

Request number
(to be completed by the Committee Secretariat)

WEC_2023_R04_NorthWest_Removing_debris_from_tyre

APPLICANT INFORMATION

Type of applicant: ☒ Team ☐ Manufacturer ☐ Other:

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CATEGORY

☐ Hypercar

☐ LMP2

☒ LMGTE Am

CAR MODEL

PURPOSE OF THE REQUEST

Regulation 6.5.5 Provisions regarding tyre heating, handling and modification

Any chemical and/or mechanical treatment of the tyres is prohibited, except for the removal of debris collected on track.

Any process that involves a direct or indirect attempt at modifying the temperature of a tyre (compared to ambient temperature) is forbidden. This includes but is not limited to warming of the car's suspension components, wheel hub assembly and braking system; modification of the filling medium, water heating system/element when washing the wheels

Debris removal is carried out by warming the pick-up using a heat gun and scrapper, however the heat gun could contradict the above wording as it will indirectly marginally increase the temperature of the tyre. Removing pick-up, once the tyre has cooled, is impossible without this heat gun. Additionally, wheels and tyres left outside uncovered in certain weather conditions will achieve a temperature above ambient temperature.

Request :- clarification requested as to whether it is permissible to use a heat gun/scrapper to remove debris. Also are tyres allowed to be left outside?

APPLICABLE REGULATION

- ☒ 2023 FIA WEC Sporting Regulations
- ☐ 2023 Le Mans Hypercar Technical Regulations
- ☐ 2023 LMDh Technical Regulations

Any decision taken by the WEC Committee is not subject to appeal.



WEC COMMITTEE



- ☐ 2023 Technical Regulations for LMP2 Prototype Homologated in 2017
- ☐ 2023 Technical Regulations for Grand Touring Cars – LMGTE Homologated from 2016
- ☐ Other:

APPLICABLE REGULATION (TO BE COMPLETED BY THE COMMITTEE)

- ☒ 2023 FIA WEC Sporting Regulations – **Article: 6.5.5**
- ☐ 2023 Le Mans Hypercar Technical Regulations – **Article:**
- ☐ 2023 LMDh Technical Regulations – **Article:**
- ☐ 2023 Technical Regulations for LMP2 Prototype Homologated in 2017 – **Article:**
- ☐ 2023 Technical Regulations for Grand Touring Cars – LMGTE Homologated from 2016 – **Article:**
- ☐ Other:

DECISION (TO BE COMPLETED BY THE COMMITTEE)

- ☐ **Accepted**
- ☒ **Accepted (conditional – see comments below)**
- ☐ **Rejected**
- ☐ **Suspended**
- ☐ **Other: see comments below**

Date: 23/01/2023

COMMENTS (TO BE COMPLETED BY THE COMMITTEE)

The WEC Committee will issue a communication later designating the stored areas where the tyres will be allowed.

Using a heat gun/scrapper to remove debris from a tyre will be allowed as long as the tool is used 2 hours before the next running session at the very latest, and that in any case the heat gun is not used to add heat in the tyre in order to gain performance.

PERIOD OF VALIDITY/APPLICATION OF THE DECISION

This decision comes into effect:

- ☒ **with immediate application**
- ☐ from:

And is applicable:

- ☒ **until further notice**
- ☐ for the above-mentioned Competition only