

Advice for Cost Event at 2018 FSAE Australasia

Some of the teams have advised of issues with using the new Formula SAE web site and the catalogues which do not allow the ready use of interrelated Excel reports used by the teams for preparation of the cost calculations and reports in 2017.

We have been in communication with SAE USA on this matter. We have found that there is another system which is used by US teams called a Cost Application module which enables direct working with the website formats but was not released onto the website for use by teams in other locations. They are now checking with the developer to see if this can be opened up for use by overseas competitions like ours and other ways of possibly building spreadsheets.

We will advise progress and, if achieved in the near future will advise all teams, however, we believe this will not be quick, so we suggest any teams having problems in 2018 versus prior years follow the approach below:

The cost data in the new format is just the prior Excel data uploaded so using the 2017 Excel tables will be acceptable.

There has been negligible update to the materials costs and related files over the last few years. If you are using some newly released components which may not be in the 2017, and they are in the 2018 on-line catalogue, then make single line adjustments as necessary (e.g. perhaps a later Motec or other control module or brake callipers). Alternatively, submit an Add-Item request to us locally with the necessary supporting data for a resolution.

When reviewing and judging the Cost Reports (unless the USA manage to give us access to the new system) officials will use the 2017 materials cost table and just refer to the new on line data for anomalies or clearly new components.

FSAE-A Cost Committee

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