9(a), 1512.18(e) and 1512.18(f) which become effective November 13, 1976.

2. Part 1512 of 16 CFR Ch. II, as amended at 40 FR 52815 and 52828, Nov. 13, 1975, and corrected at 41 FR 1061, Jan. 6, 1976, reads as follows:

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**EFFECTIVE DATE:** At 40 FR 52835, Nov. 13, 1975, the effective date of Part 1512 was established as May 11, 1976, except for §§ 1512.5(c) (3), 1512.9(a), and 1512.18 (e) and (f), which become effective November 13, 1976.

**§ 1512.1 Scope.**

This part sets forth the requirements for a bicycle as defined in § 1512.2(a) (except a bicycle that is a "track bicycle" or a "one-of-a-kind bicycle" as defined in § 1512.2 (d) and (e) which is not a banned article under § 1500.18(a) (12) of this chapter.

**§ 1512.2 Definitions.**

For the purposes of this part:

(a) "Bicycle" means a two-wheeled vehicle having a rear drive wheel that is solely human-powered.

(b) "Sidewalk bicycle" means a bicycle with a seat height of no more than 635 mm (25.0 in.); the seat height is measured with the seat adjusted to its highest position.

(c) "Seat height" means the dimension from the point on the seat surface intersected by the seat post center line (or the center of the seating area if no seat post exists) and the ground plane, as measured with the wheels aligned and in a plane normal to the ground plane.

(d) "Track bicycle" means a bicycle designed and intended for sale as a competitive machine having tubular tires, single crank-to-wheel ratio, and no free-wheeling feature between the rear wheel and the crank.

(e) "One-of-a-kind bicycle" means a bicycle that is uniquely constructed to the order of an individual consumer other than by assembly of stock or production parts.

(f) "Normal riding position" means that the rider is seated on the bicycle with both feet on the pedals and both hands on the handlebars (and in a position that allows operation of handbrake levers if so equipped); the seat and handlebars may be adjusted to positions judged by the rider to be comfortable.

**§ 1512.3 Requirements in general.**

Any bicycle subject to the regulations in this part shall meet the requirements of this part in the condition to which it is offered for sale to consumers; any bicycle offered for sale to consumers in a disassembled or partially assembled condition shall meet these requirements after assembly according to the manufacturer's instructions. For the purpose of compliance with this part, where the metric and English units are not equal due to the conversion process the less stringent requirement will prevail.

**§ 1512.4 Mechanical requirements.**

(a) *Assembly.* Bicycles shall be manufactured such that mechanical skills required of the consumer for assembly shall not exceed those possessed by an adult of normal intelligence and ability.

(b) *Sharp edges.* There shall be no unfinished sheared metal edges or other sharp parts on bicycles that are, or may be, exposed to hands or legs; sheared metal edges that are not rolled shall be finished so as to remove any feathering of edges, or any burrs or spurs caused during the shearing process.

(c) *Integrity.* There shall be no visible fracture of the frame or of any steering, wheel, pedal, crank, or brake system component resulting from testing in accordance with: The handbrake loading and performance test, § 1512.18(d); the foot brake force and performance test, § 1512.18(e); and the road test, § 1512.18 (p) (or the sidewalk bicycle proof test, § 1512.18(q)).

(d) *Attachment hardware.* All screws, bolts, or nuts used to attach or secure components shall not fracture, loosen, or otherwise fail their intended function during the tests required in this part. All threaded hardware shall be of sufficient quality to allow adjustments and maintenance. Recommended quality thread form is specified in Handbook H28, "Screw Thread Standards for Federal Services," issued by the National Bureau of Standards, Department of Commerce; recommended mechanical properties are specified in ISO Recommendation R898, "Mechanical Properties of Fasteners," and in ISO Recommendations 68, 262, and 263, "General Purpose Screw Threads."

(e) *Protrusions.* The assembled bicycle shall be tested for exposed protrusions in accordance with the exposed protrusion test, § 1512.18(b). There shall be no exposed protrusions that do not have:

- (1) The minor end dimension greater than 3.2 mm ( $\frac{1}{8}$  in.); and
- (2) The major end dimension greater than 12.7 mm ( $\frac{1}{2}$  in.) with radii greater than 6.3 mm ( $\frac{1}{4}$  in.).

(See figure 4 of this Part 1512 for examples of typical protrusions.) Capped exposed protrusions shall meet the requirements of this paragraph (e).

(f) *Protective caps.* Protective caps used to mask exposed protrusions shall be tested in accordance with the protective cap and end-mounted devices test, § 1512.18(c), and shall withstand a removal force of 66.7N (15 lbf).

(g) *Excluded area.* There shall be no protrusions located within the area bounded by (1) a line 89 mm ( $3\frac{1}{2}$  in.) to the rear of and parallel to the handlebar stem; (2) a line tangent to the front tip of the seat and intersecting the seat mast at the top rear stay; (3) the top

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surface of the top tube; and (4) a line connecting the front of the seat (when adjusted to its highest position) to the junction where the handlebar is attached to the handlebar stem. The top tube on a female bicycle model shall be the seat mast and the down tube or tubes that are nearest the rider in the normal riding position. Control cables no greater than 6.4 mm ( $\frac{1}{4}$  in) in diameter and cable clamps made from material no thicker than 4.8 mm ( $\frac{3}{16}$  in) may be attached to the top tube.

(h) **Screw length.** Screw lengths shall be such that the threads of the internally threaded fastener are fully engaged by the screw (or the threads of the internally threaded fastener are engaged for a length of more than one screw diameter). Screw lengths that can come in contact with the test cylinder in § 1512.18 (b) shall be limited to a maximum length of one major diameter of the screw beyond the internally threaded mating member and shall meet the requirements in § 1512.4(b). Screws that are exposed to any part of a rider's body in a normal riding position, however, shall be limited to a 3.2 mm ( $\frac{1}{8}$  in) extension beyond the internally threaded mating member. Adjusting-type screws that meet the exposed protrusion requirements in § 1512.4(e) and that have no threaded ends exposed to a rider's body in the normal riding position are not required to be limited in length to one major diameter.

(i) **Control cable ends.** Ends of all control cables shall be provided with protective caps or otherwise treated to prevent unraveling. Protective caps shall be tested in accordance with the protective cap and end-mounted devices test, § 1512.18(c), and shall withstand a pull of 8.9 N (2.0 lbf).

(j) **Control cable abrasion.** Control cables shall not abrade over fixed parts and shall enter and exit cable sheaths in a direction in line with the sheath entrance and exit so as to prevent abrading.

#### § 1512.5 Requirements for braking system.

(a) **Braking system.** Bicycles shall be equipped with front- and rear-wheel brakes or rear-wheel brakes only.

(b) **Handbrakes.** Handbrakes shall be tested at least ten times by applying a force sufficient to cause the handlebar to contact the handlebar, or a maximum of 445 N (100 lbf), in accordance with the loading test, § 1512.18(d)(2), and shall be rocked back and forth with the weight of a 68.1 kg (150 lb) rider on the seat with the same handbrake force applied in accordance with the rocking test, § 1512.18(d)(2)(iii); there shall be no visible fractures, failures, movement of clamps, or misalignment of brake components.

(1) **Stopping distance.** A bicycle equipped with only handbrakes shall be tested for stopping distance by a rider of at least 68.1 kg (150 lb) weight in accordance with the performance test, § 1512.18(d)(2)(v) and (vi), and shall have a stopping distance of no greater

than 4.57 m (15 ft.) from the actual test speed as determined by the equivalent ground speed specified in § 1512.18(d)(2)(vi).

(2) **Hand lever access.** Hand lever mechanisms shall be located on the handlebars in a position that is readily accessible to the rider when in a normal riding position.

(3) **Grip dimension.** The grip dimension (maximum outside dimension between the brake hand lever and the handlebars in the plane containing the centerlines of the handgrip and the hand brake lever) shall not exceed 89 mm ( $3\frac{1}{2}$  in) at any point between the pivot point of the lever and lever midpoint; the grip dimension for sidewalk bicycles shall not exceed 76 mm (3 in). The grip dimension may increase toward the open end of the lever but shall not increase by more than 12.7 mm ( $\frac{1}{2}$  in) except for the last 12.7 mm ( $\frac{1}{2}$  in) of the lever. (See figure 5 of this Part 1512.)

(4) **Attachment.** Brake assemblies shall be securely attached to the frame by means of fasteners with locking devices such as a lock washer, locknut, or equivalent and shall not loosen during the rocking test, § 1512.18(d)(2)(iii). The cable anchor bolt shall not cut any of the cable strands.

(5) **Operating force.** A force of less than 44.5 N (10 lbf) shall cause the brake pads to contact the braking surface of the wheel when applied to the handlever at a point 25 mm (1.0 in.) from the open end of the handlever.

