

Clapperboard Safety Manual

Product Name: Filmsticks Clapperboard

Intended Use: For use in professional and amateur film production to mark scenes and sync audio/visual recordings.

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1. Hazard Information

While the Filmsticks Clapperboard is designed for safe and effective use, improper handling or misuse may lead to certain hazards. The following hazard information is provided to ensure user safety:

1.1 Physical Hazards:

- **Pinch Points:** The clapping mechanism can cause pinching or crushing injuries if fingers are placed between the moving parts.
- **Sharp Edges:** Damaged or improperly maintained clapperboards may develop sharp edges, posing a risk of cuts.

1.2 Material Hazards:

- **Plastic Components:** Certain parts of the clapperboard are made from plastic materials. If exposed to excessive heat, they may release harmful fumes.

1.3 Choking Hazard:

- Small detachable parts (e.g., screws) pose a choking risk to children if swallowed. This product is not a toy and must be kept out of reach of children.

1.4 Tripping Hazard:

- Leaving the clapperboard unattended on floors or unstable surfaces could create a tripping hazard.

1.5 Fire Hazard:

- Avoid placing the clapperboard near open flames or other sources of high heat, as some materials may ignite or warp under extreme temperatures.

1.6 Potential Dangers of Misuse:

- Improper handling, such as slamming the clapperboard shut forcefully, may result in damage to the clapperboard or cause injury.
- Use of non-compatible markers may damage the writing surface, leading to impaired functionality.

2. Risk Assessment

Likelihood of Hazards:

- Pinch injuries: Moderate (with improper handling)
- Cuts: Low (if edges are inspected and maintained)
- Choking: Low (if instructions are followed and product is stored properly)
- Fire: Low (under normal use conditions)
- Tripping: Moderate (if left unattended on the ground)

Control Measures:

- Always handle the clapperboard by its designated holding areas to avoid pinching injuries.
- Regularly inspect the product for wear and tear. Replace damaged clapperboards promptly.
- Keep out of reach of children to avoid choking hazards.
- Store the product on a flat, stable surface to prevent tripping incidents.
- Do not expose the clapperboard to open flames or temperatures exceeding 50°C.

Residual Risk: When used according to the manual, risks are minimal. Adherence to this safety guidance ensures compliance with the General Product Safety Regulation (GPSR) requirements.

3. User Instructions for Safe Use

- Always hold the clapperboard by its edges when opening or closing.
- Ensure fingers are clear of the clapping mechanism before use to avoid pinching injuries.
- Use only markers that are compatible with the clapperboard surface to avoid damage.
- Do not modify or disassemble the clapperboard, as this may compromise its safety and functionality.
- Clean the clapperboard with a soft, damp cloth and mild detergent. Avoid abrasive cleaners or tools.
- Store the clapperboard in a cool, dry place away from direct sunlight and heat sources.
- Do not slam the clapperboard forcefully, as this may cause breakage or injury.

Disclaimer: This safety manual is provided for the safe and appropriate use of Clapperboard. Failure to adhere to the guidelines may result in injury or damage, for which the manufacturer is not liable.