



26 June 2018

Mr. Patrick Wilson
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Re: "C-Flap" and NOCSAE Certification

Dear Pat:

We are in receipt of your letter and email dated 16 May 2018 requesting clarification on NOCSAE certification of Easton helmets to which a player adds a "C-flap". We provide the following response.

Our position is simple – the addition of any device to one of our helmets voids the NOCSAE certification *if the user materially alters the helmet in order add the device*. Generally, third party c-flaps cannot be properly attached to Easton helmets without modification. As such, their addition, regardless of how attached, voids both our warranty and our NOCSAE certification.

However, we are aware of a couple of exceptions to this general rule. The Markwort C-Flap can be properly attached to Easton's Z7, Z6 and Z6 Elite helmets without modification. Our warranty and our NOCSAE certifications for these helmets remain intact when the Markwort C-Flap is properly attached. Please note, however, that the NOCSAE certification only extends to our helmet. NOCSAE does not offer any certification for c-flaps on a stand-alone basis, or when combined with helmets.

Please note that Easton's *Extended Jaw Guard* will be available later this summer. It is specifically made for Easton's Z5 helmet, and can be attached using the Z5's existing holes. The attachment of Easton's *Extended Jaw Guard* to the Z5 helmet will not impact the Z5's warranty or its NOCSAE certification.

We hope this is helpful and provides the requested clarification. Please let me know if you have any questions.

Thank you,

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