(6) **Pad and pad holders.** Caliper brake pad shall be replaceable and adjustable to engage the braking surface without contacting the tire or spokes and the pad holders shall be securely attached to the caliper assembly. The brake pad material shall be retained in its holder without movement when the bicycle is loaded with a rider of at least 68.1 kg (150 lb) weight and is rocked forward and backward as specified in the rocking test, § 1512.18(d)(2)(iii).

(7) **Pad material.** Brake pad material when placed in a pre-heated oven at a temperature of at least  $121^{\circ}\pm 3^{\circ}$  C ( $250^{\circ}\pm 5^{\circ}$  F) for 30 minutes shall not melt or blister.

(8) **Hand lever location.** The rear brake shall be actuated by a control located on the right handlebar and the front brake shall be actuated by a control located on the left handlebar. The left-hand/right-hand locations may be reversed in accordance with an individual customer order. If a single hand lever is used to actuate both front and rear brakes, it shall meet all applicable requirements for hand levers and shall be located on either the right or left handlebar in accordance with the customer's preference.

(9) **Hand lever extensions.** Bicycles equipped with hand lever extensions shall be tested with the extension levers in place and the hand lever extensions shall also be considered to be hand levers.

(c) **Footbrakes.** All footbrakes shall be tested in accordance with the force test, § 1512.18(e)(2), and the measured braking force shall not be less than 178 N (40

lbf) for an applied pedal force of 310 N (70 lbf).

(1) **Stopping distance.** Bicycles equipped with footbrakes (except sidewalk bicycles) shall be tested in accordance with the performance test, § 1512.18 (e)(3), by a rider of at least 68.1 kg (150 lb) weight and shall have a stopping distance of no greater than 4.57 m (15 ft) from an actual test speed of at least 16 km/h (10 mph). If the bicycle has a footbrake only and the equivalent ground-speed of the bicycle is in excess of 24 km/h (15 mph) (in its highest gear ratio at a pedal crank rate of 60 revolutions per minute),<sup>3</sup> the stopping distance shall be 4.57 m (15 ft) from an actual test speed of 24 km/h (15 mph) or greater.

(2) **Operating force.** Footbrakes shall be actuated by a force applied to the pedal in a direction opposite to that of the drive force, except where brakes are separate from the drive pedals and the applied force is in the same direction as the drive force.

(3) **Crank differential.** The differential between the drive and brake positions of the crank shall be not more than  $60^{\circ}$  with the crank held against each position under a torque of no less than 13.6 N-m (10 ft-lb).

(4) **Independent operation.** The brake mechanism shall function independently of any drive-gear positions or adjustments.

(d) **Footbrakes and handbrakes in combination.** Bicycles equipped with footbrakes and handbrakes shall meet all the requirements for footbrakes in § 1512.5(c), including the tests specified. In addition, if the equivalent ground speed of the bicycle is 24 km/h (15 mph) or greater (in its highest gear ratio at a pedal crank rate of 60 revolutions per minute),<sup>3</sup> the actual test speed specified in § 1512.18(e)(3) shall be increased to 24 km/h (15 mph) and both braking systems may be actuated to achieve the required stopping distance of 4.57 m (15 ft).

(e) **Sidewalk bicycles.** (1) Sidewalk bicycles shall not have handbrakes only.

(2) Sidewalk bicycles with a seat height of 560 mm (22 in.) or greater (with seat height adjusted to its lowest position) shall be equipped with a footbrake meeting all the footbrake requirements of § 1512.5(c), including the specified tests except that the braking force transmitted to the rear wheel shall be in accordance with the sidewalk bicycle footbrake force test, § 1512.18(f).

(3) Sidewalk bicycles with a seat height less than 560 mm (22 in.) (with seat height adjusted to its lowest position) and not equipped with a brake shall not have a freewheel feature. Such sidewalk bicycles equipped with a footbrake shall be tested for brake force in accordance with the sidewalk bicycle footbrake force test, § 1512.18(f). Such sidewalk bicycles not equipped with

<sup>3</sup> This is proportional to a gear development greater than 6.67 m (21.9 ft) in the bicycle's highest gear ratio. Gear development is the distance the bicycle travels in meters, in one crank revolution.



brakes shall be identified with a permanent label clearly visible from a distance of 3.1 m (10 ft.) in daylight conditions and promotional display material and shipping cartons shall prominently display the words "No Brakes."

EFFECTIVE DATE: Paragraph (c)(3) of § 1512.5 does not become effective until November 13, 1976.

#### § 1512.6 Requirements for steering system.

(a) *Handlebar stem insertion mark.* The handlebar stem shall contain a permanent ring or mark which clearly indicates the minimum insertion depth of the handlebar stem into the fork assembly. The insertion mark shall not affect the structural integrity of the stem and shall not be less than  $2\frac{1}{2}$  times the stem diameter from the lowest point of the stem. The stem strength shall be maintained for at least a length of one shaft diameter below the mark.

(b) *Handlebar stem strength.* The handlebar stem shall be tested for strength in accordance with the handlebar stem test, § 1512.18(g), and shall withstand a force of 2000 N (450 lbf) for bicycles and 1000 N (225 lbf) for sidewalk bicycles.

(c) *Handlebar.* Handlebars shall allow comfortable and safe control of the bicycle. The inside dimension at the ends of the handlebars shall not be less than 356 mm (14 in.) nor more than 711 mm (28 in.) apart. Handlebar ends shall be symmetrically located with respect to the longitudinal axis of the bicycle and no more than 406 mm (16 in.) above the seat surface when the seat is in its lowest position and the handlebar ends are in their highest position.

(d) *Handlebar ends.* The ends of the handlebars shall be capped or otherwise covered. Handgrips, end plugs, control shifters, or other end-mounted devices shall be secure against a removal force of no less than 66.8 N (15 lbf) in accordance with the protective cap and end-mounted devices test, § 1512.18(c).

(e) *Handlebar and clamps.* The handlebar and clamps shall be tested in accordance with the handlebar test, § 1512.18(h). Directions for assembly of the bicycle required in the instruction manual by § 1512.19(a)(2) shall include an explicit warning about the danger of damaging the stem-to-fork assembly and the risk of injury to the rider that can result from overtightening the stem bolt or other clamping device. The directions for assembly shall also contain a simple, clear, and precise statement of the procedure to be followed to avoid damaging the stem-to-fork assembly when tightening the stem bolt or other clamping device.

#### § 1512.7 Requirements for pedals.

(a) *Construction.* Pedals shall have right-hand/left-hand symmetry and the tread shall be an integral part of the pedal construction to the extent that removal of the tread material would substantially destroy the pedal. The tread surface shall be present on both top and

bottom surfaces of the pedal except that if the pedal has a definite preferred position, the tread surface need only be on the surface presented to the rider's foot.

(b) *Toe clips.* Pedals intended to be used only with toe clips shall have toe clips securely attached to them and need not have tread surfaces. Pedals designed for optional use of toe clips shall have tread surfaces.

(c) *Pedal reflectors.* Pedals for bicycles other than sidewalk bicycles shall have reflectors in accordance with § 1512.16(e). Pedals for sidewalk bicycles are not required to have reflectors.

#### § 1512.8 Requirements for drive chain.

The drive chain shall operate over the sprockets without catching or binding. The tensile strength of the drive chain shall be no less than 8010 N (1,800 lbf) or 6230 N (1,400 lbf) for sidewalk bicycles.

#### § 1512.9 Requirements for protective guards.

(a) *Chain guard.* Bicycles having a single front sprocket and a single rear sprocket shall have a chain guard that shall cover the top strand of the chain and at least 90° of the perimeter where the drive chain contacts the drive sprocket as shown in figure 7. The chain guard shall extend rearward to a point at least 8 cm (3.2 in.) forward of the centerline of the rear axle. The minimum width of the top area of the chain guard shall be twice the width of the chain in that portion forward of the rear wheel rim. The rear part of the top area may be tapered. The minimum width at the rear of the guard shall be one-half the chain width. Such chain guard shall prevent a rod of 9.4 mm ( $\frac{3}{8}$  in.) diameter and 76 mm (3.0 in.) length from entrapment between the upper junction of the chain and the sprocket when introduced from the chain side of the bicycle in any direction within 45° from a line normal to the sprocket.

(b) *Derailleur guard.* Derailleurs shall be guarded to prevent the drive chain from interfering with or stopping the rotation of the wheel through improper adjustments or damage.

EFFECTIVE DATE: Paragraph (a) of § 1512.9 does not become effective until November 13, 1976.

