

PRODUCT NEWS

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THE MISSING LINK BETWEEN YOU AND YOUR KART SEAT
THAT INSTALLS TO YOUR EXISTING SEAT IN MINUTES

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GPAD revolutionizes the race kart world with release of the GPAD high-performance seat insert system. GPAD easily installs to your existing kart seat in minutes and is designed and engineered to significantly reduce rib pain and injury, hip pain and bruising, upper and lower back pain, lumbar stress, and transfer of vibration from track to chassis to driver - resulting in reduced driver fatigue and better lap times.

GPAD absorbs and dissipates energy generated by lateral g-force, shock and vibration. GPAD material is up to 26 per cent more efficient than racing gel, 40 per cent lighter than gel,

does not feel like jelly, and won't freeze. Unlike racing gel and other closed cell foams, the more energy applied to GPAD, the more efficient it becomes.

Recently Inside Karting tested the GPAD at the Canadian Nationals. CMP driver Frank Launi used the seat insert over all four days, in three different classes, ICC, RotaxMax and ICA. "I can vouch for how good this system is. I was able to run all three classes, and my ribs are still fine."

For more information and dealer inquiries, go to: www.GPADS.com

AND THE WINNERS ARE...

MIR North America and Italian Motors are please to announce the recent winners in the MIR North America race wear contest. The contest was entered online either from www.italianmotors.com or www.mirnorthamerica.com and more than \$1000 of race wear was given away to the winners listed below.

Claudia Valiante, a representative from the companies said, "It was great to hear how excited each driver was when they found out they had won something from the contest. In a way we were able to give back to the sport and it has made us all feel great."

The two companies plan on making this an annual contest which will offer similar prizes.

MIR Raceline is located in Arezzo, Italy and manufactures racing suits, gloves, shoes and all other racing accessories. MIR has won numerous World Karting Championships and they take great pride in protecting some of the best karting and racing drivers in the industry today.

For more information log on to www.mirnorthamerica.com or www.italianmotors.com.

1st-place winners: Dan Clements from British Columbia, wins an MIR 9 suit, MK9 shoes, and gloves

Vince Angeloni from Ontario, wins an MIR 9 suit, MK9 shoes and gloves

2nd-place winner: Connie Bottaro From Quebec, wins MK 9 shoes

3rd-place winner: Matt Conti From New Jersey, wins MIR gloves

PUMA AND MOTOR SPORT

German sports equipment manufacturer Puma has entered the world of motor sport this year through the big door - Formula 1 and Champ Car racing. Puma supplies fireproof driving suits to teams Minardi and Sauber, and

safety shoes to numerous teams members and drivers.

Bruno Vaglianti - formerly with Sparco - is in charge of the Puma motorsport department. Vaglianti has told Inside Karting that Puma will launch a line of karting boots next year which will be very similar to the Nomex driving shoes used by F1 and Champ Car drivers.

Puma has also put on the market last year a line of motor sport replica shoes that carry the same features as the real driving shoes but that are not fireproof. These shoes are made for everyday activities and are produced in low cut, mid and high top models, are made of Nubuck leather or Nylon, and sports oil resistant soles.

The mid and high cut Repli Cats can be used for karting and can be found in sports outlets across Canada.

- René Fagnan



The Repli Cat Low (left) and the Repli Cat Mid that features a Velcro strap at the ankle.