



To : Clothing Manufacturers, Test Houses and ASNs

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Subject : Update of FIA Standard 8856-2018 "Protective Clothing for Automobile Drivers"

We hereby inform you that the FIA has updated FIA Standard 8856-2018.

The updated Standard can be downloaded on the latest documents [HERE](#).

Several improvements have been made to competitors' protective clothing, which are listed below:

1. The heat transmission protection for the gloves has been increased by one and half seconds on the palm and two seconds on the rest of the glove. These glove prototypes were tested by several drivers in F1, FE, WRC and WEC in order check comfort and dexterity, and were generally well received.
2. New design requirements for glove touchscreen capability have been introduced. This new function will provide more flexibility in terms of the glove design to incorporate touchscreen capability, so that co-drivers can wear gloves and fulfil their duties safely at a championship that uses digital roadbooks instead of traditional paper versions. Touchscreen glove prototypes were tested by several cross-country co-drivers, and they were generally well received.
3. The scope of the standard has been extended to allow the approval of personal underwear. To date, competitors wishing to wear personal underwear under protective clothing had to wear flameproof personal underwear according to Appendix L to the International Sporting Code, but it was always a challenge to demonstrate that the personal underwear was flameproof. Once there is more than one model of flameproof personal underwear, Appendix L will be updated to only accept FIA-approved personal underwear.
4. Other minor updates have been made to the standard, in order to provide clear and detailed information on the equipment that can be designed or modified by the manufacturer:
 - It is suggested that overgarments not just be for rain protection, but for all types of harsh environments.



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- Manufacturers now have clear guidelines for modifying protective clothing to fit the needs of competitors with disabilities, whilst retaining the same safety performance.

We remain at your disposal for any further information you may require.

The Safety Department