#### § 1512.10 Requirements for tires.

The manufacturer's recommended inflation pressure shall be molded into or onto the sidewall of the tire in lettering no less than 3.2 mm ( $\frac{1}{8}$  in.) in height. The statement of recommended inflation pressure shall be in the English language utilizing Arabic numerals. (The following language is suggested to indicate recommended inflation pressure: "Inflate to --- PSI.") After inflation to 110 percent of the recommended inflation pressure, the tire shall remain intact on the rim, including while being tested under a load of 2,000 N (450 lbf) in accordance with the rim test, § 1512.18(j). Tubular sew-up tires, nonpneumatic tires, and nonmolded wired-on tires are exempt from this section.

#### § 1512.11 Requirements for wheels.

(a) *Spokes.* There shall be no missing spokes.

(b) *Alignment.* The wheel assembly shall be aligned such that no less than 1.6 mm ( $\frac{1}{16}$  in.) clearance exists between the tire and fork or any frame member when the wheel is rotated to any position.

(c) *Rims.* Rims shall retain the spokes and tire when side-loaded with 2000 N (450 lbf) and tested in accordance with the rim test, § 1512.18(j). Sidewalk bicycles need not meet this requirement.

#### § 1512.12 Requirements for wheel hubs.

All bicycles (other than sidewalk bicycles) shall meet the following requirements:

(a) *Locking devices.* Wheels shall be secured to the bicycle frame with a positive lock device. Locking devices on threaded axles shall be tightened to the manufacturer's specifications.

(1) *Rear wheels.* There shall be no relative motion between the axle and the frame when a force of 1,780 N (400 lbf) is applied symmetrically to the axle for a period of 30 seconds in the direction of wheel removal.

(2) *Front wheels.* Locking devices, except quick-release devices, shall withstand application of a torque in the direction of removal of 17 N-m (12.5 ft-lb).

(b) *Quick-release devices.* Lever-operated quick-release devices shall be adjustable to allow setting the lever position for tightness. Quick-release levers shall be clearly visible to the rider and shall indicate whether the levers are in a locked or unlocked position. Quick-release clamp action shall emboss the frame or fork when locked.

(c) *Front hubs.* Front hubs not equipped with lever-operated quick-release devices shall have a positive retention feature that shall be tested in accordance with the front hub retention test, § 1512.18(j)(3), to assure that when the locking devices are released the wheel will not separate from the fork.

#### § 1512.13 Requirements for front fork.

The front fork shall be tested for strength by application of at least 39.5 J (350 in-lb) of energy in accordance with the fork test, § 1512.18(k)(1), without visible evidence of fracture. Sidewalk bicycles need not meet this requirement.

#### § 1512.14 Requirements for fork and frame assembly.

The fork and frame assembly shall be tested for strength by application of a load of 890 N (200 lbf) or at least 39.5 J (350 in-lb) of energy, whichever results in the greater force, in accordance with the frame test, § 1512.18(k)(2), without visible evidence of fracture or frame deformation that significantly limits the steering angle over which the wheel can be turned. Sidewalk bicycles are exempt from this section.

#### § 1512.15 Requirements for seat.

(a) *Seat limitation.* No part of the seat, seat supports, or accessories attached to the seat shall be more than 125 mm (5.0



in.) above the top of the seat surface at the point where the seat surface is intersected by the seat post axis.

(b) *Seat post.* The seat post shall contain a permanent mark or ring that clearly indicates the minimum insertion depth (maximum seat-height adjustment); the mark shall not affect the structural integrity of the seat post. This mark shall be located no less than two seat-post diameters from the lowest point on the post shaft, and the post strength shall be maintained for at least a length of one shaft diameter below the mark.

(c) *Adjustment clamps.* The seat adjustment clamps shall be capable of securing the seat in any position to which it can be adjusted and preventing movement of the seat in any direction under normal conditions of use. Following the road test, § 1512.18(p) (or the sidewalk bicycle proof test, § 1512.18(q), as applicable), the seat clamps shall be tested in accordance with the seat adjustment clamps and load test, § 1512.18(l).

#### § 1512.16 Requirements for reflectors.

Bicycles shall be equipped with reflective devices to permit recognition and identification under illumination from motor vehicle headlamps. The use of reflector combinations off the center plane of the bicycle (defined in § 1512.18(m)(2)) is acceptable if each reflector meets the requirements of this section and of § 1512.18(m) and (n) and the combination of reflectors has a clear field of view of  $\pm 10^\circ$  vertically and  $\pm 50^\circ$  horizontally. Sidewalk bicycles are not required to have reflectors.

(a) *Front, rear, and pedal reflectors.* There shall be an essentially colorless front-facing reflector, essentially colorless or amber pedal reflectors, and a red rear-facing reflector.

(b) *Side reflectors.* There shall be retroreflective tire sidewalls or, alternatively, reflectors mounted on the spokes of each wheel; the center of spoke-mounted reflectors shall be within 76 mm (3.0 in.) of the inside of the rim. Spoke-mounted reflectors shall be visible on each side of the wheel.

(c) *Front reflector.* The reflector or mount shall not contact the ground plane when the bicycle is resting on that plane in any orientation. The optical axis of the reflector shall be directed forward within  $5^\circ$  of the horizontal-vertical alignment of the bicycle when the wheels are tracking in a straight line, as defined in § 1512.18(m)(2). The reflectors and/or mounts shall incorporate a distinct, preferred assembly method that shall insure that the reflector meets the optical requirements of this paragraph (c) when the reflector is attached to the bicycle. The front reflector shall be tested in accordance with the reflector mount and alignment test, § 1512.18(m).

(d) *Rear reflector.* The reflector or mount shall not contact the ground plane when the bicycle is resting on that plane in any orientation. The reflector shall be mounted such that it is to the rear of the seat mast with the top of the reflector at least 76 mm (3.0 in.)

below the point on the seat surface that is intersected by the line of the seat post. The optical axis of the reflector shall be directed rearward within  $5^\circ$  of the horizontal-vertical alignment of the bicycle when the wheels are traveling in a straight line, as defined in § 1512.18(m)(2). The reflectors and/or mounts shall incorporate a distinct, preferred assembly method that shall insure that the reflector meets the optical requirements of this paragraph (d) when the reflector is attached to the bicycle. The rear reflector shall be tested in accordance with the reflector mount and alignment test, § 1512.18(m).

(e) *Pedal reflectors.* Each pedal shall have reflectors located on the front and rear surfaces of the pedal. The reflector elements may be either integral with the construction of the pedal or mechanically attached, but shall be sufficiently recessed from the edge of the pedal, or of the reflector housing, to prevent contact of the reflector element with a flat surface placed in contact with the edge of the pedal.

(f) *Side reflectors.* Reflectors affixed to the wheel spokes shall be mounted either flat on the spokes or within the spoke cage such that the angle between the optical axis and the normal to the plane of the wheel shall not exceed the angle of the spokes with the plane of the wheel. The reflectors shall not interfere with any wheel adjustments. The side-mounted reflector devices shall be essentially colorless or amber on the front wheel and essentially colorless or red on the rear wheel.

(g) *Reflector tests.* The pedal, front-mount, rear-mount, and side-mount reflectors shall be tested in accordance with the reflector test, § 1512.18(n), to assure the reflectance values over the angles given in tables 1 and 2.

(h) *Retroreflective tire sidewalls.* When retroreflective tire sidewalls are used in lieu of spoke-mounted reflectors, the reflecting material shall meet the following requirements:

(1) The retroreflective material shall form a continuous circle on the sidewall.

(2) The retroreflective material shall adhere to the tire such that after the tire has been subjected to a temperature of  $50^\circ \pm 3^\circ \text{C}$  ( $122^\circ \pm 5.4^\circ \text{F}$ ) for 30 minutes, the retroreflective material cannot be peeled or scraped away without removal of tire material.

(3) The retroreflective material shall be as resistant to abrasion as is the adjacent sidewall material so that when retroreflective material is removed from the inflated tire by abrasion with a wet, steel bristle brush, tire material will be removed along with the retroreflective material.

(4) The retroreflective material shall be tested for performance in accordance with the retroreflective tire test, § 1512.18(o), to assure the reflectance properties over the angles given in table 3. When a portion of the retroreflective material is selected (and the remainder is masked as specified in § 1512.18(o)(2)(i)), the selected portion shall not contact the ground plane when the as-

sembled bicycle is resting on that plane in any orientation.

#### § 1512.17 Other requirements.

(a) *Road test.* Bicycles, other than sidewalk bicycles, shall be ridden at least 6.4 km (4.0 mi.) by a rider weighing at least 68.1 kg (150 lb.) and travel five times over a 30.5 m (100 ft.) cleared course in accordance with the road test, § 1512.18(p), and shall exhibit stable handling, turning, and steering characteristics without difficulty of operation. There shall be no system or component failure of the structure, brakes, or tires, and there shall be no loosening or misalignment of the seat, handlebars, controls, or reflectors during or resulting from this test.

