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Article:	Annex:	Clause: Requirements § 7.6 testing § 8.5 & 8.13
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Question:		
Q1 Shall the head harness be targeted directly?		
Q2 How shall the mask be oriented when testing?		
Q3 Shall burning of the head harness for more than 5s be a failure?		
Q4 May the mask be removed from the head form between the flammability test and the leak tightness test?		
Q5 If a product satisfies the post-flammability leak tightness test, even with mechanical damage (which may include breakage) to the head harness, is this a failure?		
Solution:		
A1 No.		
A2 The laboratory shall decide on the appropriate orientations to ensure that all relevant components, with the exception of the head harness, are exposed directly. Three samples shall be tested, with a new orientation for each sample.		
A3 Yes. If burning of the head harness for more than 5s results from indirect exposure, then this is a failure.		
A4 Yes because this is the practice of the majority of the test houses.		
A5 No.		