

New Harness Standard FAQs

1. Does the standard require identical system for both the driver and passenger?

No..The system must be similar. For example, the drivers seat manufacturer could be Recaro and the passenger seat an Sparco model.

2. If my seat has no routing holes for the shoulder and/or anti-submarine belts, mat I cut holes myself?

No...The holes must be installed by the manufacturer.

3. Does the Standard require routing holes for the lap belts?

No...Although routing holes are preferred, hinged seats are acceptable. Since most harness systems are not DOT approved. The OEM belts must be worn on the street, except for New Hampshire which has no seat belt law. Lap belt routing holes can raise the seat bolster so that the three point OEM belt may not function properly.

4. What is an acceptable way to attach the harness in my Porsche?

The preferred method is to use a roll cage, roll hoop or a triangulated truss system that uses the "B" pillars; such as, the Brey-Krause harness truss.

5. When does the standard go into effect?

The Standard goes into effect January 1, 2008.

6. Can I use the three point OEM belt over or under my harness system with a seat without routing holes?

It is the opinion of experts in the field that the two systems are not compatible and should not be worn together.

7. Are there standards for the type of seat and/or belt system required in the Standard?

Yes...The belt system must be either FIA or SFI approved and have a date tag depicting the date of manufacture.

8. Are four point harness systems allowed?

No four point systems are allowed in Porsches because of the integrated headrest supplied by the factory. In addition to the standard SFI and/ or FIA approved five and/or six point system, the standard will allow a four point system in **non**

Porsches that meets the following requirements:

1. Meet the Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard 209
2. Attaches to the factory seat belt mounting points
3. Each belt is designed to work in a specific vehicle and that vehicle tag must be attached to the belt system

An example of a system that meets the above criteria is the Schroth Quick Fit system.

9. Can a region enforce more rigid requirements than stated in the Standard?

Yes.. These DE Standards are minimum in nature and any region can require more rigid standards in their local DE program.