(b) *Sidewalk bicycle proof test.* Sidewalk bicycles shall be dropped a distance of at least 300 mm (1.0 ft.) three times onto a paved surface with weights attached in accordance with the sidewalk bicycle proof test, § 1512.18(q). There shall be no fracture of wheels, frame, seat handlebars, or fork during or resulting from this test.

(c) *Ground clearance.* With the pedal horizontal and the pedal crank in its lowest position and any training wheels removed, it shall be possible to tilt the bicycle at least  $25^\circ$  from the vertical without the pedal or any other part (other than tires) contacting the ground plane.

(d) *Toe clearance.* Bicycles not equipped with positive foot-retaining devices (such as toe clips) shall have at least 89 mm ( $3\frac{1}{2}$  in.) clearance between the pedal and the front tire or fender (when turned to any position). The clearance shall be measured forward and parallel to the longitudinal axis of the bicycle from the center of either pedal to the arc swept by the tire or fender, whichever results in the least clearance. (See figure 6 of this Part 1512.)

#### § 1512.18 Tests and test procedures.

(a) *Sharp edge test.* [Reserved]

(b) *Exposed protrusion test.* (Ref. § 1512.4(e))

(1) *Apparatus.* A cylinder of 83 mm ( $3\frac{1}{4}$  in.) diameter and 254 mm (10 in.) length.

(2) *Procedure.* All protrusions greater than 7.9 mm ( $\frac{5}{16}$  in.) in length shall be located and tested with the test apparatus to determine whether the protrusions can be brought into contact with the surface of the cylinder. Any protrusion of the dimensions specified that can be brought into contact with the cylinder is an exposed protrusion.

(c) *Protective cap and end-mounted devices test.* (Ref. § 1512.4(f) and (i), § 1512.6(d).) Any device suitable for exerting a removal force of at least 67 N (15 lbf) for protective caps and 8.9 N (2.0 lbf) for end caps at any point and in any direction may be used. All protective caps and end-mounted handlebar devices shall be tested to determine that they cannot be removed by application of the specified forces.

(d) *Handbrake loading and performance test.* (Ref. § 1512.5(b).)



(1) *Apparatus.* A spring scale or other suitable device for measuring the specified forces on the handbrake levers and a dry, clean, level, paved surface of adequate length.

(2) *Procedure.* The loading test, § 1512.18(d) (2) (i), and the rocking test, § 1512.18(d) (2) (iii), shall be performed before the performance test, § 1512.18(d) (2) (v), is performed and no adjustments shall be made between these tests.

(i) *Loading test procedure.* The hand levers shall be actuated with a force applied at a point no more than 25 mm (1.0 in) from the open end of the lever. If the hand lever contacts the handlebar (bottoms) before a force of 445 N (100 lbf) is reached, the loading may be stopped at that point, otherwise the loading shall be increased to at least 445 N (100 lbf).<sup>4</sup> Application of the loading force shall be repeated for a total of 10 times and all brake components shall be inspected.

(ii) *Loading test criteria.* There shall be no visible fractures, failures, misalignments, and clearances not in compliance with applicable parts of § 1512.5.

(iii) *Rocking test procedure.* A weight of at least 68.1 kg (150 lb) shall be placed on the seat; the force required for the hand levers to contact the handlebars or 445 N (100 lbf), as determined in § 1512.18(d) (2), shall be applied to the hand levers;<sup>4</sup> and the bicycle shall be rocked forward and backward over a dry, clean, level, paved surface at least six times and for a distance of at least 76 mm (3 in) in each direction.

(iv) *Rocking test criteria.* There shall be no loosening of the brake pads, pad holders, or cable and hand-lever securing devices or any other functional brake component.

(v) *Performance test procedure.* The following test conditions, unless otherwise specified in this Part 1512, shall be followed:

(A) The bicycle shall be ridden over a dry, clean, smooth paved test course free from protruding aggregate. The test course shall provide a coefficient of friction of less than 1.0 and shall have a slope of less than 1 percent.

(B) The wind velocity shall be less than 11 km/h (7 mph).

(C) Only the brake system under test shall be actuated.

(D) The bicycle shall attain the specified ground speed while the rider is in the normal riding position.

(E) The rider shall remain in the normal riding position throughout the test.

(F) The bicycle must be moving in a straight line at the start of brake application.

(G) Corrections for velocity at the initiation of braking may be made. The corrected braking distance shall be computed as follows:

<sup>4</sup> For hand lever extensions, the loading shall be continued until a force of 445 N (100 lbf) is reached or the hand lever extension is in the same plane as the upper surface of the handlebars or the extension lever contacts the handlebars.

$$S_c = \left( \frac{V_s}{V_m} \right)^2 S_m$$

where:

$S_c$  = Corrected braking distance,

$V_s$  = Specified test velocity,

$V_m$  = Measured test velocity,

$S_m$  = Measured braking distance.

The test run is invalid if at the commencement of the test, the measured test speed of the bicycle is not less than nor greater than the test speed required by this Part 1512 by 1.5 km/h (0.9 mph).

(H) Four test runs are required. The stopping distance shall be determined by averaging the results of the four test runs.

(I) The stopping distances specified are based on a rider weight of at least 68.1 kg (150 lb) and a maximum rider and weight combination of 91 kg (200 lb). Greater stopping distances are allowable for heavier riders and test equipment weights at the rate of 0.30 m per 4.5 kg (1.0 ft per 10 lb).

(J) A test run is invalid if front-wheel lockup occurs.

(vi) *Performance test criteria.* The stopping force applied to the hand lever at a point no closer than 25 mm (1.0 in) from the open end shall not exceed 178 N (40 lbf). Bicycles with an equivalent ground speed in excess of 24 km/h (15 mph) (in its highest gear ratio at a pedal crank rate of 60 revolutions per minute)<sup>5</sup> shall stop from an actual test speed of 24 km/h (15 mph) or greater within a distance of 4.57 m (15 ft); when the equivalent ground speed is less than 24 km/h (15 mph) under the same conditions, the bicycle shall stop from an actual test speed of 16 km/h (10 mph) or greater within a distance of 4.57 m (15 ft).

(e) *Footbrake force and performance test.* (Ref. § 1512.5(c) (1) and (2))

(1) *Apparatus.* Suitable devices for exerting and measuring the required forces and a dry, clean, level, paved surface of adequate length.

(2) *Force test.* The braking force shall be measured as the wheel is rotated in a direction of forward motion, and the braking force is measured in a direction tangential to the tire during a steady pull after the wheel completes one-half revolution but before the wheel completes one revolution. The brake shall be capable of producing a linearly proportional brake force for a gradually applied pedal force from 89 N to 310 N (20 to 70 lbf) and shall not be less than 178 N (40 lbf) for an applied pedal force of 310 N (70 lbf). All data points must fall within plus or minus 20 percent of the brake force, based on the measured brake load using the least square method of obtaining the best straight line curve.

(3) *Performance test.* The procedure of § 1512.18(d) (2) (v) shall be followed to test the footbrake performance. The stopping distance shall be less than 4.57 m (15 ft) from an actual test speed of 16 km/h (10 mph). In addition, if the equivalent ground speed of the bicycle is in excess of 24 km/h (15 mph) (in its highest gear ratio at a pedal crank

rate of 60 revolutions per minute),<sup>5</sup> the stopping distance shall be 4.57 m (15 ft) from an actual test speed of 24 km/h (15 mph) or greater.

NOTE.—No allowance shall be made for rider weight. See § 1512.5(d) for additional requirements for bicycles with both handbrakes and footbrakes.

(f) *Sidewalk bicycle footbrake force test.* For sidewalk bicycles, the footbrake force test is the same as for bicycles except: the brake force transmitted to the rear wheel shall continually increase as the pedal force is increased from 44.5 N to 225 N (10 to 50 lbf). The ratio of applied pedal force to braking force shall not be greater than two-to-one.

(g) *Handlebar stem test.* (Ref. § 1512.6(b))

(1) *Procedure.* The handlebar stem shall be tested for strength by applying a force of 2000 N (450 lbf), in a forward direction, for bicycles, or 1000 N (225 lbf) for sidewalk bicycles, at a point in line with the handlebar attachment point and at an angle of 45° from the stem centerline (See fig. 2).

(2) *Criteria.* No visible fractures shall result from this test.

(h) *Handlebar test.* (Ref. § 1512.6(e))

(1) *Stem-to-fork clamp test—(i) Procedure.* The handlebar and handlebar stem shall be assembled to the bicycle in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions. The handlebar-fork assembly shall be subjected to a torque applied about the axis of the stem, and shall then be disassembled and examined for signs of structural damage including cracking, splitting, stripping of threads, bearing damage, and bulging of the stem and fork structures. The handlebar and handlebar stem components shall be inspected for visible signs of galling, gouging, and scoring not due to normal assembly and disassembly operations.

