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## NEW SAFETY STANDARD FOR SLING CARRIERS, ASTM F2907-12 IS PUBLISHED

ASTM International published the Consumer Safety Specification for sling carriers [ASTM F2907-12](#) in February 2012. This consumer safety standard will minimize hazards associated with sling type infant carriers.

"A Sling Carrier is a product of fabric or sewn fabric construction, which is designed to contain a child from birth (full term infant weighing 8 lb (3.6 kg) or more) through 35 lb (15.9 kg), in an upright or reclined position, while being supported by the caregiver's torso. It can be worn on the front, hip or back of the caregiver, with the child either facing towards or away from the caregiver or reclined on the front only of the caregiver."

Except some general requirements such as shrinkage, flammability, and hazards such as those from sharp points/edges, small parts, scissoring, shearing and pinch points, openings leading to finger entrapment, ASTM F2907-12 contains the following performance requirements:

- Structural Integrity
- Static Load
- Dynamic Load
- Restraint System
- Occupant Retention
- Requirements for Locking and Latching Mechanisms

Additionally, instructions shall contain pictograms, photographs, or drawings of each manufacturer's recommended use position in order to prevent injury to the occupant from misuse of the sling carriers.



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