



Driver Safety Equipment:

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Information about helmets from the FIA

As part of the FIA's ongoing mission to continuously improve safety, the FIA requires competitors participating in competitions registered on the FIA International Sporting Calendar to wear an FIA-approved helmet. The helmet is typically a piece of safety equipment that competitors like to personalise. However, it is important that they ensure that the safety performance of a homologated helmet is not compromised by any personalisation.

The most common form of customisation used on helmets is paint. It is important to note that paint can react with the helmet shell and energy-absorbing materials (also known as the helmet liner) and may negatively affect its protective capacity if the incorrect type or application method is used.

It is the competitor's responsibility to ensure that any decoration of their helmet is done in accordance with the guidelines provided by the manufacturer. Such guidelines are typically available in the helmet user guide, published on the helmet manufacturer's website, and available upon request directly from the manufacturer. FIA and/or ASN officials may reject a helmet if it has been improperly customised (e.g. if the FIA and/or ASN officials see any paint marks on the helmet liner or evidence that the energy-absorbing material was removed and reinstalled, the helmet can be rejected during initial scrutineering).