(ii) *Criteria.* There shall be no visible movement between the stem and fork when a torque of 47+3, -0 N-m (35+2, -0 ft-lb) for bicycles and 20+3, -0 N-m (15+2, -0 ft-lb) for sidewalk bicycles is applied to the handlebar about the stem-to-fork axis. There shall be no visible signs of damage to the stem-to-fork assembly or any component part thereof.

(2) *Handlebar strength and clamp test—(i) Procedure.* The stem shall be in place on the bicycle or in an equivalent test fixture and secured according to manufacturers' instructions. A load shall be applied equally to each handlebar end in a direction to cause the greatest torque about the handlebar-to-stem clamp; deflection shall be measured along the line of applied force.

(ii) *Criteria.* The handlebars shall support a force of no less than 445 N (100 lbf) or absorb no less than 22.6 J (200 in-lb) of energy through a maximum deflection of no more than 76 mm (3.0 in.); the handlebar clamp shall prevent rotational movement of the

<sup>5</sup> See footnote 3 to § 1512.5.



handlebars relative to the clamp, and there shall be no visible fractures.

(i) *Pedal slip test.* [Reserved]

(j) *Rim test.* (Ref. §§ 1512.10 and 1512.11(c))

(1) *Procedure.* Only one wheel need be tested if the front and rear wheel are of identical construction. The wheel to be tested shall be removed from the bicycle and be supported circumferentially around the tire sidewall. A load of 2000 N (450 lbf) shall be applied to the axle and normal to the plane of the wheel for at least 30 seconds. If the wheel hub is offset, the load shall be applied in the direction of the offset.

(2) *Criteria.* The wheel and tire assembly shall be inspected for compliance with the requirements of § 1512.11(a) and shall be remounted on the bicycle according to the manufacturer's instructions and shall turn freely without roughness and shall comply with the requirement of § 1512.11(b).

(3) *Front hub retention test.* (Ref. § 1512.12(c))

(i) *Procedures.* Front hub locking devices shall be released. When threaded nuts and axles are used, the nuts shall be opened at least 360° from a finger tight condition. A separation force of at least 111 N (25 lbf) shall be applied to the hub on a line along the slots in the fork ends.

(ii) *Criteria.* The front hub shall not separate from the fork; fenders, mudguards, struts, and brakes shall not be allowed to restrain the separation.

(k) *Fork and frame test.* (Ref. §§ 1512.13 and 1512.14)

(1) *Fork test—(i) Procedure.* With the fork stem supported in a 76 mm (3.0 in.) vee block and secured by the method illustrated in figure 1 of this Part 1512, a load shall be applied at the axle attachment in a direction perpendicular to the centerline of the stem and against the direction of the rake. Load and deflection readings shall be recorded and plotted at the point of loading. The load shall be increased until a deflection of 64 mm (2½ in.) is reached.

(ii) *Criteria.* Energy of at least 39.5 J (350 in-lb) shall be absorbed with a deflection in the direction of the force of no more than 64 mm (2½ in.).

(2) *Fork and frame assembly test—(i) Procedure.* The fork, or one identical to that tested in accordance with the fork test, § 1512.18(k) (1), shall be replaced on the bicycle in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions; and a load of 890 N (200 lbf), or an energy of at least 39.5 J (350 in-lb), whichever results in the greater force, shall be applied to the fork at the axle attachment point against the direction of the rake in line with the rear wheel axle. The test load shall be counteracted by a force applied at the location of the rear axle during this test.

(ii) *Criteria.* There shall be no visible evidence of fracture and no deformation of frame that significantly limits the steering angle over which the front wheel can be turned.

(l) *Seat adjustment clamps and load test.* (Ref. § 1512.15(c))

(1) *Procedure.* A force of at least 668 N (150 lbf) shall be applied vertically

downward (334 N (75 lbf) for sidewalk bicycles) to a point within 25 mm (1.0 in.) from either the front or rear of the seat, whichever produces the greatest torque on the seat clamp. After removal of this force, a force of 222 N (50 lbf) shall then be applied horizontally (111 N (25 lbf) for sidewalk bicycles) to a point within 25 mm (1.0 in.) from either the front or rear of the seat, whichever produces the greatest torque on the clamp.

(2) *Criteria.* No movement of the seat with respect to the seat post, or of the seat post with respect to the bicycle frame, shall have resulted from application of the forces specified.

(m) *Reflector mount and alignment test.* (Ref. § 1512.16(c) and (d))

(1) *Procedure.* A force of 89 N (20 lbf) shall be applied to the reflector mount in at least three directions selected as most likely to affect its alignment. At least one of those directions shall be selected to represent a force that would be expected in lifting the bicycle by grasping the reflector.

(2) *Criteria.* (i) During test: The optical axis of the reflector shall remain parallel within 15° to the line or intersection of the ground plane and the center plane of the bicycle defined as a plane containing both wheels and the centerlines of the down tube and seat mast.

(ii) Post test: The optical axis of the reflector shall remain parallel within 5° to the line or intersection of the ground plane and the center plane of the bicycle defined as a plane containing both wheels and the centerlines of the down tube and seat mast.

(n) *Reflector test.* (Ref. § 1512.16(g))

(1) *Conditioning.* The following conditioning in the order given shall be performed prior to testing for performance.

(i) *Warpage conditioning.* The reflector shall be held in a preheated oven for at least one hour at 50°±5° C (122±5.4° F). A pedal reflector may be conditioned integrally with its pedal.

(ii) *Mechanical impact conditioning.* The reflector shall be mounted faceup in a manner similar to the way in which it is mounted on the bicycle. A 13 mm (½ in.) diameter polished steel ball shall be dropped normal to the center of the face of the reflector from a height of 0.76 m (30 in.). The ball may be guided by a tube with holes, but not restricted in free fall. Pedal reflectors are exempt from this impact conditioning.

(iii) *Moisture conditioning.* The reflector shall be submerged in tap water in a suitable container. The container shall be pressurized in 17.2 kN/m² (2.5 psi) (equivalent to 1.7 m (5½ ft.)) of water for 15 minutes and then released.

(2) *Reflector performance test.* (i) Arrangements for the reflector performance test shall be as shown in figure 3 and the distance D between the light source and the reflector shall be 30.5 m (100 ft.). The source of illumination shall be a lamp with a 51 mm (2.0 in.) effective diameter and a filament operating at 2,856±10 percent color temperature. The observation point shall be collocated (as close as practicable) with the source of illumina-

tion. The reflector shall be mounted with the center of the reflector at the center of rotation and at the same horizontal level as the source of illumination. Photometric measurements shall be made at the observation angles and entrance angles given in tables 1 and 2.

(ii) The observation angle is the angle formed by a line from the point of observation to the center of the reflector with a second line from the center of the reflector to the source of illumination. The entrance angle is the angle between the optical axis of the reflector and a line from the center of the reflector to the source of illumination. The entrance angle shall be designated left, right, up, and down in accordance with the position of the source of illumination with respect to the axis of the reflector as viewed from behind the reflector when the plane of the observation angle is vertical and the receiver is above the source.

(iii) Photometric measurements shall be made either visually or photoelectrically. With either method, the light reflected to the observation point shall be determined. Also, the illumination on the reflector from the source shall be measured.

(iv) For visual measurements a comparison lamp, emitting light similar in spectral quality to the reflector, shall be located adjacent to the reflector (at an angle not to exceed ½°) and arranged so that the candlepower can be varied from 0.01 to 0.25 to make the intensity duplicate that of the reflector under test. The candlepower of the source of the illumination of the reflector under test shall be known or determined for this test. Means shall be provided to change the intensity of the source of illumination without changing the filament color temperature. The comparison lamp shall be designed to avoid reflection from the source of illumination back in the direction of the observer. It shall be of such size and so diffused that when viewed by the observer (through a 2½× reducing monocular), the candlepower can be readily compared and adjusted to that of the reflector. The observer shall have at least 10 minutes of dark adaption before making observations. For photoelectric measurements, the opening to the photocell shall not be more than ½ inch vertical by 1 inch horizontal.

(v) Reflectors that mount on the bicycle in a fixed rotational position with respect to the bicycle, or the bicycle component on which they are mounted (such as pedals or spokes), shall be tested with a single orientation. Reflectors that do not mount on the bicycle in a fixed rotational position with respect to the bicycle shall be rotated about their axis through 360° to find the minimum candlepower per footcandle for each test point. If the measurement falls below the minimum requirement at any test point, the reflector shall be rotated ±5° about its axis from the angle where the minimum occurs, and the maximum candlepower per footcandle within this angle shall be the measured value.

(vi) Should uncolored reflections from the front surface interfere with photometric readings at any test point the low-



est reading and location within 1° above, below, right, and left of the test point shall meet the minimum requirement for the test point.

