

TECHNICAL BULLETIN

Schedule J – Protective Padding Moratorium

REFERENCE:

<http://www.cams.com.au/motor-sport/cams-manual/general-requirements>

RATIONALE:

Having received feedback regarding the fitting of protective padding it is felt that this is the best way forward at present. CAMS will use this time to review and re evaluate the requirement for protective padding in National level competition and below.

ACTION:

Place a moratorium, effective now until 30 June 2013, on the requirement to have SFI 45.1, SFI 45.2 and FIA 8857-2001 protective padding fitted in competition below a National level as detailed in CAMS Manual of Motor Sport, Schedule J Article 11.1

Amend

11. PROTECTIVE PADDING

11.1 Helmet and Head Protection:

(a) Where the helmet of an occupant could come into contact with the safety cage, protective padding shall be fitted in that area, which complies with:

- (i) International competition and below, FIA standard 8857-2001, type A (see FIA Technical List No 23 "Roll Cage Padding Homologated by the FIA"); or
- (ii) For national competitions and lower, SFI specification 45.1. For each 1st Category vehicle manufactured prior to 1 January 2012, the use of SFI specification 45.2 for the head rest is permitted.

(b) Implementation Dates

Padding of the type specified in 11.1(a) is required as follows:

- Any FIA category vehicle (eg, Group N, Super 2000) – refer FIA Appendix J, Article 253 – currently in place;
- National competitions – from 1 January 2012; and
- All competitions – from 1 January 2013.

The use of the specified padding is highly recommended in the meantime.

11.2 Body Protection: Where the body of an occupant could come into contact with the safety cage, it is recommended that flame retardant padding be fitted. FIA standard 8857-2001 or SFI specification 45.1 padding.

Note: Due to a lack of readily-available and suitable safety cage protective padding within Australia, CAMS will provide a dispensation for all vehicles manufactured prior to 1 January 2012 with a 'Type 1 Solo Roll Bar' (as defined by CAMS Schedule J), to compete without protective padding as per the 2013 CAMS Manual of Motor Sport, Schedule J Article 11.1. Dispensation is valid until 31 March 2013 only. After this date, protective padding shall be required as per Schedule J.

Moratorium in place, effective now until 30 June 2013, on the requirement to have SFI 45.1, SFI 45.2 and FIA 8857-2001 protective padding fitted in competition below a National level in all vehicles as detailed in CAMS Manual of Motor Sport, Schedule J Article 11.1

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