

TECHNICAL BULLETIN

Schedule J – Protective Padding

REFERENCE:

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

RATIONALE:

To re-release the requirements of Schedule J – Protective Padding. After some initial confusion over the requirement and implementation of Protective Padding, CAMS will extend the current moratorium that is in place until the 31 December 2013, at which time the below Protective Padding regulation will come into effect.

As part of the re-release of this regulation, there will be additional information made available to CAMS Members to assist in the understanding, placement and fitment of Protective Padding.

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

ACTION:

Amend Schedule J as follows:

11. PROTECTIVE PADDING

11.1 Helmet and Head Protection:

- (a) **For vehicles subject of a Safety Cage Structure as per Article 3: Application,** ~~W~~where the helmet of an occupant could come into contact with the ~~s~~**Safety eCage Structure**, protective padding shall be fitted ~~to in~~ that area, which complies with:
- (i) International ~~e~~**C**ompetition and below, FIA standard 8857-2001, type A (see FIA Technical List No 23 “Roll Cage Padding Homologated by the FIA”); or
 - (ii) For ~~n~~**N**ational ~~e~~**C**ompetitions 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 ~~e~~**C**ompetitions – from 1 January 2012; and
 - All ~~e~~**C**ompetitions – from 1 January 2013~~4~~.

Where it can be demonstrated that the fitment of protective padding unduly hampers the occupants' ability to operate the vehicle in a safe manner, the requirement for padding will be negated in the immediate area of concern at the discretion of the Chief Scrutineer.

11.2 Body Protection:

Where the body of an occupant could come into contact with the safety cage (**in Competition**), it is recommended that flame retardant padding be fitted. FIA standard 8857-2001 or SFI specification 45.1 padding.

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