PROTECTION

180 JSP SAFETY HELMETS

183 BUMP CAPS

184 ACCESSORIES Personal Protection Equipment at Work Regulations (1992) and the Construction (Head Protection) Regulations (1989) requires that Head Protection must be used in hazardous areas. A full assessment of the hazards must be undertaken to determine the suitability of head protection supplied. Safety helmets must be used when there is a danger of falling objects and bump caps should be worn when there is a need to protect against accidental bumping of the head (eg. overhead piping or other fixed obstacles). It is the wearer's responsibility to inspect their safety helmet regularly.

Any helmet showing more than superficial abrasions or scuffing to the shell should be replaced. Also, although there is no legislation governing the expected lifespan of safety helmets, it is strongly recommended that they be replaced every five years. Excessive wear and tear can drastically reduce this period. If your helmet becomes cut or badly scratched it should be discarded immediately.

REGULATIONS FOR HEAD PROTECTION

EN	MEANING
EN397	Specification for industrial safety helmets
EN812	Specification for bump and scrape protection
EN12492	Specification of helmets for mountaineers
EN50365	Specification of insulating helmets for use on low voltage installations.

LIFE SPAN OF A HELMET

An industrial safety helmet should have a maximum lifespan up to 5 years. We do advise if there is significant wear and tear or negligence then this can be reduced considerably. Make sure you do inspections at regular intervals to check for cracks, scratches or dents. If any are found then please dispose of the helmet and replace with a new one.



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ASSESSMENT OF HAZARDS

A comprehensive assessment is essential to establish the need of head protection within the work area and to determine the suitability of products.

DATE OF MANUFACTURE

All safety helmets are marked with the date of manufacture which is shown as the year plus month or quarter of manufacture.



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