

DEPARTMENT OF CALIFORNIA HIGHWAY PATROL

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APPROVED MOTORCYCLE HELMET STYLES

With the upcoming mandatory motorcycle helmet law, several questions have arisen regarding which helmets meet Department of Transportation (DOT) standards. The Department's focus is to gain compliance with the helmet law which becomes effective January 1, 1992. Enforcement for non-approved helmets should be limited to those which obviously are not designed for use while operating a motorcycle, i.e., football helmets, bicycle helmets, military helmets, etc.

The DOT is prohibited by federal law from establishing a list of approved helmets. However, to assist you in determining if a helmet is legal, the most common approved styles are shown on the attached. While every helmet may not fit into one of the categories shown, the officer may determine, upon inspection, if the helmet appears to afford adequate protection. Further, to be legally sold in California for on-highway use, a helmet must be DOT approved.

It is significant to note, that once the DOT approves a helmet, the manufacturer is responsible for applying the DOT sticker. As a result, stickers will vary in shape and size by manufacturer. Also, once purchased, many individuals remove the DOT sticker (not required to remain on the helmet), therefore, it will be common for helmets not to have DOT stickers on them.

Should you have any questions, please contact Sergeant Mike Nivens or Ms. Patricia Sliney, Office of Special Projects, at (916) 657-7222 or CALNET 437-7222.

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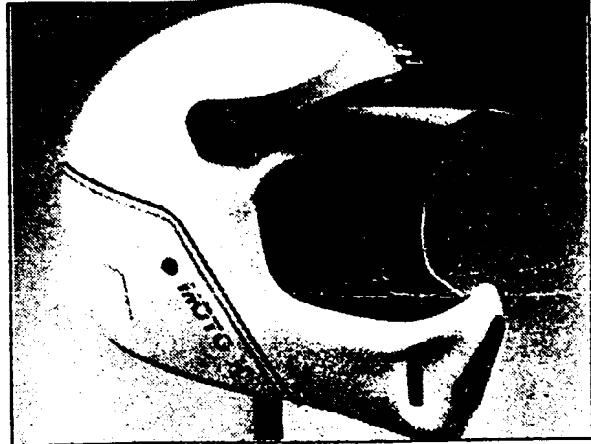
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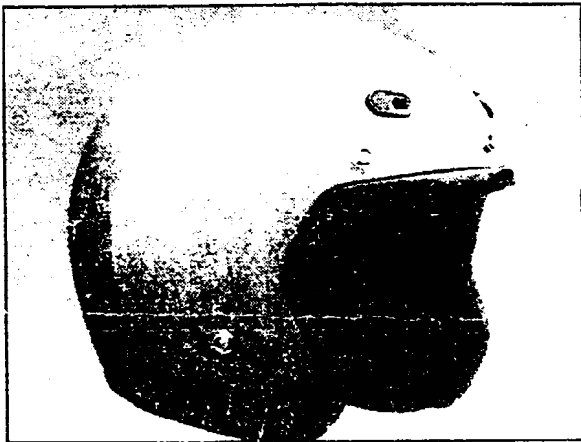
COMMON DOT APPROVED HELMET STYLES



Full Face



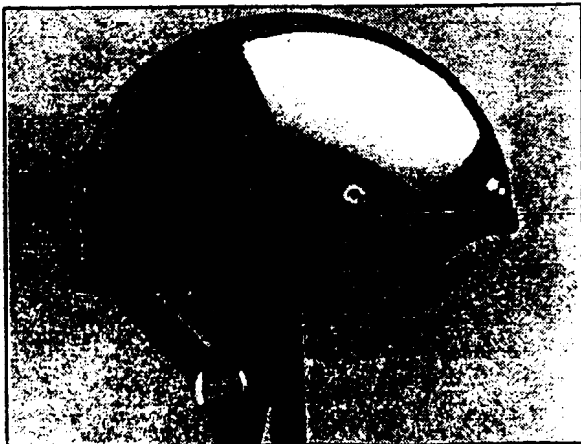
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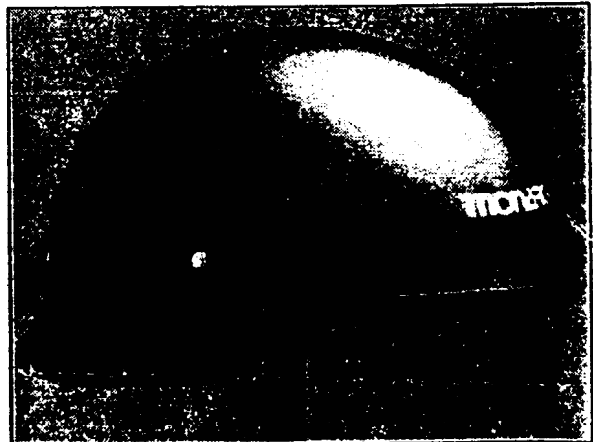
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Half Shell



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