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MINI SEVEN RACING CLUB

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RE: BODYSHELL CENTRE TUNNEL/SEAT MOUNTINGS

To all M7RC Members and Associates,

The Technical Sub-Committee of the Mini Seven Racing (M7RC) met recently to discuss several topics in relation to the M7RC Regulations, and wishes to clarify the situation on the Bodyshell Centre Tunnel/Seat Mountings:

The current 2015 M7RC Regulations already state the following:

- TR.5.3.6 Race seat: It is recommended that seats are to **FIA 8855.99** specification or similar construction. It is mandatory that the seat incorporates the wraparound-type shoulder/head restraints. The seat must be mounted as low as possible with correct type mounting plates, themselves fixed to a seat frame as recommended or approved. No part of the seat base may overlap the centreline of the car. When seated the driver's helmet must have maximum clearance to any part of the roll cage. Any seat subject to severe accident, particularly rearwards, should be returned to its manufacturer for examination or scrapped.
- TR.5.6.1.1 A standard steel production bodyshell unaltered in major internal or external dimensions or appearance is mandatory (see TR.5.4.1). Front and rear bulkheads and sills must remain unaltered but may be reinforced. The rear parcel shelf and the dash panel/shelf (which may incorporate an air box) may be replaced. Any replacement must be properly sealed and secured to form an adequate firewall. Where replacement materials are used these must have reinforced attachments at maximum 50mm spacing.
- TR.5.6.1.8 It is permitted to reinforce and weld seat rail supports to floor, tunnel and sills. See TR.5.3.6.

While there is currently no specific reference to cutting or modifying of the Centre Tunnel, it is felt that modern race seats and seat mountings to an approved design may now require more room for safe installation than the original Mini saloon interior/driver's-side floorpan was designed to offer. Subject to approval from the M7RC's MSA appointed Technical Scrutineer and/or MSA Technical Commissioner, the Bodyshell Centre Tunnel may be modified to incorporate an approved race seat mounting. However, please note the specifics of TR.5.3.6 '...no part of the seatbase may overlap the centreline of the car...', which also means that no modifying/cutting of the Centre Tunnel may exceed beyond the centreline of the car. Clarification wording to this effect will be added to the 2016 M7RC Regulations.

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