

Spa-Fracorchamp - Scrutineering and requirements

Getting through Scrutineering at Spa is no more difficult than it is in the UK. However, there are different rules and Scrutineers can have different priorities to those in the UK.

Underwear

All drivers must wear full FIA approved underwear; Socks, long (not short) sleeved tops long-johns and balaclava. All items will be checked and must have the 8856-2000 standard label.

Socks can be particularly problematic as the labels often detach. Bring spares if you have them.



Boots gloves and overalls

Again all equipment must bear the 8856-2000 label and be legible. This requirement is no different to the UK but the Belgians can take a much harder line on legibility. This can be problematic for gloves and boots with printed labels. For example it is unlikely that you would have trouble with these boots in the UK, the same cannot be guaranteed at Spa. Again, check the labels carefully and bring spares if you have them.



Roll cage padding

Our understanding is that FIA roll cage padding will be considered mandatory by scrutineers. This is different to the position the last time the club visited Spa when it was optional. Some drivers have expressed concern over egress with padding fitted to their cage. Drivers are advised, as a minimum, to have FIA padding with them and be prepared to fit it. FIA padding is available from Demon Tweaks and Merlin motorsport amongst others, please ensure you get the correct diameter for your cage (normally 32mm) though larger sizes can normally be persuaded to fit).



Fire equipment

The UK scrutineering check does not check that your extinguisher is in date, this will be checked at Spa. Please ensure it is in-date on the label.

Other issues

Paddock tarmac.

The Belgians like their tarmac to be spotless. The club has previously faced a large bill for paddock tarmac cleaning after a meeting. Spilling fuel (or worse) on the paddock will result in a cleaning charge. Please bring a tarpaulin or similar to protect your patch. Photos will be taken and member will be charged!

Parc Ferme

Cars will normally be held (without drivers) for 30 mins following competition. Build this time into your plans.