



SAFETY EQUIPMENT

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A. SEATS –

1. Approved aluminum driver's seat required.
2. Seats may also be Carbon Fiber or Carbon Composite or others. This should not be used as a weight saving measure.
3. Seat must be fastened to frame/roll cage with minimum 3/8" grade 5 bolts and oversized washers and located to give adequate distance from driver's arm to door bars.
4. Shoulder supports on right and left sides of seat and head support on right are recommended.
5. Full containment seats are recommended.
6. Seat may not protrude outside 4-point roll cage upright or top cage halo.
7. Seats must remain "as purchased and produced", no holes or other modifications made for weight reduction.
8. Seats are recommended to be equipped with left and right leg extensions, fully padded, running from the edge of the seat to the entrance of the foot box area.
9. The area behind the driver's seat and in front of left rear trailing arm mount is strongly recommended to be plated with a minimum .090" thickness steel plate, measuring a minimum 10" inch tall by 12" inch wide. Plate must be securely welded or bolted into place to frame / roll cage.

B. SAFETY BELTS-

1. Belts must be dated within 3 years of event date or newer.
2. All seat belt and shoulder harness systems must be SFI specification 16.1, type Y-type shoulder belts are not recommended for use.

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3. A minimum five-point harness system is mandatory.
4. Competitors using the HANS device may use a standard three-inch (3") or equivalent two inch (2") wide shoulder strap.
5. Shoulder harness belts shall not be mounted lower than the shoulder line of the driver or 10 degrees.
6. Belts must be anchored to roll cage or frame. Grade "5" bolts ½" min diameter required.
7. Six-point belts (double crotch strap) are recommended.

C. FIRE SUPPRESSION SYSTEM-

1. Securely mounted fully charged fire extinguisher with visible dial type gauge required. within reach of driver and accessible to safety crew from both left and right-side windows.
 - a. A minimum five-pound (5#) on-board fire suppression system is recommended in Late Models.
 - b. Ten-pound (10#) fire suppression with multiple discharge points is highly recommended.
 - c. Cold Fire systems recommended for cockpit usage.
2. Cockpit must be completely sealed off from engine compartment and fuel cell.
3. Roll bar padding required around driver
 - a. Recommended: Fire retardant padding.

D. LEFT SIDE WINDOW NET-

1. Left side driver window net is mandatory.
2. Construction must be web-type safety net with mechanical release.
3. Net bar must be a minimum of .1875-inch (3/16") flat steel or .375-inch (3/8") round stock and run the entire length of the window net between mounting points.
4. Mechanical release must be welded to the front or "a" pillar end of the bar.
5. Spring-loaded releases are not approved for competition.
6. Driver net must be secured in place and centered in the door area and must be secured to the upper roll cage horizontal member.
7. Window nets must drop down.
8. Must latch on top.
9. Ribbon style net highly recommended with a minimum size of 16"x18"

E. DRIVER'S ATTIRE-

1. Complete approved fire-retardant driving suit designed for racing along with fire retardant gloves, and shoes required.
2. Eye protection and a Full-face helmet meeting Snell SA2020, FIA 8859-2015, FIA 8860 or newer
3. Use of head and neck restraint devices is highly recommended

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PERSONAL (DRIVER) SAFETY EQUIPMENT:

No express or implied warranty of safety shall result from publication of, or compliance with these rules and regulations. They are intended as a guide for the conduct of the sport and are in no way a guarantee against INJURY or DEATH to participants, spectators, or others. Whenever there is a conflict between a safety provision provided herein and any other rule, the safety provision shall take precedence.

INEX Technical Inspector may in their sole judgment dis-allow the use of any safety equipment that they consider to be any of the following: not in proper working condition, out of date, damaged, tore or ripped and substandard.

A. HELMET:

1. Drivers must wear a full-face helmet, of current standards of 2015 or newer Snell SA rating or S.F.I. 24.1 rating, any time they are on track. Snell "M" rated helmets are not permitted. Helmets are subject to inspection at each Event by the technical inspector or other Official. Helmet shields are required.
 - a. **NOTE: LEGEND CAR & BANDOLERO CAR DRIVERS. AS OF 1/1/2027, A 2020 OR NEWER SNELL SA RATED OR S.F.I. 24.1 RATED HELMET WILL BE REQUIRED.**
 - b. NOTE: A helmet is designed to absorb energy once. If a significant impact has occurred to the helmet, it is highly recommended that it be sent back to the manufacturer for evaluation.

