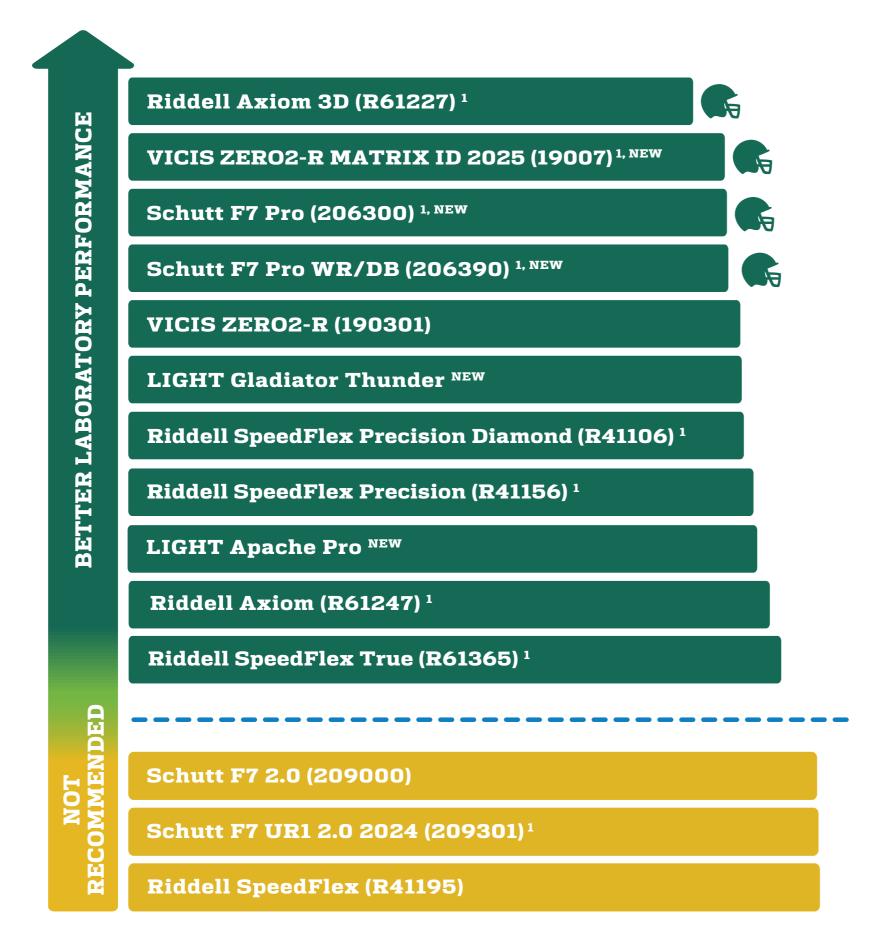


2025 HELMET LABORATORY TESTING PERFORMANCE RESULTS



NEWLY PROHIBITED²

Riddell Foundation Schutt Air XP Pro Q11 LTD
Riddell Speed Icon Xenith Epic+
Riddell Speed Xenith Epic
Riddell Revolution Speed Classic

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²These helmets join a list of previously-prohibited models and are prohibited for all players.



These models are part of a list of 10 models for which any player in a Guardian Cap-required position may choose to wear one of these helmets without a Guardian Cap NXT 1.8 in practices. Players should consult the full list of these models.

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REDUCE HEAD IMPACT SEVERITY. THE RESULTS
OF THOSE TESTS, WHICH ARE GENERALLY
SUPPORTED BY ON-FIELD PERFORMANCE, ARE
SET FORTH ON THIS POSTER.

The helmet models are listed in order of their performance, with a shorter bar representing better performance. The rankings are based exclusively on the ability of the helmet to reduce head impact severity measures in laboratory testing. Performance variation related to helmet fit, retention, temperature-dependence, and long-term durability are not addressed in these rankings.