(vii) A recommended coordinate system for definition of color is the "Internationale de l'Eclairage (CIE 1931)" system in the *IES Lighting Handbook*, fifth edition, 1972. In the coordinate system and when illuminated by the source defined in table 4 of this Part 1512, a reflector will be considered to be red if its color falls within the region bounded by the red spectrum locus and the lines  $y=0.980-x$  and  $y=0.335$ ; a reflector will be considered to be amber if its color falls within the region bounded by the yellow spectrum locus and the lines  $y=0.382$ ,  $y=0.790-0.667x$ , and  $y=x-0.120$ .

(c) *Retroreflective tire test.* (Ref. § 1512.16(h)).

(1) *Apparatus.* Arrangements for the reflective intensity measurement shall be as shown in figure 3 of this Part 1512. A light projector (having a maximum effective lens diameter of  $D/500$ , where  $D$  is the distance from the source to the sidewall being measured) capable of projecting light of uniform intensity shall be used to illuminate the sample. The light falling on the sample shall have a color temperature of  $2856K \pm 10\%$  (equivalent to a tungsten filament lamp operated at a color temperature of  $2856K \pm 10\%$  having approximately the relative energy distribution given in table 4 of this Part 1512). The light reflected from the test surface shall be measured with a photoelectric receiver, the response of which has been corrected for the spectral sensitivity of the average photopic human eye. The dimensions of the active area of the receiver shall be such that no point on the perimeter of the receiver is more than  $d/1000$  from its center (where  $d$  is the distance from the receiver to the sidewall). Tires to be tested shall be mounted on a wheel, the rim and spokes of which have been masked in flat black so that when measured without the tire they indicate no appreciable reflectance. The tire shall be mounted and fully inflated. Distances shall be measured from the plane of the wheel and the center of the hub. For the tests, the distance  $D$  between the projector and the center of the wheel and distance  $d$  between the center of the wheel and the receiver shall each be at least 15 m (50 ft.).

(2) *Procedure.*—(i) *Masking.* The reflecting strip to be tested shall be within two concentric circles, the larger of which is no more than 0.02 m (0.79 in.) greater in radius than the smaller. While additional reflecting material is permitted outside such boundaries, such additional material shall not be counted in determining the average width of the reflecting strip and shall be masked off with opaque, matte black tape in testing the reflecting material.

(ii) *Orientation.* With the tire mounted and inflated, every position of the reflecting strip to be tested shall be oriented so that the normal to this portion is within 40° of parallel to the axis of rotation of the wheel.

(iii) *Measurement.* Measure the distance  $d$  from the receiver to the center of the wheel and the minimum distance  $r$  from the axis of rotation of the wheel to the unmasked portion of the reflective strip. Measure the illumination incident on the reflective strip at uniform intervals of no more than 45° around the wheel, with the receiver oriented in the direction of the incident radiation. The average of such readings will be the mean illumination of the sample  $E$ . If any one of such readings differs by more than 10 percent from the mean illumination, then a more uniform source must be obtained. Measure the illumination of the receiver due to reflection from the sidewall for each entrance angle and each observation angle given in table 3 of this Part 1512. The entrance angle and the observation angle shall be in the same plane. A negative entrance angle (figure 3 of this Part 1512) is specified when the entrance angle is small because the location of the receiver with respect to the direction of illumination becomes important for distinguishing between ordinary mirror-like reflection and retroreflection. The illumination incident on the test surface and the receiver shall be measured in the same units on a linear scale. Compute the ratio  $A$  for each combination of entrance angle and observation angle listed in table 3 as follows:

$$A = \frac{E_r}{E_s} \times \frac{d^2}{r^2}$$

Where:

- $A$  = Ratio in meters,
- $E_r$  = Illumination incident upon the receiver,
- $E_s$  = Illumination incident upon a plane perpendicular to the incident ray at the specimen position (see instructions above in this paragraph (c) (2) (iii) for averaging), measured in the same units as  $E_r$ ,
- $d$  = The distance in meters from the receiver to the center of the wheel,
- $r$  = The minimum radius in meters of the boundary circles of the retroreflective strip.

The minimum value of  $A$  shall be that listed in table 3 of this Part 1512 for each combination of entrance angle and observation angle. The plane containing the entrance angle and the plane containing the observation angle shall coincide. In table 3, a positive entrance angle corresponds to the case in which the line of sight to the receiver lies between the line of incidence and the optic axis of the reflector, and a negative entrance angle corresponds to the case in which the line of incidence lies between the line of sight of the receiver and the optic axis of the reflector.

(iv) *Criteria.* The ratio  $A$  as defined in § 1512.18(c) (2) (iii) shall not be less than:

$$A = \frac{4 \cos^2 \theta}{1 + \left(\frac{\phi}{0.225}\right)^{3/2}}$$

where  $A$  is ratio in meters,  $\theta$  is the entrance angle, and  $\phi$  is the observation angle in degrees. The criterion applies only for entrance angles from 0° to 40° and observation angles from 0.2° to 1.5°, and performance is not specified beyond this range. The values of  $A$  in table 3 are obtained from the above formula by rounding up to two significant figures. Except in cases in which the performance of the reflector is seriously questionable, a reflector with  $A$  at least the value given in table 3 at each of the six combinations of entrance and observation angle will be considered to satisfy this criteria.

(p) *Road test.* (Ref. §§ 1512.15(c) and 1512.17(a)).

(1) *Procedure.* The bicycle shall be ridden at least 6.4 km (4.0 mi.) by a rider weighing at least 68.1 kg (150 lb.) with the tires inflated to maximum recommended pressure. Travel shall include riding the bicycle five times over a 30 m (100 ft.) course of wooden cleats fastened to a paved surface. The cleats shall be a full 25 mm (1.0 in.) high by 51 mm (2.0 in.) wide lumber with a 12 mm by 12 mm (1/2 in. by 1/2 in.) chamfer of 45° on the corners contacting the tires. The cleats shall be spaced every 1.8 m (6.0 ft.) over the 30 m (100 ft.) course. The bicycle shall be ridden over the cleated course at a speed of at least 24 km/hr (15 mph) with the rider firmly seated.

(2) *Criteria.* The bicycle shall exhibit stable handling, turning, and steering characteristics without difficulty of operation. There shall be no system or component failure of the structure, brakes, or tires and there shall be no loosening or misalignment of the seat, handlebars, controls, or reflectors.

(q) *Sidewalk bicycle proof test.* (Ref. §§ 1512.15(c) and 1512.17(b)).

(1) *Procedure.* The bicycle shall be loaded with weights of 13.6 kg (30 lb.) on the seat surface and 4.5 kg (10 lb.) attached to the end of each handle grip for a total load of 22.7 kg (50 lb.). The bicycle shall be lifted a distance of 0.3 m (1.0 ft.) and dropped (while maintaining an upright position) three times onto a paved surface. Following this and with weight removed, it shall be allowed to fall in any configuration and attitude from an upright position to the paved surface three times on each side.

EFFECTIVE DATE: Paragraphs (e) and (f) of § 1512.18 do not take effect until November 13, 1976.

#### § 1512.19. Instructions and labeling.

A bicycle shall have an instruction manual attached to its frame or included with the packaged unit.

(a) The instruction manual shall include at least the following:

(1) Operations and safety instructions describing operation of the brakes and gears, cautions concerning wet weather and night-time operation, and a guide for safe on-and-off road operation.

(2) Assembly instructions for accomplishing complete and proper assembly.

(3) Maintenance instructions for proper maintenance of brakes, control cables, bearing adjustments, wheel adjustments, lubrication, reflectors, tires and handlebar and seat adjustments;

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should the manufacturer determine that such maintenance is beyond the capability of the consumer, specifics regarding locations where such maintenance service can be obtained shall be included.

(b) A bicycle less than fully assembled and fully adjusted shall have clearly displayed on any promotional display material and on the outside surface of the shipping carton the following: (1) A list of tools necessary to properly accomplish assembly and adjustment, (2) a drawing illustrating the minimum leg-length dimension of a rider and a method of measurement of this dimension.

(c) The minimum leg-length dimension shall be readily understandable and shall be based on allowing no less than one inch of clearance between (1) the top tube of the bicycle and the ground plane and (2) the crotch measurement of the rider. A girls' style frame shall be specified in the same way using a corresponding boys' model as a basis.

(d) Every bicycle subject to the requirements of this Part 1512 and introduced into interstate commerce on or after May 11, 1976 through May 11, 1978, shall be labeled with the statement "Meets U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission Regulations for Bicycles."

(1) Every such bicycle, displayed or offered for sale to consumers in a fully assembled condition, shall bear a label (such as a hang tag) at least 6.4 cm (2.5 in) by 17.8 cm (7 in) setting forth the required labeling statement legibly and conspicuously in capital letters at least 0.6 cm (0.25 in) high. No other words or symbols may appear on the label.

