

## Optional Magnetic Numbers

A note has recently been sent to members explaining the arrangements for managing competition numbers that comes into effect for the 2011 competition year. One objective of this change is to make an already joyous experience for us volunteers even more joyous while also improving the experience for the users.

The primary option for competitors who expect to compete in several events is to pay a single fee to reserve a competition number for the whole year. Once reserved, it is up to the competitor to then either source their own CAMS compliant decals to place on their vehicles or to purchase side window and windscreen stick-on decals from the club prior to each event. While these club supplied decals may last for several events, it would not be appropriate to leave them in place between events for a road driven vehicle.

For competitors who prefer to supply their own decals, but not to have them permanently on display on their vehicle, there is the option of making up a set of flexible magnetic backing squares with stick-on decals on them that can be placed on the vehicle doors at each event and then simply removed in between.

Flexible plastic magnetic sheets from which the backing squares can be cut come in several thicknesses. Some members experimented with this during 2010 and found that magnetic sheeting thinner than 0.9 mm tended to fly off a vehicle at high speed. While spectacular to behold, it tended to defeat the purpose by making them an expensive one-use-only affair.

There are several sources for this flexible magnetic sheeting that can be located on the Internet but one source that has been found to be satisfactory and cost effective is Aussie Magnets ( <http://aussiemagnets.com.au/> ). The lady there is a member of the Alfa Club and they apparently use the magnetic numbers all the time. Select Flexible Rubber under the Types of Magnets heading on the left of their home page. From the new screen there are many choices but select the Vehicle Signage option if you want the white glossy 0.9 mm sheeting. You will see there is an option to purchase a 1 metre long x 0.61 metres wide x 0.9 mm thick flexible role. Pick white to contrast black decals. This is more than sufficient for a 305 x 450 mm number backing square per side and in fact is sufficient for two more as back up if you are better than me and make no mistakes during the cutting. It costs in the order of \$50 including delivery.

CAMS compliant stick-on number decals can also be purchased from several sources including Revolution Racegear ( [www.revolutionracegear.com.au/](http://www.revolutionracegear.com.au/) ). The black decals cost about \$2.50 per digit and the smaller Dayglo decals for the windscreen are more expensive at around \$4.50 each. Just specify that you want CAMS compliant sizes. Revolution may be prepared to post you a set if that is more convenient.

Now consider the windscreen numbers. For those of you who do not wish to have semipermanent windscreen numbers there are other options. One is to place Dayglo numbers on a dark coloured or transparent laminated background and at each event tape that to the inside of the windscreen, similar to our current laminate system. A second option is to buy a supply of yellow stick-on numbers from the club's stock and per event apply to the outside of the windscreen. These are available at cost for \$1.50 per digit plus postage, minimum order 5 sets. These are yellow not Dayglo in colour and are only intended for single day use. Of course, you could go the more expensive route and do the same thing using a supply of Dayglo numbers from Revolution Racegear.