

TESTING
For Soft Hip Protectors

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Secure
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PURPOSE OF TEST

Purpose:

The purpose of this test was to determine the amount of force reduction the usage of Secure Hip Pad, validation of first test results and complete a degradation test through multiple hits.

Test Procedure:

Using drop weight impact system, a weight of 5.2 kg was dropped from a height of 38 cm establishing a baseline impact force of 7,753N. With a simulated ½” soft tissue a baseline impact force of 5,738N (an absorption of approximately 25% of load). After these baselines were established the left and right hip pads were placed on top of the ½” simulated soft tissue and impacted 3 times in different areas of the pad. At 3rd impact location hit an additional 5 times.

PARTS DESCRIPTIONS

TEST 2:

<u>#</u>	<u>MANUFACTURER</u>	<u>PART NAME</u>	<u>PART #</u>	<u>Test ID</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>GRADE</u>
4	Personal Safety Corp	Female Hip Protector	SHP-S	HIP 4	Pink Ladies	Below
5	Personal Safety Corp	Male Fly Front Hip Protector	SHP-S	HIP 5	Pink Ladies	Below
6	Tytex	Hard Shell	07022 1	HIP 6	White Unisex	Below
8	Alimed	Hipshield	Large	Hip 8	White Unisex	Above
9	Fallgard	Semi Hard	Medium	Hip 9	White Male	Below

RESULTS

In Table 1 the complete results are tabulated from first testing. The reduction is calculated from the Soft Tissue Load. Table 2 is summary from first testing done. Table 3 is a reference from results in testing conducted for the paper “Biomechanical comparison of hard and soft hip protectors, and the influence of soft tissue,” authors N.M. van Schoor, A.J. van der Veen, L.A. Schaap, T.H. Smit, and P. Lips appearing in Bone Journal January 2006.

With a hip fracture threshold of an elderly person being 3100N (+/- 1200N) all the hip pads reduced the force below the fracture point.

In Test 2 the average force of Secure fit hip pads were 1760N – 1838N (first hit versus 3 hits). Secure fit were below the lower level of hip fracture level. Alimed performed the worst (2820N) not reducing any impacts below the fracture levels. Fallgard had a semi-hard shell and was slightly better than the Secure Fit results at (1666N). Finally the Tytex hard shell performed the best (1050N) with all impacts, including the repeated hits location, well below the fracture limits.

The degradation of multiple impact in the same location the 3 soft hip pads (Secure Fit and Alimed) all reduced the force absorption ability putting them in the fracture range (2400N, 2400N and 3400N respectively). The semi-hard and the hard shell hip pads had little change in results and still maintained absorption properties below the fracture limits.

In comparison to the testing (results in Table 2) done in the bone journal, the Secure hip pads are better than the soft hip pads tested and on the high range of the hard hip pad protectors tested.

TABLE 1

Test	Hip Pad Description	Color	Side	Force (N)	Peak G's	Velocity (m/s)	Reduction
3	Secure 1	Pink	left	1765.677	51	2.60	68.5%
				2042.801	62	2.62	63.5%
				1848.815	54	2.60	67.0%
				2252.624	67	2.60	59.8%
				2339.72	71	2.60	58.2%
				2486.2	74	2.59	55.6%
				2529.748	78	2.60	54.8%
				2553.502	78	2.60	54.4%
4	Secure 1	pink	right	1678.581	51	2.60	70.0%
				1829.02	56	2.62	67.3%
				1765.677	54	2.64	68.5%
				2189.281	65	2.62	60.9%
				2252.624	71	2.60	59.8%
				2339.72	73	2.62	58.2%
				2403.063	74	2.60	57.1%
				2521.83	78	2.62	55.0%
5	Secure 2	pink	left	1765.677	54	2.62	68.5%
				1785.472	57	2.62	68.1%
				2019.048	64	2.62	63.9%
				2145.733	65	2.64	61.7%
				1912.157	61	2.64	65.9%
				2272.419	71	2.61	59.4%
				2213.035	68	2.62	60.5%
				2315.967	71	2.62	58.6%

