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Subject :	Update of FIA Extractable Seat Specifications
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We hereby inform you that the FIA has published an update of the *SPECIFICATIONS FOR EXTRACTABLE SEATS IN OPEN COCKPIT CARS*, which can be found on the FIA website at the following link:

https://www.fia.com/sites/default/files/extractable_seat_spec_v4.pdf

The FIA Safety Department has been informed that although single-seater categories use an extractable seat in compliance with the FIA specifications, **on several occasions it has been impossible to use the extractable seat, due to installation errors.**

For several years, an educational document has been available explaining the common extractable seat installation mistakes, such as accessibility of buckles and straps, strap folding, thorax strap lengths, alignment of seat foam insert slots and seat belt attachment/interference with extractable seat, and measures that can be taken to avoid them.

As the educational document did not have any regulatory value, and it was not well known by the majority of stakeholders, the number of issues encountered during extrication exercises has not decreased.

It has therefore been decided to add the majority of clarifications initially added to the educational document, to the FIA Specifications for Extractable Seats in Open Cockpit Cars. The published updates do not prohibit the seats currently in use. It will only ensure that the extractable seats are installed in a way that can enable their correct use by the extrication teams.

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

Best regards,

FIA Safety Department