

Driver & Mechanic Safety Equipment & Pit Stops Clarifications

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During practice, the warm-up and the race, the drivers must always wear clothes and helmets in conformity with the safety standards established by the FIA for international Events on circuits, as well as a head restraint device homologated by the FIA, in the conditions defined by Appendix L to the International Sporting Code.

The wearing of homologated helmets to the FIA standard 8860 – Advanced Helmet Test Specification (Technical List n°33) is mandatory.

4.7.1.2 Mandatory safety equipment for personnel in the pit lane

Minimum safety clothing for competitors' personnel in the pit lane (the limit is the line in front of the pit shutter) during all practice sessions and race:

a) The refueller, vent, and cut off valve attendant must wear the following FIA homologated gear:

- FIA homologated fireproof overalls
- FIA homologated fireproof gloves
- FIA homologated fireproof balaclava
- FIA homologated fireproof long underwear (shirt, trousers and socks)
- FIA homologated fireproof shoes
- FIA homologated unpainted (white) full face helmets with closed full visors (the visor may be opened before the car enters the pit lane)

b) Any other operator:

- FIA homologated fireproof overalls
- FIA homologated fireproof gloves
- FIA homologated fireproof balaclava that protects the whole face
- Fireproof goggles
- FIA homologated fireproof long underwear (shirt, trousers and socks)
- FIA homologated fireproof shoes
- Helmet which has been previously approved by the Scrutineers

Except for refuelling operations: in exceptional circumstances a mechanic may remove the FIA homologated fireproof gloves if absolutely necessary.

NOTE: The above mandatory equipment applies to team personnel who are in pit lane (over the line in front of the pit shutter — not over the 2.5m line). This does not apply to the personnel who are in the signalling area.

Clarification for LMP1 only of the Fuel Flow Meter person:

Allowed to clean the windscreen or change/repair the fuel flow meter, no other operation allowed

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Allowed to take place in the working area before the car arrives and stops in front of his garage IF a fuel flow meter change is required and until the car leaves the area. In that case the fuel flow meter change must be done prior to any other operation

If no fuel flow meter change/repair is required, allowed in the working area only after the car has stopped in front of his garage for windscreen cleaning only

Same number of mechanics as 2015 – four – will be allowed to intervene during a pit stop, wearing mandatory green armbands. For full description see article 10.8.4.

Two tyre / brake technicians will be allowed and marked by blue armbands.

Clarification on Cleaning Operations (10.8.4 Sporting Regs):

Operations & people allowed during a pit stop:

4 mechanics, wearing mandatory green armbands supplied by the organiser:

- Allowed in the working area only after the car has stopped in front of his garage
- During refuelling, allowed to:
 - Clean windscreen, mirrors, lights, race numbers, camera, removal of obstructions in air intakes and radiators;

Clarification of the Endurance Committee: air intakes: for cooling purposes only

- Ground the car;
- Any operation inside the cockpit including driver help (no tools allowed)
- When refuelling and vent hoses are not connected to the car and/or, if applicable, once the repairs, and/or the replacement of the fuel flow meter have been completed, the following operations are allowed:
 - any intervention on the car (for tyre change the provisions of Article 10.8.3 must be strictly adhered to);
 - pushing the car in accordance with the provisions of Article 10.8 of these regulations.

Clarification on Refuelling at COTA:

Applicable for the 6 HOURS OF THE CIRCUIT OF THE AMERICAS event only:

For safety reasons the race cars equipped with refuelling and emptying system installed on the **RIGHT** side of the vehicle must respect the following written information:

1. Height of the top of the tank: 2.50m maximum
2. Filling pipe length: 6m minimum
3. The member supporting the refuelling lines, the refuelling lines and the air hoses must be maintained at 2 m minimum above the ground over the entire width of the car during the refuelling.
- 4. The person in charge of refuelling and the person in charge of fire extinguisher must be positioned on the fill valve side during the car stopping, no other service is authorised.**
5. The organiser reserves the right to modify the diameter of filler restrictor if a time advantage was found with these provisions.