



TECHNICAL BULLETIN

Counterfeit HANS Anchor Points / Helmets

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This morning ANDRA received the following Media Release from the SFI Foundation which it had in turn been passed by HANS Performance Products;

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Atlanta, Georgia (August 19, 2009) - HANS Performance Products has found counterfeit Post Anchor parts on a helmet purchased from Impact Racing Products.

Preliminary investigations suggest that counterfeit parts may have been supplied with other helmets provided by Impact. "We are seeking the source of the counterfeit anchors and to establish how widely they may have been distributed," said HANS CEO Mark Stiles. He continued, "It is extremely possible that counterfeits may have been installed on other helmets, either factory-fitted by a helmet manufacturer or by racers installing replacement parts during equipment changes."

The only counterfeit parts identified so far look like HANS' current "Professional" Post Anchors, which are designed to offer robust durable service – these have a "teardrop" shaped head to the "post" and an aluminum base engraved with HANS, SFI and FIA markings. Other Post Anchor designs, such as the similar current "Standard" version, which have the same teardrop post but a simpler black plastic base, and older designs which had a round shaped head to the post, do not seem to have been counterfeited.

Stiles said, "If racers want to check their Professional Series Post Anchors, one quick test is to touch a magnet to the post. The posts used in all our designs since July 2005 are magnetic. The posts on the counterfeits we have seen are not magnetic." He continued, "Our earlier designs used a non-magnetic material for the post, so a non-magnetic post is not necessarily a counterfeit, but it is a reason why a racer should contact us for more information." The link below shows what to look for when testing the Post Anchor.

<https://system.netsuite.com/core/media/media.nl?id=2634&c=337809&h=d02ae9a6a725bbdbb4f2>

To ensure all racers have confidence in their safety equipment, HANS is implementing a program to replace any counterfeit Post Anchors free of charge. Details of the program, other information and program updates are available at hansdevice.com, or by calling HANS direct at 1-888-HANS-999, or contacting one of the 200 authorized North American HANS factory trained dealers nationwide. Australian competitors are advised to either contact HANS Performance Products direct or their product supplier.

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Details and information about HANS Performance Products are available at www.hansdevice.com or by calling 1-888-HANS-999 or 770-457-1046.

Due to this ANDRA recommends that all competitors utilising the HANS Performance Products device meeting SFI 38.1 to check their helmet anchor points to ensure that they comply with the current standard. If there are any concerns competitors should contact either HANS Performance Products in the US directly, details above, or contact their Australian distributor immediately with their concerns.

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