Helmet Selection Guide

This guide is designed to give an understanding of variations and designations between various helmet standards, certifications and labelling.

All helmets covered by the relevant ANDRA accepted standards will be accepted for 10 years from date of manufacture where a date of manufacture is listed, regardless of standard date; or 10 years from the Standard date for helmets produced without a date of manufacture.

Australian Standard

Australian Standard (AS/NZS1698:2006 or AS/NZS1698) are allowed for use only in closed car classes slower than 9.00 seconds (1/4 mile), Motorcycle classes slower than 10.00 seconds (1/4 mile) and Junior Dragster classes.

The time life limitation for these helmets is 10 years from the date of manufacture.

NOTE: From August 2013 only AS/NZS1698:2006 or AS/NZS1698 helmets will be acceptable. AS1698 and BS6658 will not be allowed in competition after this date regardless of date of manufacture.

Standards Certifying Authorities

Various certifying bodies such as BSi Group, 5 Ticks and TuV, provide certification that these helmets have been certified to AS/NZS1698:2006 standard.

Helmets that only come with labels or documentation stating they are only ‘tested’ to the standards will not be accepted for use in competition.

Only ‘certified’ helmets may be used.
SFI Standards

The SFI Foundation has three standards that are allowed in certain classes of ANDRA competition. SFI standards are issued every 5 years.

All helmets covered by the relevant ANDRA accepted standards will be accepted for 10 years from date of manufacture where a date of manufacture is listed, regardless of standard date; or 10 years from the Standard date for helmets produced without a date of manufacture.

SFI Helmet Labels

**SFI 31.1** standard relates to the **flame resistance requirements** that manufacturers must meet to be allowed to label their helmets with the SFI 31.1 certification.

**SFI 41.1** standard relates to the **structural testing requirements** that manufacturers must meet to be allowed to label their helmets with the SFI 41.1 certification.

**SFI 24.1** standard relates to the structural testing requirements that manufacturers must meet to be allowed to label their helmets with the SFI 24.1 certification for **junior competition use only**.

**NOTES:** Some helmets may have both SFI and Snell certification labels
- SFI 31.1 spec helmets are comparable to Snell SA series helmets
- SFI 41.1 spec helmets are comparable to Snell M series helmets

**NOTE:** From August 2013, SFI 41.1 and Snell ‘M’ helmets will not be acceptable in non-motorcycle categories quicker than 10.99 seconds (1/4 mile).
Snell Standards

Snell standards are issued every 5 years.
All helmets covered by the relevant ANDRA accepted standards will be accepted for 10 years from date of manufacture where a date of manufacture is listed, regardless of standard date; or 10 years from the Standard date for helmets produced without a date of manufacture.

Snell Helmet Labels

M Series helmets are designed for motorcycle use.
They are allowed for use in car classes slower than 10.99 seconds (1/4 mile), Junior classes, and all Motorcycle classes.

SA Series helmets are used in Special Applications.
SA Series helmets are designed for vehicle use.
SA helmets are allowed for use in all classes.

SAH Series helmets are used in Special Applications - HANS.
HANS stands for Head and Neck Support
SAH helmets are allowed for use in all classes.

NOTES:
From **August 2011**, **Snell 2000** standard helmets will no longer be allowed in ANDRA competition

**NOTE:** From **August 2013**, SFI 41.1 and Snell ‘M’ helmets will not be acceptable in non-motorcycle categories quicker than 10.99 seconds (1/4 mile).