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Article:	Annex:	Clause: 5.1.4
Key words: Chin strap anchorage		
Question: Where are acceptable points of breakage for this test?		
Solution: Solution: Parts passing under the chin are considered the chinstrap and failure shall not occur for these parts. Failure of buckles or similar 'closure' devices should not be accepted. If separate buckles or devices are provided for the purpose of creating a reusable disconnection that is intended to release under load, failure shall occur at this device. If such devices are not provided, failure shall occur for parts that do not constitute the chinstrap passing under the chin (refer above). There shall be no breakage of strap material.		
Rationale: EN397 clause 4.8 describes that the helmet shell shall be fitted with a chinstrap or means of attaching one, but does not refer to the term chinstrap anchorage. Product innovation since the conception of EN397 has resulted in an increasingly diverse range of products. Where the chinstrap ends and where the attachment begins can be unclear due to the varied designs of products, some of which include separate buckles that provide a reusable disconnection point for the chinstrap to release under load.		