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FHR DEVICES: HANS PERFORMANCE PRODUCTS - HANS[®] Device - SPORT II Sizes Medium and Large distributed by SCHROTH

Dear Sir/Madam,

During the quality control process of the products certified to the FIA 8858-2010 Standard, SCHROTH found that a small number of HANS[®] devices named SPORT II HANS (Medium and Large) had the tether carriers (the orange parts on the back of the HANS[®] device) fitted without the attachment screws which hold these parts firmly in place.

Please find attached a letter that has been distributed by SCHROTH to their customers.

The lack of the screws can compromise the efficiency of the HANS[®] device, so only the **HANS PERFORMANCE PRODUCTS SPORT II HANS (Medium and Large)** with the homologation numbers **FHR.034.11-A** and **FHR.035.11.A** with tether carriers fixed with screws (see figure 2) can be accepted.



Figure 1 – Without screws fixing the tether carriers part must not be accepted



Figure 2 – Screws fixing the tether carriers part can be accepted

Please note that this information is only related to the HANS PERFORMANCE PRODUCTS SPORT II HANS Medium and Large sizes with the homologation number FHR.034.11-A and FHR.035.11.A distributed by SCHROTH.

Please be so kind as to take all the necessary precautions to ensure that this decision is respected within your sphere of competence.

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

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Nuno Costa', written over a light blue rectangular background.

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To Whom It May Concern

SCHROTH HANS® SPORT II, Medium and Large (part no 42272A & 42273A)

Product Safety Warning

Arnsberg, 30 June 2014

Dear Customer,

SCHROTH has been notified of a very small number of SCHROTH SPORT II HANS® devices where the tether carriers (the orange parts on back of the HANS®) were found to be delivered without the attachment screws to hold these parts firmly in place.

As the affected tether carriers fit very tightly into the HANS® device, they may stay in place even without the use of the attachment screws.

There is however the risk, that in certain crash scenarios the tether carriers may come lose and that, under such circumstances, the HANS® device may not perform as intended. In such crash scenarios the HANS® device may not be able to protect the occupant against high neck loads which, as a consequence, can cause severe neck injuries.

This potential issue is limited to any SCHROTH SPORT II HANS® delivered or sold between May 2011 and March 2014. Other SCHROTH HANS® device types and models are not affected.

The FIA is aware of the situation and marshals will pay special attention to the conformity of the implied model at race meetings.

In order to ensure your safety and to make sure our HANS® products offer the best performance please observe the following information:

We ask all owners of SCHROTH SPORT II HANS® devices to check their system which is very simple and fast. Check for **Step 1**, then read **Step 2**.

Following the reading of **Step 1**, if your HANS® device is not affected you can ignore **Step 2**.

Do not use your SCHROTH HANS® device without the tether carriers properly attached!

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How to check your SCHROTH HANS® device:

STEP 1: How do I check if my SCHROTH HANS® device is affected?

a. Only the SCHROTH SPORT II HANS® SERIES sizes MEDIUM and LARGE are concerned.

b. Check on the back of your HANS® device if your model is marked as either "20 MS II" or "20 LS II" and on the front of the HANS® if the FIA 8858-2010 standard label mentions "20MS-II" or "20ML-II" as the model. If this is the case then go to **Step 2**.

c. If your HANS® device model does not belong to the SCHROTH HANS® SPORT II SERIES you do not have to be concerned.

STEP 2: Checking the screws

a. The fixing screws for the tether carriers (orange parts) are located at the front (inside of the collar) of the HANS® device. (Please refer to the attached Inspection Instructions.)

b. If your HANS® is missing the screws, please contact SCHROTH for a set of screws.

Corrective Action: What to do if you are concerned:

Please contact us directly, either by e-mail (racing@schroth.com) or by phone at +49 (0) 2932 9742-0 (ask for Ms. Schuelcke). We will ask you for your name, delivery address and phone number as well as the serial number of your HANS® device.

We will then send you appropriate screws for free immediately.

As soon as you have received these screws, you will be able to install them hand tight (it takes two to three minutes) and your device will comply again with the standard while offering you the safety of the HANS® system.

Our job is to ensure your safety in motorsports and we apologize for any inconvenience this may cause you. Please do not hesitate to contact us in case of any questions or need for further assistance.

Thank you once more for your trust in SCHROTH and our products.

Best regards,

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