R129 Non-Integral Internal Geometry Measurements

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Why don’t shoulder height requirements apply for non-integral ECRSs?
Justification

- The maximum shoulder height **should be** applied for **all** child restraints
- The reason is that this can occur:

  - Sitting height ✓
  - Hip width ✓
  - Shoulder width ✓
  - Shoulder height ✗

**Result:** Children do not fit
Solution

- Use existing device to measure shoulder height
- Shoulder height is measured using shoulder cylinders
- Cylinders aligned with lowest point of head pad
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