



HPI full bucket seat RST-600

Part Number:

HPCG-RSTY-6J01 (Set with official approval documents)

HPCG-RSTN-6J01 (Seat only)

HPI Full Bucket Seat RST-700 (Wide Size)

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HPCG-RSTY-7J01 (Set with official approval documents)

HPCG-RSTN-7J01 (Seat only)

Please read the notes regarding HPI bucket seats and seat rails before placing your order. (PDF)

Frequently Asked Questions (Q&A)

About Vehicle Inspection & FIA Certification

Q. Is the HPI seat compliant with Japanese vehicle inspection standards (Shaken)?

A. Yes, it is compliant. It has passed the tests required for regular vehicle inspections.

A seat, seat rails, and vehicle inspection approval documents are required.

Currently, seat rail installation and document issuance are only available for the RST-600 (Normal Size).

Seat rails and documents for the RST-700 (Wide Size) are currently in production.

Q. Does it have FIA certification?

A. Yes, it has FIA certification.

The expiration date is 5 years from the year of manufacture.

Q. Can I still use the seat after the FIA certification expiration date?

A. It is completely fine for use on public roads, track days, and vehicle inspections.

The 5-year expiration limit from the date of manufacture applies only to FIA-regulated races.

Q. Are "vehicle inspection compliance" (車検対応) and "safety standard compliance" (保安基準適合) the same thing?

A. Strictly speaking, they are different.

Vehicle inspection compliance refers to passing regular periodic vehicle inspections, while safety standard compliance refers to meeting standards for new vehicle registration.

Q. Are the vehicle inspection approval documents included?

A. They are included if you purchase the "Seat & Approval Documents Set."

They are not included if you purchase the "Seat Only."

Q. Will the car pass vehicle inspection with just the seat alone?

A. Vehicle inspection compliance requires the complete set of the seat, seat rails, and official approval documents.

The seat alone is not compliant.

Q. Are HPI seat rails required for vehicle inspection compliance?

A. Yes, installation using HPI seat rails is required.

Q. The seat back does not have fabric or a protector.

Will it pass vehicle inspection?

A. Yes, there is no issue.

Because it complies with the "technical standards for shock absorption of the seat back," it passes vehicle inspection without additional fabric or protectors.

This is stated in the official vehicle inspection approval documents (Certificate of Compliance for Seat and Seat Mounting Device/Anchorage Standards).

Q. What happens if I change my vehicle?

A. Since the vehicle inspection approval documents are issued for each individual vehicle, you will need to re-issue the documents (paid service) based on the information of the new vehicle.

Individual vehicle inspection approval documents are available for purchase separately.

Q. Can I still pass vehicle inspection if I replace the cushion?

A. Yes, no problem.

The HPI bucket seat cushion is tested using the fabric itself, so it does not affect vehicle inspection.

About Installation & Seat Rails

Q. Can I replace the factory seat with this?

A model-specific seat rail is required.

Please check the product page to find the compatible seat rail for your vehicle.

Q. Are seat rails included?

A. No, they are not included.

Please purchase HPI seat rails separately.

Q. Are there seat rails compatible with my car?

A. Please check the product page for model-specific seat rails.

Q. Can I use third-party seat rails?

A. No, you cannot.

Even if installation is physically possible, it may cause issues and will not be compliant with vehicle inspections.

Q. Can I install the seat myself?

A. Installation is only possible if you can follow the correct procedures while checking the maintenance manual issued by the automobile manufacturer.

Incorrect installation or procedures may lead to accidents, damage, or injury, so we generally recommend having it installed at a dealership or professional maintenance shop.

Q. Are the seat rails interchangeable for both left and right sides?

A. No, they are not.

They are specifically designed with different shapes for the right (driver side) and left (passenger side).

Q. Can I reuse the factory seat rails?

A. Factory seat rails cannot be reused (except for specific vehicle models).

Q. Will the seating position be lower than the factory seat?

A. It depends on the vehicle model, but in most cases, it will be lower than factory.

Estimated seating positions are listed on the model-specific seat rail product pages.

Q. Can the seating position height be adjusted?

A. Yes, it can be adjusted by changing the fixing position of the side brackets.

Q. Will there be any interference with interior parts such as the center console?

A. Generally, there is no interference, but depending on the vehicle model, clearance may be tight or minor rubbing that does not affect usage may occur.

About the Wide Model

Q. What is the difference between the wide model and the standard model?

A. The main difference is the seat width.

The wide model is designed for drivers with a larger build.

Q. How much wider is the wide model?

A. Approximately 50 mm wider at the thighs, 10 mm wider at the shoulders, and 20 mm taller in total height.

Q. What body type is the wide model suitable for?

A. It is intended for drivers with a larger build than the Japanese standard physique.

Q. Can I use standard seat rails with the wide model?

A. No, you cannot.

Seat rails for the wide model are currently in production.

About Side Airbags

Q. Can it be installed on vehicles equipped with side airbags?

A. Yes, installation is possible.

A side airbag canceller must be installed.

Q. Is a side airbag canceller necessary?

A. When removing the factory seat with built-in side airbags, an airbag warning light will turn on.

Installing a canceller is required to turn it off.

Q. Is the side airbag canceller included?

A. No, it is not included.

Please purchase the airbag canceller separately.

Q. What is the resistance value of the side airbag canceller compatible with my car?

A. Please check the product page for model-specific seat rails.

About Actual Usage

Q. Can it be used on the street?

A. Yes, no problem.

Because it is compliant with vehicle inspections, it can be used continuously for daily street driving.

Q. Can it be used for circuit driving?

A. Yes, no problem.

It is designed with sports driving in mind, making it ideal for the track.

Q. Can I use the factory 3-point seatbelt?

A. Yes, you can.

The model-specific seat rails allow you to attach the factory seatbelt buckle anchor.

Q. Can I use 4-point or 6-point seatbelts?

A. Yes, you can.

There are dedicated slots for shoulder belts, lap belts, and crotch belts.

We recommend using HPI racing harnesses.

Q. Will it be harder to get in and out compared to the factory seat?

A. Because the seat's side supports are prominent, it may be slightly harder to get in and out compared to factory seats.

About Product Specifications

Q. How much does the seat weigh?

A. RST-600: 7.94 kg, RST-700: 7.90 kg.

Slight variations may occur due to manufacturing reasons.

Q. Can the cushions be removed?

A. Yes, they are removable as they are fixed with Velcro.

Q. Can I replace just the cushion?

A. Replacement cushions are scheduled to be released at a later date.

Q. Can the seat cover/skin be replaced?

A. Because it uses special flame-retardant materials, it cannot be removed or replaced.

Q. How should I care for and clean the seat?

A. Remove the cushions and hand-wash them using a neutral detergent.

Q. Is it fatigue-resistant during long drives?

A. Although it depends on the driving environment, its holding performance is overwhelmingly higher than factory seats, which reduces unnecessary body movement and can help minimize fatigue.

Q. What are the dimensions of the seat?

A. Please check the dimension diagram in the product image section.