All helmets in green are recommended for use by NFL players. These Top-Performing helmets performed similarly to top-ranked helmets based on a statistical grouping analysis. Helmets with poorer laboratory performance were placed in the Not Recommended (yellow) or Prohibited (red) groups. Players using helmets from the yellow group should consider offerings in the green group. Red helmets are prohibited for all players.

Players are encouraged to discuss their helmet options with their clubs' equipment and athletic training staffs, including other model offerings such as position-specific helmets and models that may be worn without a Guardian Cap NXT 1.8 in practices.

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POSITION-SPECIFIC HELMET TESTING



Top-performing helmets were evaluated using position-specific test methodologies for quarterbacks, and offensive and defensive linemen. Position-specific helmet rankings are available at this link.









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RESULTS FOR QUARTERBACKS @

VICIS ZERO2 MATRIX ID QB (19016) ¹

LIGHT Apache Pro NEW

LIGHT Gladiator Thunder NEW

Riddell Axiom 3D QB (R61227Q) 1

Riddell Axiom 3D (R61227) 1

Schutt F7 Pro QB (206380) 1, NEW

Schutt F7 Pro (206300) 1, NEW

Riddell Axiom (R61247) 1

Riddell SpeedFlex Precision Diamond (R41106) 1

VICIS ZERO2-R (19301)

VICIS ZERO2-R MATRIX ID 2025 (19007) 1, NEW

Riddell SpeedFlex Precision (R41156) 1

Riddell SpeedFlex True (R61365) 1

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Note: Models worn by less than 1% of quarterbacks are greyed-out.

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All helmets on this poster tested in the top-performing (green) group in the all-purpose helmet test used to rank helmets on the main poster. This poster ranks those helmets according to how they performed under additional laboratory impact conditions that are representative of high-severity impacts quarterbacks are likely to experience on-field. These position-specific results are meant to supplement the information provided on the main poster to help players distinguish between top-performing helmets that may offer impact severity reduction specifically for the types of impacts they are likely to sustain while playing a particular position.

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2025 POSITION-SPECIFIC HELMET TESTING RESULTS FOR OFFENSIVE LINEMEN CONTROL OFFENSIVE LINEMEN CO

VICIS ZERO2 TRENCH MATRIX ID 2024 (19017) 1

LIGHT Gladiator Thunder NEW

Riddell Axiom 3D OL/DL (R61227L) ¹

LIGHT Apache Pro NEW

Riddell Axiom 3D (R61227) 1

VICIS ZERO2 TRENCH 2024 (19303)

VICIS ZERO2 TRENCH LP MATRIX ID 2024 (19018) 1

VICIS ZERO2 TRENCH LP 2024 (19501)

Riddell SpeedFlex Precision Diamond (R41106) 1

VICIS ZERO2-R MATRIX ID 2025 (19007) 1, NEW

Schutt F7 Pro (206300) 1, NEW

Riddell Axiom (R61247) ¹

VICIS ZERO2-R (19301)

Riddell SpeedFlex True (R61365) 1

Riddell SpeedFlex Precision (R41156) 1

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2025 POSITION-SPECIFIC HELMET TESTING RESULTS FOR DEFENSIVE LINEMEN

VICIS ZERO2 TRENCH MATRIX ID 2024 (19017) 1

Riddell Axiom 3D OL/DL (R61227L) 1

Riddell Axiom 3D (R61227) 1

LIGHT Gladiator Thunder NEW

LIGHT Apache Pro NEW

VICIS ZERO2 TRENCH LP MATRIX ID 2024 (19018) 1

VICIS ZERO2 TRENCH 2024 (19303)

VICIS ZERO2 TRENCH LP 2024 (19501)

VICIS ZERO2-R MATRIX ID 2025 (19007) 1, NEW

Schutt F7 Pro (206300) 1, NEW

Riddell Axiom (R61247) 1

Riddell SpeedFlex Precision Diamond (R41106) 1

VICIS ZERO2-R (19301)

Riddell SpeedFlex Precision (R41156) 1

Riddell SpeedFlex True (R61365) 1

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