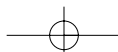


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Foreword

The material presented in this standard was developed as a result of the efforts of the members of BIFMA International and reviewed by a broad representation of interested parties, government organizations and commercial testing and procurement and interior design organizations.

This standard defines specific tests, laboratory equipment, conditions of test, and recommended minimum levels to be used in the test and evaluation of the performance, durability, and structural adequacy of general-purpose office chairs.

The original work on this standard was completed in May 1974 by the BIFMA Engineering Committee and, particularly by its Subcommittee on Chair Standards. During the periods from February 1983 through January 1984, March 1990 through April 1993, and again from September 1997 to October 2002, the Subcommittee on Chair Standards conducted reviews of the standard to ensure that the tests accurately describe the proper means of evaluating the safety, durability, and structural adequacy of general-purpose office chairs. The reviews produced revisions and/or additions to the various test procedures that improve the procedures and provide consistency. The revisions were submitted to the membership of BIFMA International and approved in December 2001. A canvass of interested parties and stakeholders was conducted in accordance with the requirements of an ANSI accredited standards developer. After completion of the canvass process, the standard was subsequently submitted to the American National Standards Institute for approval as an American National Standard. Approval by ANSI was given on December 31, 2002.

Suggestions for the improvement of this standard are welcome. The suggestions should be sent to BIFMA, International, 2680 Horizon SE, Suite A1, Grand Rapids, MI 49546.

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