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1.0 CHAMPIONSHIP EVENTS:

- ***Rd 1:*** ***Killarney Historic Rally*** ***29th November 2025***
- ***Rd 2:*** ***Galway International Rally*** ***31st January – 1st February 2026***
- ***Rd 3:*** ***West Cork Rally*** ***13th – 15th March 2026***
- ***Rd 4:*** ***Circuit of Ireland Rally*** ***3rd – 4th April 2026***
- ***Rd 5:*** ***International Rally of the Lakes*** ***2nd – 3rd May 2026***
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- ***Rd 7:*** ***Ulster Rally*** ***7th – 8th August 2026***
- ***Rd 8:*** ***Cork 20 Rally*** ***27th – 28th September 2026***

2.0 ANNOUNCEMENTS:

2.1 The ***Tarmac Rally Organisers Association Ltd (TROA)*** in association with Rally Sports (Killarney) Ltd, Galway Motor Club, Cork Motor Club, Ulster Automobile Club, Donegal Motor Club Ltd, the Munster CarClub Ltd and the Northern Ireland Motor Club Ltd. hereafter called the Organisers, will organise the 2026 NAPA Auto Parts Irish Tarmac Historic Rally Championship (in association with Wales Motorsport Fabrication) which will be contested during the 2025 and 2026 Motorsport seasons.
The Championship will be run in accordance with these Regulations, which will constitute the Supplementary Regulations for the Championship and (Appendix 15 of the current Motorsport Ireland Yearbook.) The Organisers reserve the right to issue additional statements clarifying items in these Regulations.

Championship Permit number:**P004/26** has been granted by Motorsport Ireland

2.2 The Championship will be known as the:

"**2026 NAPA Auto Parts Irish Tarmac Historic Rally Championship**".
These Regulations have been approved by Motorsport Ireland.

2.3 The Championship is promoted by the Tarmac Rally Organisers Association Ltd **(T.R.O.A).**

2.4 Championship points/positions will be published on the Championship Website www.irishtarmac.com after each event. Queries regarding allocation of points should be referred to the Championship Registrar by email only **within 10 days** of the date of such publication. All email queries in relation to allocation of points to be sent to itrc.champ@gmail.com
In the event of no queries regarding the allocation of points being received by the championship Registrar individual event results and overall championship standing's will be deemed final 10 days following publication of the results as referred to above.

2.5 The Organisers of qualifying events retain the sole right to select and accept entries for their event and the Championship Organisers cannot be held responsible for the refusal of an entry.

2.6 Queries & Protests:

2.6.1 Queries
Complaints and queries in relation to the Championship shall be made in writing / email by **registered competitors only** to the Championship Registrar at itrc.champ@gmail.com who shall publish a decision on the matter/s within seven days.

2.6.2 Protests:
Protests may be made **registered competitors only** in relation to matters which have been the subject of a decision by the Registrar of the Championship. Such protests shall be subject to a time limit of 14 days after the publication of the decision of the Registrar. Such protests shall be addressed to the Championship Directors c/o Motorsport Ireland and must be in writing and accompanied by the appropriate fee.

2.7 These Regulations supersede all previous Regulations Issued by the Tarmac Rally Organisers Association Ltd.

3.0 ELIGIBILITY:

3.1 Eligibility for the Championship is open to all competitors who hold suitable competition licences valid for these events, have the approval of their ASN (National Sporting Authority) and M.I where applicable and drive a car eligible for the particular counting round and listed in Article 5, Vehicle Categories and Classes.

3.2. The ITRC have appointed Mick Linehan to act as Eligibility Scrutineer for this Championship. Additional Eligibility Scrutineers may be appointed by ITRC as required.

4.0 REGISTRATION:

4.1 Drivers and Co-Drivers will be required to register for the Championship and, in addition, will be required to carry Championship Logos on their car throughout the series. **These Championship stickers must be displayed on the door panels, front of bonnet and the top right hand side of the windscreen visor of competing cars and the front of the bonnet of competing cars and in accordance with FIA regulations for Appendix K cars. In the event of the front of the bonnet having been sold to a sponsor an alternative position on the bonnet may be used. This alternative position MUST BE AGREED WITH THE CHAMPIONSHIP MANAGER.**

Failure to display the required championship stickers will result in a fine of €80.00.

Competitors must register before the **2nd May 2026** (i.e. before the start of the **fifth** round of the Championship). Only Registered competitors will be awarded points. **Points will not be awarded retrospectively**.

Registration will be available online at www.irishtarmac.com and at documentation scrutiny where competitors will be expected to complete registration. The final deadline for completion of registration on any event will be 22:00hrs on the eve of the start of the respective event, a full list of registered competitors will be posted on the championship Sportity channel prior to the start of each event. All registration monies owed must be paid at the time of registration or prior to the registration deadline of the competitors first event.

4.2 **The Registration fee for each competitor will be €120.00 Euro or £100.00 Sterling**

4.3 In registering for the Championship all competitors are bound by these Regulations.

4.4 Once a competitor has had Registration accepted it will not be possible for him to disclaim any points for which he has become eligible.