B. FIRE SUITS:

1. Drivers must wear an INEX approved fire-retardant suit of Nomex or equivalent material any time they are in Competition. Fire suits must be made and labeled as Flame retardant (or have a S.F.I. specification patch). A double layer fire suit is highly recommended.

C. FIRE RETARDANT GLOVES:

1. Fire retardant gloves usage is mandatory during all on-track activities. Gloves must have "SFI approved" tag or wording included on care label stating that they are flame retardant.

D. SAFETY HARNESS:

1. Cars must have an INEX- approved type of five-or six-point racing harness that is equipped with a quick release buckle. INEX endorses (not requires) the belt manufacturer's recommendation that the belts be changed two (2) years after the manufacture date stamped on the SFI tag regardless of the number of times the car has been Raced.

- a. **IMPORTANT NOTE:** Be sure to regularly check your seat belts for damage such as fraying, tearing, etc. If this should occur, the seat belts should be replaced immediately. The seat belts are like the helmet usage suggestions, in that they are designed for protection in only one major impact. If you have had a significant incident, the manufacturer strongly recommends immediate replacement of the belts. Also, make sure that your harnesses are secured and that you have pulled the straps as tight as possible anytime you drive the car. Continue to retighten the harnesses under caution.

E. FIRE EXTINGUISHERS:

1. An on-board fire extinguisher system is highly recommended for your safety. When installed, the fire extinguisher must be operational. The spirit of this rule is for safety, not for ballast. When the fire bottle's weight is greater than nine pounds, written approval from the INEX Technical Director is required. Fire suppression systems only will be permitted. Hand held fire bottles are not allowed.

F. RACING SHOES:

1. Drivers must wear fire retardant racing shoes; usage is mandatory during all on-track activities. Shoes must have "SFI approved" tag or wording included on care label stating that they are flame retardant.

G. ROLL BAR PADDING:

1. Roll bar padding (SFI 45.1) on all bars within one foot of Driver's helmet is mandatory.

H. SEATS:

1. Only INEX-approved, purpose built (circle track or road course racing), factory manufactured Aluminum or Carbon Fiber seats may be used. Carbon Fiber seats must adhere to the design specifications of the S.F.I. 39.2 or S.F.I. 39.1 certified seat construction standards.
2. Carbon fiber seats must have a current, valid S.F.I. 39.2 or S.F.I. 39.1 certification and have the official S.F.I. sticker affixed to the seat to show proof of this certification.
3. All seats must be used and installed following the instructions provided by the seat manufacturer. If the seat is designed to incorporate the harness system mounting, this must also follow the instructions provided by the seat manufacturer. Homemade seats are not permitted.
4. Weight reduction outside of the manufacturers design and any seats modified from the manufacturers design are not permitted.
5. Mounting of the Seat in a Legend Car -The seat may be moved within the driver's compartment without moving or changing existing bars in the frame.

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6. The centerline of the seat must be a minimum 47 of 10" from the left side of the roll cage.
 7. When mounting the seat forward, use a flat piece of steel or aluminum behind the seat (not bolts in tubing).
 8. The use of wood as supports or mounting brackets is not permitted.
 9. Hardware used to mount seat must be a minimum of 3/8" grade 5 bolts. Bolts required = Two bolts through the seat and the seat back of the chassis and two bolts attaching the base of the seat to the original seat tabs or directly to the 1" X 2" square tubing that the original seat tabs were welded to.
 10. Bolting the base of the seat to the floor pan only will not be permitted.
- I. Mounting of the Seat in a Bandolero Car-
1. The centerline of the Bandolero Seat must remain within a quarter (1/4") inch of the centerline of the car. Verify that the Driver's helmet, when seated in the car, does not extend beyond 1" from the bottom of the top roof bar of the roll cage.
 2. Hardware used to mount seat must be a minimum of 3/8" grade 5 bolts.
 3. All Bandoleros must have some form of lateral support added to the seat back.
- J. INEX APPROVED HEAD AND NECK RESTRAINT SYSTEMS USAGE IS MANDATORY.
- K. **OTHER SUGGESTED SAFETY EQUIPMENT:** These items are **not required**, but they are all highly recommended.
1. Flame retardant underwear and socks.
 2. Head sock (balaclava).
 3. Steering wheel pad.
 4. Arm restraints.
 5. Helmet supports on the seat.
 6. Interior door padding and tunnel padding.