

American Football Helmet Classification Chart

Classification		Designation	Description	Examples	1890-1900	1900-1910	1910-1920	1920-1930	1930-1940	1940-1950	1950-1960
Strap Head Harnesses	Ear Protector	SEP	Large Padded Ear Pads Connected with Elastic Straps, No Head Protection			1894 - 1897					
	4-Strap Head Harness	SFS	Felt Padded Leather Straps Around Head and Across Crown Reintroduced in 1911 as Youth Helmet				Boys	1895 - 1918			
	Chicago Head Harness	SCH	4-Strap Harness with Sole Leather Crown Protector				1901 - 1903				
	8-Spoke Head Harness	SES	Open Design Harness with Straps Connecting to Headband at 8 Locations					1902 - 1930			
	Adjustable Ear Head Harness	SAE	Diagonal 4-Strap Design Harness with Horizontally Adjustable Ear Flaps				1907 - 1908				
Raincap	CAP	Foldable Soft Leather, Canvas, or Moleskin Cap with Attached Ear Flaps						1899 - 1926			
Flattop Head Harnesses	Improved Head Harness	FIH	Rigid, Bowl-Shaped, Sole Leather Crown Cap with Padded Leather Ear Flaps Attached				1899 - 1903				
	Pneumatic Head Harness	FPH	All-Leather Flattop with Inflatable Donut Ring in Crown				1903 - 1904				
	Flattop	FTP	Quilted Padded Leather/Moleskin/ Canvas Body with Flat Ventilated Top					1904 - 1926			
	Princeton-Style Flattop	FPS	A Lightweight, Minimally Padded Helmet with Flat Leather Top Attached at 4-Locations						1912 - 1924		
	Harvard-Style Flattop	FHS	A Lightweight Harness with Smooth One-Piece Sides, Rear, and Forehead and a Flat Ventilated Top						1915 - 1930		
	Beehive Flattop	FBH	Inexpensive Beginners Helmet with Quilted Leather/ Canvas/Moleskin Body Resembling a Hornet's Nest						1922 - 1926		
	8-Point Princeton Flattop	FEP	Fibre-Reinforced, Molded Body with Fibre-Reinforced Leather Flat Top Connected at 8 points							1929 - 1935	
Molded Crown Head Harnesses	Molded Crown Head Harness	MCH	Rigid, Molded Leather Crown, Attached Leather Ear Flaps Sometimes Reinforced with Leather Crown Straps						1900 - 1924		
	Western-Style Head Harness	MWS	Lightweight, Harness w/ Rigid, Molded Leather Crown Attached to Strap Leather Headband w/Reinforcing Straps						1902 - 1924		
	4-Strap	MFS	Molded Leather Crown, Ears, and Body Reinforced with Longitudinal and Transverse Crown Reinforcing Straps						1914 - 1930		
	Nose Protector	MNP	4-Strap Reinforced Molded Crown Helmet with Integral Mask For the Protection of the Nose						1921 - 1925		
Fibre-Reinforced Leather Helmets	4-Strap	RFS	Fibre-Reinforced, Molded, Leather Helmet with Longitudinal and Transverse Crown Reinforcing Straps							1924 - 1945	
	6-Strap	RSS	Fibre-Reinforced, Molded, Leather Helmet with 6 Leather Straps Across Crown							1924 - 1950	
	8-Strap	RES	Fibre-Reinforced, Molded, Leather Helmet with 8 Leather Straps Across Crown							1924 - 1950	
	8-Strap Lineman	RLM	6 or 8 Strap Fibre-Reinforced, Molded, Leather Helmet with Protruding Jaw Protectors							1924 - 1926	
	Nose Guard	RNG	4 or 8-Strap Fibre-Reinforced Helmet with Integral Mask for the Protection of the Nose							1925 - 1935	
	Aviator-Style	RAS	Fibre-Reinforced, Close-Fitting, Leather Helmet Typically with a Transverse, Leather Reinforcing Strap						1932 - 1955		
	Streamline Strap	RST	Fibre-Reinforced, Molded, Leather Helmet with 2 to 4 Longitudinal Reinforcing Straps						1932 - 1945		
Exposed Fibre Crown Helmets	Exposed Fibre-Crown Helmet	EFC	Fibre-Reinforced Leather Covered Body with Fibre Crown						1933 - 1950		
	Fibre-Crown 4-Strap	EFS	Fibre-Reinforced Leather Covered Body with Fibre Crown Reinforced with Longitudinal and Transverse Leather Straps						1938 - 1952		
	Fibre-Crown Streamline Helmet	EST	Fibre-Crown with Longitudinal Crown Straps, Fibre-Reinforced Molded Strap Leather Body						1938 - 1952		
	Corrugated Fibre Crown Helmet	ECF	Fibre-Reinforced Leather Covered Body with Corrugated Fibre Crown						1940 - 1952		
	All Fibre Helmet	EAF	Varnished All-Fibre Helmet						1942 - 1945		
Plastic/Hydrocarbon Helmets	One-Piece Molded Rubber Helmet	PMR	One Piece Molded Rubber Helmet in Aviator Style						1941 - 1942		
	Two-Piece Safety Helmet	PTP	Early Plastic Helmet Manufactured out of Two Halves Connected Longitudinally						1940 - 1952		
	One-Piece Helmet	POP	One-Piece Etholite/Tenite/ Plastic Helmet						1950 -		