5. **VEHICLE CATEGORIES:**

The Championship will be divided into the following Categories / Classes:

CATEGORIES:

- **CATEGORY 1:** **Vehicles first registered prior to 31/12/1967**
- **CATEGORY 2:** **Vehicles first registered between 01/01/1968 and 31/12/1974**
- **CATEGORY 3:** **Vehicles first registered between 1/1/1975 and 31/12/1981**
- **CATEGORY 4a:** **Vehicles first registered between 1/1/1982 and 31/12/1985**
- **CATEGORY 4b:** **Vehicles first registered between 1/1/1986 and 31/12/1990**
- **CATEGORY 5a:** **All FIA Appendix K cars registered before 31/12/1985**
- **CATEGORY 5b:** **All FIA Appendix K cars registered between 01/01/1986 to 31/12/1992**
- **CATEGORY 5c:** **All FIA Appendix K cars registered between 01/01/1993 to 31/12/2000 ("Pre-2000" Class: Group A, Group N, WRC Cars / Kit Car models)**

  All FIA Appendix K Vehicles must comply with current F.I.A. Regulations

CLASSES:

- **Class H1:** **All cars first registered prior to 31/12/61**
- **Class H2:** **All cars first registered from 01/01/62 up to 31/12/69**
- **Class H3:** **All cars first registered from 01/01/70 to 31/12/74 Max. 1600cc**
- **Class H4:** **All cars first registered from 01/01/70 to 31/12/74 Over 1601cc**
- **Class H5:** **All Cars first registered from 01/01/75 to 31/12/81 Max. 1600cc**
- **Class H6:** **All Cars first registered from 01/01/75 to 31/12/81 over 1601cc**
- **Class H7:** **All Cars first registered from 01/01/75 to 31/12/81 over 1601cc**
- **Class H8:** **All Cars first registered from 01/01/82 to 31/12/85**
- **Class H9:** **All cars first registered from 01/01/86 to 31/12/90**
- **Class H10:** **All FIA Appendix K cars registered before 31/12/1985**
- **Class H11:** **All FIA Appendix K cars registered between 01/01/1986 to 31/12/1992**
- **Class H12:** **All FIA Appendix K cars registered between 01/01/1993 to 31/12/2000**

For reference purposes, refer below to Class Structure Table for detailed breakdown of class structure. It is imperative and the onus of the competitor to identify correct Category / Class when registering for the championship for the purposes of allocation of points.

All vehicles in Categories 1 to 4a/4b must comply with the 2025/2026 Motorsport Ireland Vehicle Regulations for Historic Rally Cars (Refer Motorsport Ireland Yearbook 2025/2026 Appendix 29.1 and must be in possession of a Historic Rally Vehicle Identity Form (HRVIF), or the case of an FIA Appendix K Vehicle which must be in compliance with its FIA HTP and as such be in possession of the HTP (Historic Technical Passport Cars will be checked for compliance with their Documents produced at Scrutiny.

Cars running to FIA Appendix K will also be required to be equipped with FIA Homologated Seats and Fire Extinguisher equipment. All other vehicles must comply similarly with MI/MSUK Homologated if different

For Clarification;; Cars which were introduced prior to the introduction of Homologation.

HRIV or FIA HTP will be acceptable evidence for class and Category Dates

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CLASS STRUCTURE TABLES: CAT 1 – CAT 3

Category:	ITRC Class:	Event Class:
1	H1 (first registered prior to 31/12/61)	B1: Up to 1000cc
		B2: 1001cc up to 1300cc
		B3: 1301cc up to 1600cc
		B4: 1601cc up to 2000cc excluding all Porsche 911/2
		B5: Over 2000cc including all Porsche 911 and 912.
1	H2 (first registered from 01/01/62 to 31/12/69)	B1: Up to 1000cc
		B2: 1001cc up to 1300cc
		B3: 1301cc up to 1600cc
		B4: 1601cc up to 2000cc excluding all Porsche 911/2
		B5: Over 2000cc including all Porsche 911 and 912.
2		C1: Up to 1300cc
		C2: 1301cc up to 1600cc
		C3: 1601cc up to 2000cc
		C4: Over 2000cc
		C5: All cars having engines with both more than one camshaft and more than 2 valves per cylinder and all cars with rotary engines.
2	H3 (first registered from 01/01/70 to 31/12/74 up to 1600cc)	C1: Up to 1300cc
		C2: 1301cc up to 1600cc
2	H4 (first registered from 01/01/70 to 31/12/74 over 1601cc)	C3: 1601cc up to 2000cc
		C4: Over 2000cc
		C5: All cars having engines with both more than one camshaft and more than 2 valves per cylinder and all cars with rotary engines.
3	H5 (first registered from 01/01/75 to 31/12/81 up to 1600cc)	D1: Up to 1300cc
		D2: 1301cc up to 1600cc
3	H6 (first registered from 01/01/75 to 31/12/81 over 1601cc)	D3: 1601cc up to 2000cc
		D4: Over 2000cc
		D5: All cars having engines with more than one camshaft and more than 2 valves per cylinder and all cars with rotary engines.
N/A	H7 (first registered from 01/01/70 to 31/12/75 & 01/01/76 to 31/12/81 - over 1601cc)	C3: 1601cc up to 2000cc (first registered from 01/01/70 to 31/12/74 over 1601cc)
		D3: 1601cc up to 2000cc (first registered from 01/01/75 to 31/12/81 over 1601cc)

