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Subject :	FIA Standard 8862-2009 advanced seats update – Inclusion of racing nets		

Dear Sir or Madam,

We hereby inform you that the FIA has published an update of FIA Standard 8862-2009 for advanced seats, which can be found on the FIA website at the following link: <https://www.fia.com/regulation/category/762>.

This update includes the possibility for seat manufacturers to include in the homologation of their advanced seats attachments for racing nets according to FIA standard 8863-2013.

Racing nets were developed in order to complete the 360° cockpit protection provided to drivers participating in circuit events with the full FIA safety equipment kit. The use of racing nets approved according to FIA standard 8863-2013 was introduced in WTCC, LMGTE and GT3 in 2016. Although racing nets are one of the most cost-effective pieces of FIA safety equipment, their safety performance is quite dependent on correct installation, which must meet the FIA Racing Nets Installation Specification. The FIA Racing Nets Installation Specification defines requirements such as net angles, attachment to the car, etc.

Due to the difficulties in effectively installing the Racing Nets, some seat manufacturers propose an alternative installation by attaching the racing nets directly to the seat. This solution has two main advantages: i) to have a more controlled and practical installation, and ii) to allow the racing nets to be positioned closer to the driver.

Therefore, FIA Standard 8862-2009 has been updated with additional design requirements and test performance assessment for those seats that include attachments for racing nets.

If a seat has been approved with the attachments for racing nets, the homologation label will indicate this.

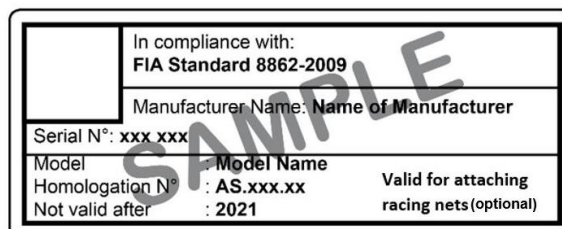


Figure 1 Homologation label for seats approved with attachments for racing nets

In addition, the Racing Nets Installation Specification has also been updated to reflect that possibility. We remain at your disposal for any further information you may require.

Yours faithfully,
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