(2) The required labeling statement shall appear legibly and conspicuously in capital letters at least 1.3 cm (0.5 in) high on the retail carton of every such bicycle offered for sale to consumers in an unassembled or partially assembled condition.

(e) Every bicycle subject to the requirements of this Part 1512 shall bear a marking or label that is securely affixed on or to the frame of the bicycle in such a manner that the marking or label cannot be removed without being defaced or destroyed. The marking or label shall identify the name of the manufacturer or private labeler and shall also bear some form of marking from which the manufacturer can identify the month and year of manufacture or from which

the private labeler can identify the manufacturer and the month and year of manufacture. For purposes of this paragraph, the term "manufacture" means the completion by the manufacturer of a bicycle of those construction or assembly operations that are performed by the manufacturer before the bicycle is shipped from the manufacturer's place of production for sale to distributors, retailers, or consumers.

EFFECTIVE DATE: Paragraphs (d) and (e) of § 1512.19 do not become effective until Nov. 13, 1976.

**§ 1512.20 Separability.**

If any section or portion thereof of this Part 1512 or its application to any person or circumstance is held invalid, the remainder of the section(s) and its (their) application to other persons or circumstances is not thereby affected.

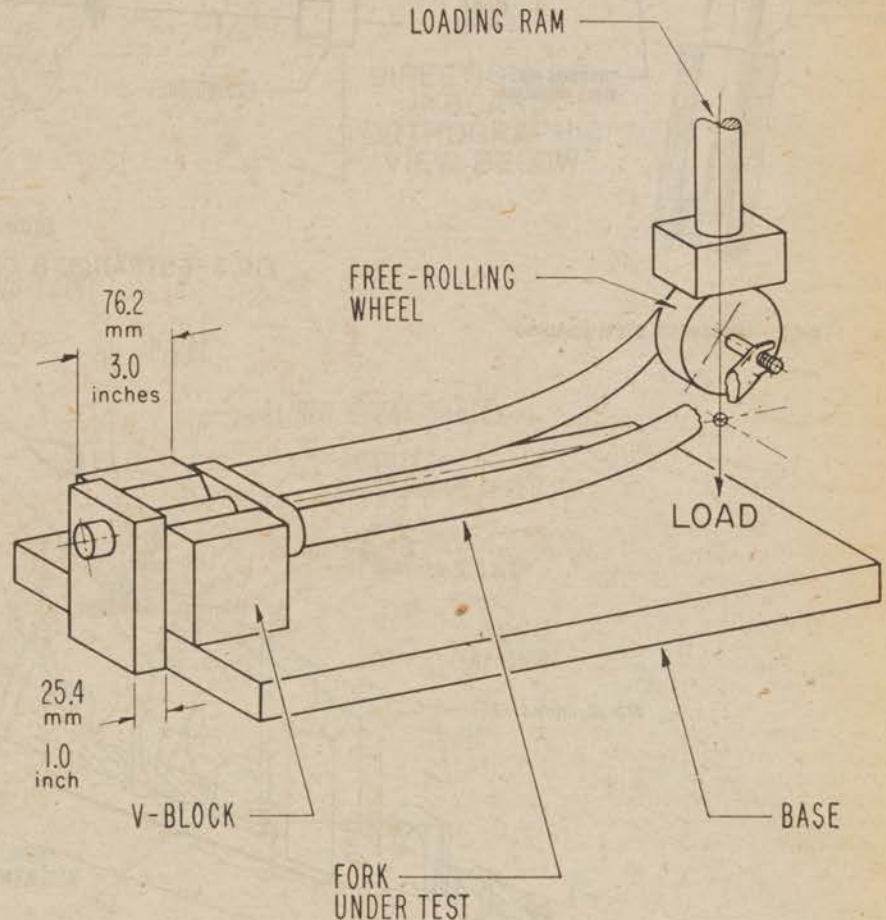


FIG 1-BICYCLE FRONT FORK  
CANTILEVER BENDING TEST RIG



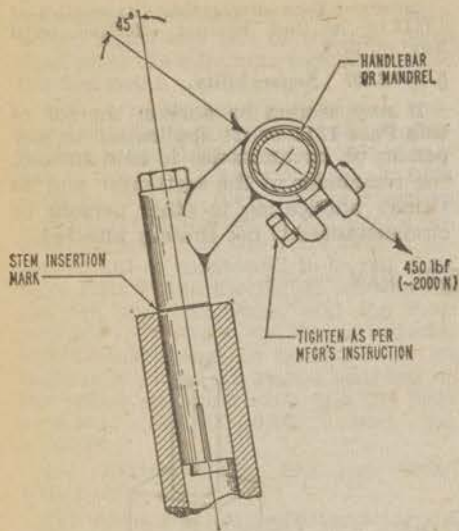


FIG 2—HANDLEBAR STEM LOADING

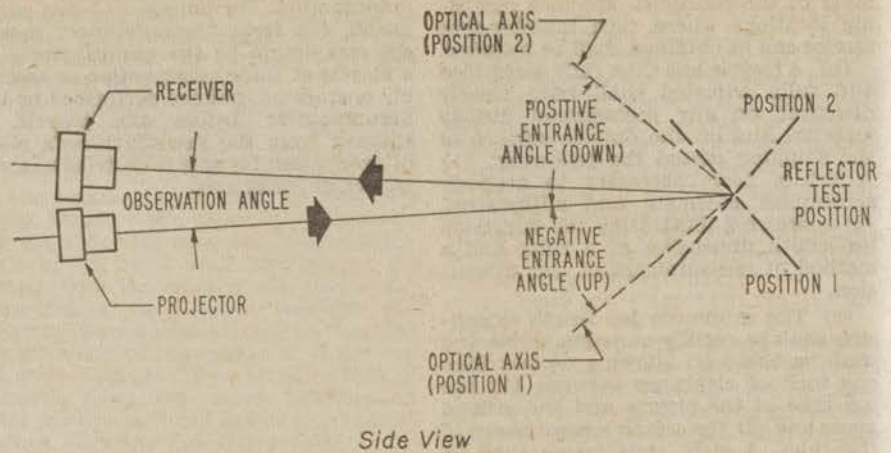


FIG 3—ENTRANCE &amp; OBSERVATION ANGLES

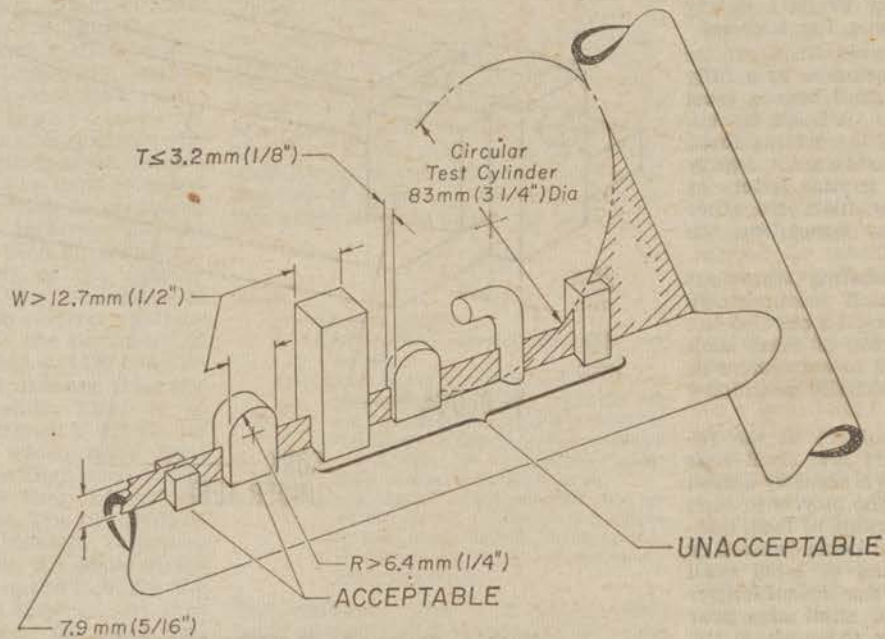


FIG 4—TYPICAL PROTRUSION EXAMPLES



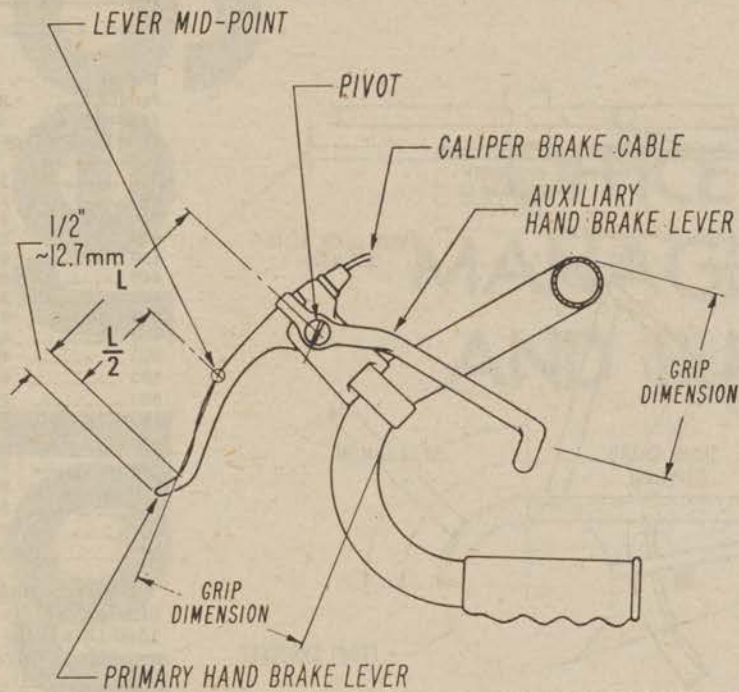
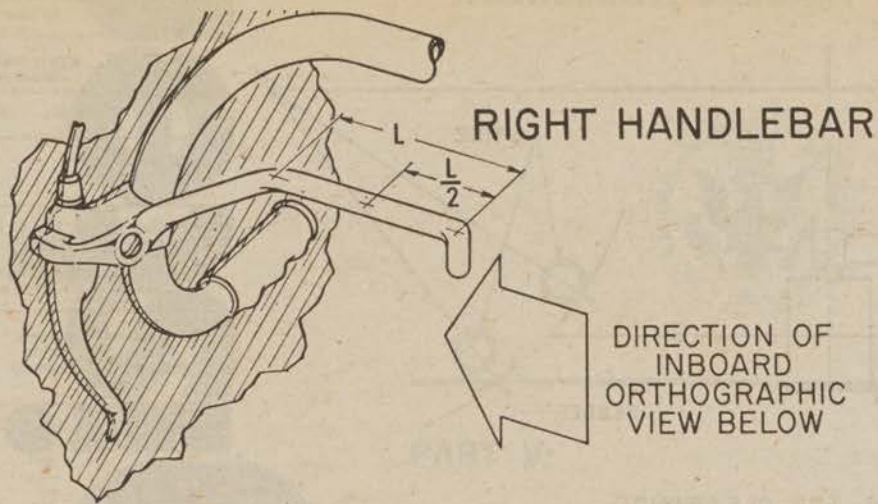


FIG.5-TYPICAL HANDBRAKE ACTUATOR  
SHOWING GRIP DIMENSION



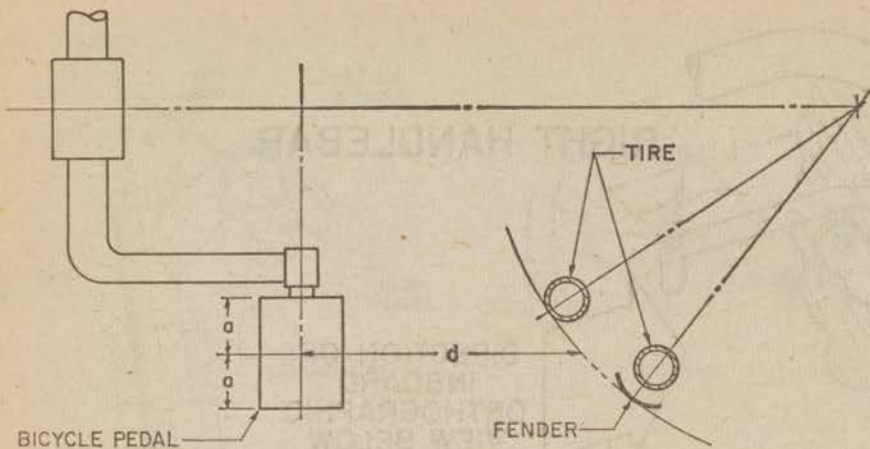


FIG 6-TOE CLEARANCE

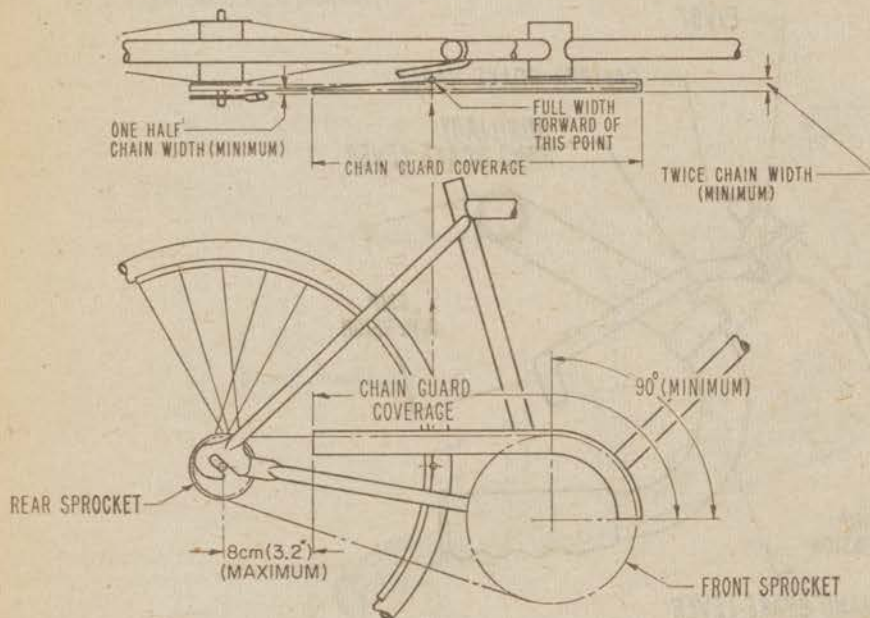


FIG 7-CHAIN GUARD REQUIREMENTS

TABLE 1.—Minimum candlepower per incident foot-candle for clear reflector<sup>1</sup>

