

# Helmet Advice

- The ECB, PCA and the ICC have worked with BSi and head protector manufacturers to develop a new specification for the testing of head protection for cricketers
- From 30 June 2014, the old BSI standard for cricket head protectors (BS7928:1998) was withdrawn and the ECB therefore recommends that all new head protectors brought to market are tested against the new standard
- The key features of the new specification BS7928:2013 are:

It now includes a facial contact projectile test that assesses for penetration of the ball through the face-guard, and contact of the face-guard onto the face, using realistic ball impact speeds and conditions; and

Head protectors have been tested separately against men's and junior sized cricket balls (a five-and-a-half ounce ball and a four-and-three-quarter ounce ball, respectively)

It is very important to buy a good quality, correctly fitting helmet. Below are some examples of good quality helmets that meet the new guidelines.

