DOT-Compliant Motorcycle Helmets

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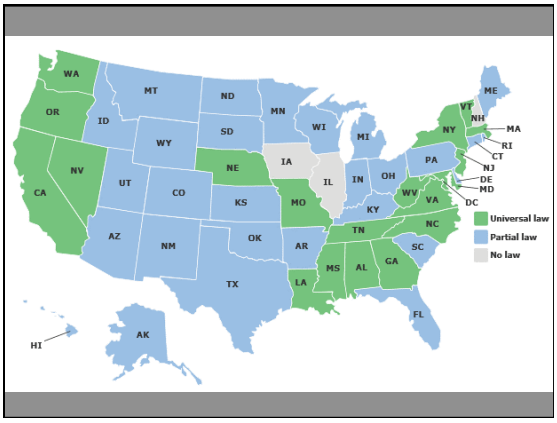

The purpose of FMVSS 218 is to reduce deaths and injuries to motorcyclists resulting from head impacts. Each helmet shall meet the following requirements when subjected to testing:

- A. IMPACT- slow an impact.
- B. PENETRATION- stop penetration by a sharp object.
- C. RETENTION SYSTEM- chin strap with fasteners.
- D. CONFIGURATION- shape, structure and not interfere with peripheral vision.

There is no list of approved DOT-Compliant MC helmets. It is up to each manufacturer to test and certify their own helmets.

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What a Police Officer can look for:

1. Secure Fastener.
2. About one inch of hard, polystyrene foam.
3. DOT sticker.
4. Manufacturer's label with DOT certification, date & size.

Compliant

Non-compliant (Novelty)

CA. Vehicle Code

27803 (b) V.C. It is unlawful to operate a motorcycle, motor-driven cycle, or motorized bicycle if the driver or any passenger is not wearing a safety helmet (DOT compliant, FMVSS 218).

Correctable vs. Non-Correctable

40610 (b) V.C. a notice to correct violation shall be issued as provided in this section unless the officer finds any of the following:

(1) Evidence of fraud or persistent neglect.

(2) The violation presents an immediate safety hazard.

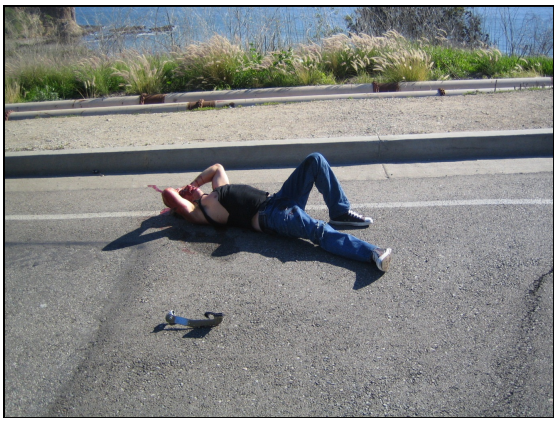
(3) The violator does not agree to, or cannot, promptly correct the violation.

Felony DUI T/C

On 03-01-09, at 2:50PM, a man on a m/c was driving recklessly, hit a car and went down.

He said he had 3 drinks (vodka/O.J.).

Blood test 90 min. after T/C was .08% BAC. (estimated .11% B.A.C at time of crash).

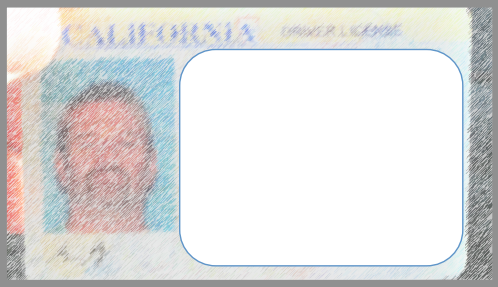


Enforcement

- In four years, I cited 245 people for not wearing a DOT-compliant MC helmet.
- I had about 20 trials. I won all of them.

How to Win a MC Helmet Case in Court

- Know what a DOT-compliant helmet is.
- If not sure, don't cite.
- Be able to explain it in court.
- Bring sample helmets to court.
- Photograph the rider, helmet, D.L.



WARNING
THIS HELMET IS A NOVELTY ITEM ONLY
AND IS NOT MADE FOR INTENDED FOR
NOR DESIGNED FOR USE AS PROTECTIVE
HEADGEAR UNDER ANY CIRCUMSTANCES.
THE MANUFACTURER DISCLAIMS ALL
RESPONSIBILITY IF USED IN ANY MANNER
OTHER THAN AS A NOVELTY ITEM

SPITFIRE

CALIFORNIA

15 vent holes to keep you cool!
COOLFLO
EXCLUSIVE BATTING HELMET OF MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL
Rawlings