To : All ASNs
From : Nuria Encinas
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Subject : RECARO advanced racing seats AS.015.10

**RECARO advanced racing seats AS.015.10**

We would like to inform you that, during the internal quality control process of the advanced racing seats approved according to the FIA 8862-2009 Standard, RECARO found that the PRO RACER ULTIMA 1.0 seats with the homologation number AS.015.10 and with a homologation label indicating NOT VALID AFTER: 2022 or later do not comply with all the requirements defined in the FIA 8862-2009 standard.

The FIA therefore decided that, for safety reasons, the homologation of the following advanced racing seats is withdrawn with immediate effect:

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As these seats can no longer be considered as complying with the FIA 8862-2009 standard, their use is not authorized in all cases in which compliance with the above-mentioned standard is mandatory.

Seats not shown in Appendix 1, with a homologation label indicating that they are NOT VALID AFTER: 2020 or 2021 are valid until the date indicated on their homologation label.

Please note that a complete and up-to-date list of advanced seats homologated according to the FIA 8862-2009 standard may at any time be accessed on the FIA website (www.fia.com/homologations).

Please also find attached a letter that has been distributed by RECARO to their customers in connection with the above-referenced matter.

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

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

Kind regards,

Nuria Encinas
FIA Safety Department
Appendix 1 – List of seats that can no longer be considered as complying with the FIA 8862-2009 standard

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Replacement of the RECARO racing seat ‘Pro Racer Ultima 1.0’

Dear Sirs,

RECARO Automotive Seating attaches great importance to the quality of its products. Against this backdrop, we constantly monitor and review the behaviour and performance of our products in the market.

We would like to inform you that RECARO Automotive Seating will replace the racing seats ‘Pro Racer Ultima 1.0’ from the manufacturing years 2012 to 2017 with the new product ‘RECARO Race 1400 R’ at no charge.

1. Information about the affected product

- The replacement will only cover RECARO Pro Racer Ultima 1.0 racing seats manufactured from January 2012.

- RECARO Pro Racer Ultima 1.0 racing seats manufactured before January 2012 are not eligible for replacement.

- The seats in question can be identified as follows:
  - Manufacturer’s badge on the underside of the shell (only readable when the seat is removed): The model can be precisely identified on the basis of part number 071.61.0995, the name RECARO PRO RACER ULTIMA 1.0, the individual nine-digit production number and the date of manufacture 08/02/2017.
  - FIA sticker on the left side of the shell at shoulder level: Under the model name RECARO PRO RACER ULTIMA 1.0 and the FIA homologation number AS.015.10, the period of validity of the homologation (ten years) is indicated by the note ‘Not valid after’. The inserted year provides
information about the year of manufacture, for example, Not valid after 2027 means year of manufacture 2017.

2. Information on the circumstances

- We subject our racing seats to the re-homologation tests prescribed by the FIA. As part of this series of tests in May 2017, the ‘Pro Racer Ultima 1.0’ did not meet 100 percent of the required standards.

- We then informed FIA and jointly decided to extend this test series to models from all other years of manufacture.

- The results of these tests showed deviations in certain test configurations for the seats of the mentioned years of manufacture. However, these deviations do not limit the general safety of the seats.

- In order to fully meet the high standards of RECARO Automotive Seating for quality and reliability as well as the equivalent standards of the FIA, we have decided replace the seats specified in item 1 at no charge.

- We will at once provide a new product already homologated by the FIA under the name ‘RECARO Race 1400 R’.

- The new model differs from the ‘Pro Racer Ultima 1.0’ only in terms of the structure of the carbon shell. The exterior and interior dimensions of both models are nearly identical. The vehicle is connected via identical screw points, so the adapters do not need to be replaced.

- Upon April 11, 2018, the FIA homologation for the seats designated under item 1 ends. This means that vehicles with these seats will no longer be approved for competition in the course of FIA vehicle approvals. The seats must therefore be replaced with the new ‘RECARO Race 1400 R’.

3. Information about the replacement

In order to make the replacement of the ‘Pro Racer Ultima1.0’ from the mentioned years of manufacture as easy as possible for the users, we have set up a website at www.registration.recaro-automotive.com. There you can start the free replacement process after entering the required data.
For all questions about the RECARO Pro Racer Ultima 1.0 and the new product RECARO Race 1400 R, you can contact our RECARO team by phone +49 7021 9350-00 (business hours: Monday to Friday 09.00 a.m. – 12.00 noon, Monday to Thursday 01.00 p.m. – 05.00 p.m., Friday 01.00 p.m. – 03.00 p.m., CET) or send us an e-mail to ae-support@recaro-automotive.com.

All questions can be answered in German and English. Questions that our support team cannot answer immediately will be collected and forwarded to the appropriate experts. Responses will be provided within 48 hours.

To ensure that communication is as accurate and consistent as possible, we ask that you do not comment yourself on this topic or answer questions directly. If you are asked any questions, please always refer to our RECARO team as mentioned above.

Since you have the contact details of your customers, we ask that you either pass this information on to your customers without delay – or provide us with their contact details immediately so that we can inform them.

We ask you to confirm receipt of this letter and that you are informing your customers without delay. Please send an e-mail to ae-support@recaro-automotive.com.

We regret the inconvenience that may arise from this replacement measure.

Thank you for your support!

Yours sincerely,