

Mud flaps on Stage Rally cars

The photo shown below was forwarded to the MSA Technical Department with a query as to whether the mud flaps meet the regulatory requirement.

The answer is no, as (R)48.1.12 states: "The fitting of mud flaps of a flexible material of 4mm minimum thickness behind each wheel extending to a minimum of 40mm each side of the tyre tread and to within 80mm of the ground when the car is unoccupied is mandatory".

In this example the tyre tread is clearly not covered. Where the tread is not covered by bodywork, the mud flap is to cover the tyre tread plus the 40mm margin. A sketch is also provided as a visual reference of the requirements.

