

PRODUCT TESTING



"We have spent a lot of time and resources at the Grizzly and Wolf Discovery Center with regards to product testing. We have an intimate knowledge of how the test is conducted and what is important in terms of product acceptance. Basically, we have two types of containers; metal and plastic. Each product family has a latching system that is consistent throughout the different models. The construction methods and the materials used are also consistent in nature.

All of our metal containers use the same patented latching system and basic design criteria with respect to bear resistant properties. In other words, we're there to test the latch and to verify that our basic design criteria will be acceptable across the board. A few examples of this are keeping the gaps below 1/8", making sure there are no protruding surfaces and using materials and design elements that cannot be compromised by stress. For the plastic containers, the latching system is

tested thoroughly during the process.

In addition to that, it's important to know how the steel reinforcement will react once the plastic is deformed by the bear's weight. Our experience shows that if the reinforcement materials are the same and they are placed in the same configuration from size to size, the results will be similar. In summary, our research and experience has provided us with a unique understanding of how to construct containers using criteria relevant to the capabilities of both grizzly and black bears. Every time we design a new product, regardless of model type, the methods of manufacture remain consistent .

Using the excellent testing protocols developed by the Interagency Grizzly Bear Committee (IGBC) in conjunction with and administered by the Living with Wildlife Foundation (LWWF), the knowledge gained from product inspections and testing with live bears is invaluable to BearSaver. Strictly designed for the benefit of the bears, these testing protocols are professionally and conscientiously carried out so that unproven and unworthy containers are not recommended for use on public or private lands. Organizations like the IGBC, LWWF and the Grizzly and Wolf Discovery Center have a goal to protect these wonderful animals and they're relevance and hard work is greatly appreciated. "

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