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Question: How much restraint shall be used to hold a sample in position for testing?			
Solution: As little restraint as possible shall be used, but enough to ensure that the test is performed correctly. In some cases, this may be a reasonably significant amount of restraint.			
Rationale: For some designs of helmet, rotating the helmet upon the test block in order to target different parts of the 50mm radius circle may result in the test block being able to pass between the harness so that the shell rests on the test block. This situation would not occur when such a product was fitted on to a person or a full test headform. This was agreed to be an unfair condition and that sufficient restraint strapping should be used to prevent such occurrence during the test.			