Observation angle	Front, rear, and side reflectors; entrance angle in degrees			Pedal reflectors; entrance angle in degrees		
	0	10 up/down	20 left/right	0	10 up/down	20 left/right
0.2	27.0	18.0	9.0	7.5	6.0	3.0
.3	—	—	—	6.0	4.8	2.4
1.5	.28	.20	.12	.28	.20	.12

<sup>1</sup> Amber values shall be  $\frac{5}{8}$ ×clear values. Red values shall be  $\frac{1}{4}$ ×clear values.TABLE 2.—Minimum candlepower per incident foot-candle for clear reflector<sup>1</sup>

Observation angle	Front, rear, and side reflectors; entrance angle in degrees		
	30 left/right	40 left/right	50 left/right
0.2	8.0	7.0	6.0
1.5	.12	.12	.12

<sup>1</sup> Amber values shall be  $\frac{5}{8}$ ×clear values. Red values shall be  $\frac{1}{4}$ ×clear values.

TABLE 3.—Minimum acceptable values for the quantity A defined in the retroreflective tire test procedure

Observation angle (degrees)	Entrance angle (degrees)	Minimum acceptable value of A	
		Meters	Feet
0.2	—4	2.2	7.25
.2	20	1.9	6.27
.2	40	1.3	4.29
1.5	—4	.22	.73
1.5	20	.19	.63
1.5	40	.13	.43

TABLE 4.—Relative energy distribution of sources

Wave-length (nanometers)	Relative energy	Wave-length (nanometers)	Relative energy
380	9.79	580	114.44
390	12.09	590	121.73
400	14.71	600	129.04
410	17.68	610	136.34
420	21.00	620	143.62
430	24.67	630	150.83
440	28.70	640	157.98
450	33.09	650	165.03
460	37.82	660	171.96
470	42.87	670	178.77
480	48.25	680	185.43
490	53.91	690	191.93
500	59.86	700	198.26
510	66.06	710	204.41
520	72.50	720	210.36
530	79.13	730	216.12
540	85.95	740	221.66
550	92.91	750	227.00
560	100.00	760	232.11
570	107.18		

**Effective date.** Set forth above are the bicycle safety regulations (16 CFR 1500.18(a)(12) and Part 1512) as amended November 13, 1975 (40 FR 52815, 52828), with minor corrections and editorial changes. As previously stated, these regulations shall become effective May 11, 1976, except for §§ 1512.5 (c)(3), 1512.9(a), and 1512.18 (e) and (f), which shall become effective November 13, 1976.

(Secs. 2(f)(1)(D), (g)(1)(A), (s), 3(e)(1), 74 Stat. 372, 374, 375, as amended 80 Stat. 1304-05, 83 Stat. 187-89 (15 U.S.C. 1261, 1262))

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