6	Secure 2	pink	right	1829.02	58	2.62	67.3%
				1741.924	52	2.60	68.9%
				1979.459	59	2.61	64.7%
				2062.596	63	2.60	63.2%
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				2169.487	67	2.61	61.3%
				2082.391	66	2.64	62.8%
				2213.035	68	2.60	60.5%
7	Tytex	white	left	958.0581	31	2.57	82.9%
				934.3045	31	2.59	83.3%
				870.9619	28	2.58	84.4%
				1021.401	32	2.59	81.8%
				1128.292	36	2.62	79.9%
				1235.182	39	2.60	77.9%
				1084.743	36	2.58	80.6%
				1148.086	37	2.59	79.5%
8	Tytex	white	right	1064.949	34	2.62	81.0%
				1702.335	52	2.58	69.6%
				1298.525	41	2.59	76.8%
				1148.086	35	2.59	79.5%
				1211.429	38	2.62	78.4%
				1318.32	42	2.62	76.5%
				1381.662	43	2.60	75.3%
				1381.662	42	2.59	75.3%
9	Alimed	white	left	2636.639	82	2.62	52.9%
				2763.324	82	2.62	50.7%
				2890.01	88	2.62	48.4%
				3083.997	95	2.62	44.9%
				3190.888	98	2.62	43.0%
				3210.682	98	2.62	42.7%
				3210.682	97	2.60	42.7%
				3274.025	100	2.60	41.5%
10	Alimed	white	right	2806.873	86	2.62	49.9%
				2826.667	89	2.62	49.5%
				2996.901	93	2.62	46.5%
				3254.23	97	2.62	41.9%
				3361.121	101	2.60	40.0%
				3380.916	102	2.62	39.6%
				3424.464	101	2.62	38.8%
				3507.601	103	2.64	37.4%
11	Fallgard	white	-	1658.786	54	2.63	70.4%
				1638.992	51	2.60	70.7%
				1702.335	55	2.64	69.6%
				1741.924	56	2.62	68.9%
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	Average 1st hit	Average 3 hits	Degradation	Reduction
Secure Fit	1759.739	1837.598	563.4859	67.2%
Ali,,	2721.756	2820.069	570.744	49.6%
Fallgard	1658.786	1666.70	75.22	70.2%
Tytex	1011.503	1051.42	213.45	79.7%

TABLE 2

Model	Load (N)	Speed (m/s)	Measured G's	Reduction
Secure Fit	1581.5	2.59	52.61	72.44%

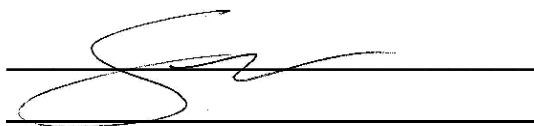
TABLE 3

Calibration	7806		
1/2" soft tissue	6378		
Soft hip protectors			
Gerhip	4948		22.42%
Hip Saver	3472		45.56%
Lyds Hip Pro	4423		30.65%
Safety P\ants Finland	5186		18.69%
Safety Pants Netherlands	3415		46.46%
Hard hip protectors			
Hornsby Health Hip	862		86.48%
KPH2	900		85.89%
Safehip – Old	1298		79.65%
Safehip – New	1817		71.51%
Impactwear Hip	2105		67.00%

DISCUSSION

Testing was conducted with different skin material between test 1 and test 2. This caused a slight difference in energy absorption. The overall test method was validated between tests and calculated expected results.

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Reviewed by: John Bogler

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TEST EQUIPMENT

EQUIPMENT INFORMATION

Channel # Apparatus Serial #/ID

1 ACCELEROMETER GE557

Sampling Rate: 10,000 Hz

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2 L.V.D.T. LD610

Sampling Rate: 1,000 Hz

Channel # Apparatus Serial #/ID

1 5,000lb Sensotec Load Cell Serial Number 984923

Sampling Rate: 10,000 Hz