

GPA Helmets – History, Safety, Care & Use

A little about GPA Helmets:

Drawing on its know-how and expertise acquired in the car racing world, GPA was the first European manufacturer to put approved riding helmets on the market, even before the standard was made mandatory Europe-wide.

GPA, your guarantee of satisfaction and reliability:

Initially concentrating on show jumping, GPA then widened its range to cover all the riding sports: eventing, endurance, polo, driving and racing. In order to best meet the safety requirements, GPA has not hesitated to invest in research and development and has chosen the best manufacturers of materials. By relying only on quality brands recognised for their performance, GPA thus guarantees that its products are based on the highest level of research and cutting-edge technology.

The GPA requirements are so demanding that the results of the helmet tests are on average 20% higher than the results recommended by the standard.

GPA also has private tests carried out by the leading Italian laboratories to ensure your optimum safety.

Wearing your GPA Helmet

As a preventative measure, it is imperative to wear it during all equestrian activities. For adequate protection, your helmet must be worn correctly and adjusted according to the size of your head – to ensure this, several sizes are available to riders.

Recommendations

After each use, check the condition of the helmet inside and outside, as well as the chin strap.

When you're not using your helmet, store it away from direct sunlight and do not expose it to temperatures below -20 degrees C (-4 degrees F) or above 50 degrees C (122 degrees F). Never attempt to repair or modify the helmet.

Following a violent impact, even if the helmet shows no visible damage, it must be replaced because the shock-absorbing material may have exhausted its protective capacity and therefore be unable to serve its purpose in the event of further impact.

The date of the manufacture appears inside the helmet. The lifespan of this GPA helmet depends on the care and maintenance it receives, as well as on the frequency of its use.

Caring for GPA Helmet

(Carbone/Titium/Textium helmets)

Clean with neutral soap and water only. Allow to air dry. Never clean with solvents (paint thinner, acetone, trichloroethylene etc) because they can alter the characteristics and quality of the helmet. In general, avoid contact with corrosive or aggressive substances.

Although the outer synthetic leather covering has been treated with 3M Scotchguard Protector (against dust, oil and water stains), it is recommended to spray on additional water-proofing after each use and cleaning.

(Jock Up helmets)

To avoid scratches, clean with a soft sponge dipped in neutral soap and water only. Dry with a chamois. Never clean with solvents (paint thinner, acetone, trichloroethylene etc) because they can alter the characteristics and quality of the helmet. In general, avoid contact with corrosive and aggressive substances.

All leather parts should be treated with standard leather products (restorer/colourless wax etc)

Extreme/ Jock-Up 2 and 3/ Speed Air/Air S helmets)

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For Speed Air and Air S helmets, the removable liner can be washed at 30 degrees C (86 degrees F) maximum.