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THE NEW, UPGRADED AS/NZS 3838 - IN FRONT OF THE REST

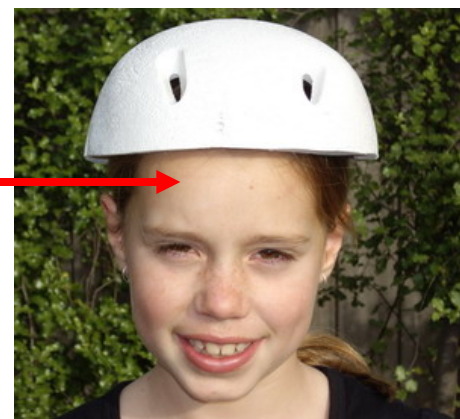
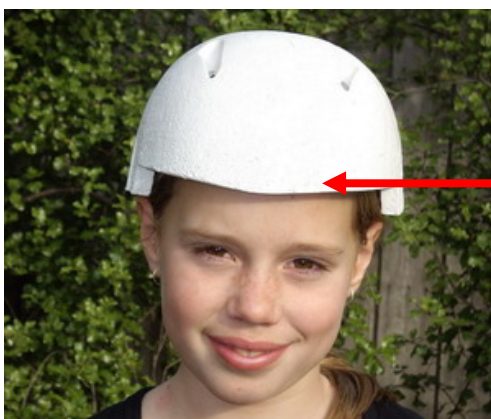
AS/NZS 3838 has just had a big upgrade, now testing over a much bigger area of the head than any other horse riding helmets standard in the world. For the first time helmets are tested further down the forehead towards the eyes and over the temple areas. Indeed AS/NZS 3838 now permits test labs to test right down to the very edge of the helmet. So now some very vulnerable areas of the head are now subject to testing.- this is a significant improvement in rider safety.

In the diagrams below we have set this out with graphics showing the differing test areas of the NEW AS/NZS 3838 and EN 1384. On page 2, we set out the other differences between AS/NZS 3838 and EN 1384



AS/NZS 3838

EN 1384



Note how AS/NZS 3838 ensures coverage of the forehead, yet EN 1384 test area only comes down to the hairline. AS/NZS 3838 gives around 25mm to 35mm more coverage of the temple area.



This pictures shows how AS/NZS 3838 testing requires the temple area to be covered, whereas EN 1384 does not test in this area.

STOP PRESS - GREAT NEWS JUST RECEIVED — AUSSIE RIDER (XL size) CERTIFIED TO THE NEW AS/NZS 3838 !!! OTHER SIZES SOON TO FOLLOW (touchwood!)



OTHER REASONS THE NEW AS/NZS 3838 IS WELL IN FRONT !

The other reasons the NEW AS/NZS 3838 is superior can be placed into 2 categories.

1. Testing—the NEW AS/NZS 3838 ensures every batch of helmets (no more than 1000 per batch) are independently tested to ensure they meet all tests. EN 1384 has no need for on-going tested - EN helmets never have to be independently tested again
2. Quality Certification—the NEW AS/NZS requires the manufacturing site to be audited prior to starting production—the aim is to ensure the manufacturer is capable of produces helmets of a consistently high quality. Then the manufacturer is audited every 12 months to ensure on-going quality. EN 1384 does not require any audit of any manufacturers premises - EVER.

	AS/NZS 3838	EN 1384
Factory audited	Yes—annually	Never
On-going batch testing	Yes	No
Quality systems audit	Yes	No
Raw material traceability	Yes	No
Complaints procedure	Yes	No
Certification administered	Yes—(SAI Global)	None

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We are very pleased to inform our subscribers that some sizes of our Aussie Rider and New Derby helmets have just passed testing to the NEW AS/NZS 3838, and production should begin very soon and be available in the new year. It always a bit of a learning curve when you are the first as we always seem to be — but the end result is going to be safer helmets for horse riders—and that’s in everyone’s interest.

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