

## **Member Advisory**

**DATE:** February 10, 2020 **NUMBER**: MA 20-03

**FROM:** Club Racing Board

**TO**: All P1, P2, FA, and FX Participants

**SUBJECT**: Data Box Mounting Plate

Per GCR requirements (GCR Section 9.1.8.C.I), P2 (9.1.8.D.K), FA (9.1.1.A.1.j) and effective 2/1/2020 Fx (9.1.1.J.K):

"All cars competing in Majors Races and the Runoffs must have the AIM part #X47KPFSOLO2RO data box mount installed on their vehicle to provide the necessary mounting of the AIM Solo or Solo 2 data box. The mounting surface is to be approximately oriented either horizontally or vertically either parallel or perpendicular to the longitudinal axis of the car and must be accessible from the exterior of the car with the driver on board -- it should have a view of the sky, and not be located under carbon fiber or metallic bodywork. Sufficient space should be left between the mounting plate and the surface to which it is attached to permit the use of zip ties/tie straps to restrain the data box to the mounting plate. The purpose of this requirement is to allow the random placement of data boxes on cars in the pre-grid by SCCA assigned personal and the collection of the box when the car exits the racetrack. Contact AIM and their distributors for direct purchase."

A high percentage of the cars participating at the recent Sebring Super Tour and at the 2019 Runoffs did not have a plate or did not have the correct plate installed. We understand some of you have had difficulty in obtaining the correct plate, some even ordering a "new one" only to receive the old "Solo" mounting plate. The correct plate is made to fit the Solo 2 data device and has 2 legs per the photo below. We have learned that modified "old Solo" plates with the single leg with the tabs bent <u>is not</u> an acceptable option – problems have occurred with boxes not being properly constrained.



New Required Plate AIM #X47KPFSOLO2R0

"Old Solo Plate" – **NOT acceptable**.



Examples of recommended locations and installations are on following page.

Be aware that cars presented for their annual inspection at Majors/Super Tour events without the plate installed may not pass the inspection or may have a notation made in the logbook to correct prior to the next event. Any car participating in a Majors/Super Tour event without the proper plate may be found to be non-compliant and subject to actions that could include loss of qualifying session times and/or finishing positions - an outcome we certainly want to avoid. The correct plates can be obtained from the AIM website, an authorized AIM dealer, and online through sites such as Amazon.

## Your cooperation would be greatly appreciated – please obtain and install the correct plate before your next event.

Examples of recommended locations and installations are shown below. If the plate is installed with enough space under it to accommodate the use of tie straps/zip ties to constrain the data box, the "knurled" retention screws may be removed.



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Below is an excellent location but now requires updating to the new Solo 2 mounting plate.

