

SAFETY FIRST

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SIMPSON PERFORMANCE PRODUCTS SAFETY UPDATE For DRAG RACING

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As a Racer, you must realize that proper safety equipment is crucial. If you are going to race, we urge you to have your priorities straight. Purchase a Snell SA2005 rated helmet and a HANS device. A Nomex® Racing Suit and fire retardant under garments are the next crucial step in ensuring your safety. Simpson's innovative technology provides the best possible defense against injury in a crash or fire event.

Simpson has continually led the racing community in safety innovation for 50 years. Our mission of keeping racers safe has remained our constant focus. What better time to review our heritage and report on what's next.....

HELMETS

Simpson introduced the Snell SA approved Stingray carbon fiber helmet in 2008, weighing in at 2.8 lbs. for Small and Medium and 3.0 lbs. for Large and X-Large sizes. For 2009, the Mercury Drag Racing helmet will feature a super tight, optically correct eye port for perfect line of vision down the quarter mile.

Many of our helmets are produced by skilled craftsmen at our headquarters in New Braunfels, TX. This hands-on approach allows us to offer customizations such as advanced forced air systems for individual race environments and over a dozen hybrid colors including Rattlesnake, a unique multi-dimensional hue that changes with the light surroundings.

Restraints - Seatbelts and Head & Neck Device

Simpson Platinum Polyester belts are the strongest made and after working closely with safety expert Dr. John Melvin and others, Simpson was the first to introduce a 7-Point system developed especially for drag racing.

Polyester has been proven to be stronger, less prone to stretch, more resistant to UV exposure, and to exhibit better resistance against liquid and chemical exposure. If you go fast, if your belts are occasionally exposed to UV, liquids or chemicals, insist on Polyester. Simpson manufactures seatbelts in configurations for all forms of racing. Our belts are made in the U.S.A. at our New Braunfels, Texas facility and each set is vigorously checked for quality workmanship before leaving our facility.

Every drag racer should have a head & neck device. The HANS device has proven to be revolutionary in racing safety. Today, HANS continues to lead the way in SFI 38.1 certified head & neck restraints. Living up to our mission of providing a full envelope of racing safety equipment, we quickly brought HANS into the Simpson line, providing both financing and trackside service for racers across the country.

Racing Suits

We continually update our suit materials to offer the maximum in TPP protection, comfort and style. Simpson offers an array of fabric options. **Our Signature Knit Nomex® is a Nomex® blend that offers exceptional fire protection in a breathable, lightweight fabric. What's new? Double Diamond, available beginning October 2008, in SFI.15 and SFI.20 rated suits, at 25% less weight and 15% less thickness over comparable fabrics.**

All Simpson SFI rated suits ship complete with SFI tags and are produced in our brand new 52,000 sq. ft. Los Angeles facility. Whether you are looking for an intricate custom design or a standard suit that offers plenty of functionality and style, our 50 years of experience will ensure that you are happy with your suit for many years to come. And, in the event of a fire, your suit will perform.

In Summary

Racing is a dangerous sport. We cannot stress enough the importance of proper and up to date safety equipment. Purchase a Snell SA2005 rated helmet, polyester belts and a HANS device as well as a Nomex® Racing Suit and fire retardant under garments. Use them every time you race.

Since 1959, Simpson Performance Products has been the leading manufacturer of safety equipment for the Motorsports industry. In addition to our Auto line, Simpson also manufactures safety products for the Motorcycle industry, off road and sand markets, as well as karting. We believe in putting safety first and are dedicated to elevating the standards of racing safety through continuous development, refinement and testing. The one thing that remains constant is Simpson's commitment to racer safety.

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