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Helmet Add-Ons And NOCSAE Certification

All-Star manufactures a number of different baseball and softball batting helmet face guards designed to fit our helmets. These batting helmet face guards are SEI Certified to the NOCSAE Standard which requires both annual 3rd party testing as well as ongoing quality control (QC) impact testing. With the rise in popularity of cheek-flap products, it should be known that no cheek-flap or jaw extension product meets the NOCSAE standard for face protection.

We are introducing a jaw extension for All-Star batting helmets. The JawLine™ will be in stock by the Fall of 2018 (model numbers BHJL-LHB / BHJL-RHB). It mounts to existing hardware in our helmets. No holes are drilled in the shell and no adhesives are used. We have tested our jaw extensions in our QC lab and they do not affect the testing performance of our helmets. We will continue QC test during production to ensure that the batting helmets are not negatively affected by our own add-on and still meet the NOCSAE Batter's Helmet Standard as intended.

If someone chooses to attach a helmet add-on from another company (such as C-Flap) to any of our helmets, it voids our warranty because we cannot accurately assess how all possible add-ons will affect the base helmet model and the player using our helmet. This is particularly true if the add-on requires drilling a hole in the shell or gluing to the shell. Drilling a hole in the shell directly affects a "critical component" of the helmet. Per SEI and NOCSAE, as soon as a critical component is altered, it is a new model that requires 3rd party testing and QC testing of production. We cannot adequately QC test another company's add-ons. As such, altering a critical component voids the NOCSAE Certification of All-Star helmets. Furthermore, we have no control of where a hole is drilled in the shell or what glue/adhesive is used. Both could negatively affect the integrity of the helmet shell and prevent the helmet from performing as intended.

Sincerely,

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