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CLASS STRUCTURE TABLES: CAT 4(a/b) – CAT 5 (a/b/c)

Category:	ITRC Class:	Event Class:
4a	H8 (first registered from 01/01/82 to 31/12/85)	E1: Up to 1300cc
		E2 : 1301cc to 1600cc
		E3: 1601cc to 2000cc
		E4: Over 2001cc
4b	H9 (first registered from 01/01/86 to 31/12/90)	F1: Up to 1300cc
		F2: 1301cc to 1600cc
		F3: 1601cc to 2000cc
		F4: Over 2001cc
5a	H10 (Appendix K first registered before 31/12/85)	Vehicles that comply with the current FIA App. K Regulations and which are in possession of a valid FIA Historic Technical Passport (HTP)
5b	H11 (Appendix K first registered from 01/01/86 to 31/12/92)	Vehicles that comply with the current FIA App. K Regulations and which are in possession of a valid FIA Historic Technical Passport (HTP)
5c	H12 (Appendix K first registered from 01/01/93 to 31/12/00)	Vehicles that comply with the current FIA App. K Regulations and which are in possession of a valid FIA Historic Technical Passport (HTP)

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6.0 SCORING:

6.1 Competitors best events scores in **6 out of 8** rounds will be used to calculate the final positions. In the event that only 7 rounds are run then only the best 5 scores will count, In the event that only 6 rounds are run then the best 5 will count. If only 4 or 3 rounds are run then all 4 or 3 rounds will count. If less than three rounds are run, this elementof the championship shall be abandoned for the current year. ITRC reserve the right to cancel the Championship at any time. **Bonus starters points for ALL rounds started will be eligible for all rounds started and will factor as part of the final overall points positions**.

6.2 In the event of the abandonment of any element or all of the championship, all funds and Registration Fees accruing shall be held within the ITRC accounts.

6.3 The scoring of points will be confined to Registered Competitors whose scores will be counted towards their final positions. Points will be awarded separately to Drivers and Co-Drivers.

6.4 Scoring Divisions in the 2026 NAPA Auto Parts ITRC Historic Rally Championship shall be category based as follows:

6.5 **All Category and Overall Points** will be awarded in accordance with the qualifying events Final signed official classifications. This final classification will include crews who have completed the event under Super Rally Regulations. Crews who complete the event under Super Rally Regulations will be eligible for the awarding of **Full** Championship points.

Super Rally finishers must comply with Appendix 29 Article 13 of the Current M.I. Yearbook.

6.6 Championship Points will be awarded as follows:

OVERALL CLASSIFICATION IN EACH CATEGORY:
(Except for the Final Counting Round of the Championship)
20 / 18 / 16 / 14 / 12 / 10 / 8 / 7 / 6 / 5 / 4 / 3 points will be awarded for overall in each category – first to twelft place respectively. 1.5 points will be awarded to every other classified finisher

Class Awards: ***Except for the Final Counting Round of the Championship)***

20 / 18 / 16 / 14 / 12 / 10 / 8 / 7 / 6 / 5 / 4 / 3 points will be awarded for class positions – first to twelfth respectively. 1.5 points will be awarded to every other classified finisher in each respective class.

6.7 Final Counting Round of the Championship – FIFTY PERCENTAGE BONUS POINTS (50%) will be awarded on the final counting round of the championship

As a consequence, points awarded on the Final Counting round will be awarded as follows.

Allocated Points for the Final Counting Round of the Championship:
Overall Classification:
30 / 24 / 18 / 15 / 12 / 10.5 / 9 / 7.5 / 6 / 4.5 points will be awarded for overall classification and overall categories – first to tenth place respectively. 2.5 points will be awarded to every other classified finisher

Allocated Points for the Final Counting Round of the Championship:
Class Awards:
30 / 24 / 18 / 15 / 12 / 10.5 points will be awarded for class classification – first to sixth place respectively. 2.5 points will be awarded to every other classified finisher

6.8 BONUS STARTER points: Each crew who enters and starts a respective event will be eligible for scoring 1 bonus point per event for starting an event. Criteria for eligibility for awarding of **1pt bonus** starting point will require a crew to competitively start a stage of the respective event. All rounds will be equal in the allocation of awarding of just 1pt bonus starting point. **Bonus starters points for ALL rounds started will be eligible for all rounds started and will factor as part of the final overall points positions**.

Bonus Starters points will be the same for ALL counting rounds

6.9 Where a round of the Championship includes both International and National sections results from both sections will be combined for the purpose of calculating Championship points, provided the Organisers have set out both sections to follow the same route, same number of stages and same overall mileage.

6.10 Alterations to the number of counting rounds or dates shall be decided by the TROA Ltd. *(App.15. Art. 2.4 of the Motorsport Ireland Yearbook applies)*

6.11 If an event or part of an event is cancelled due to Force Majeure, Championship Points will only be eligible to be awarded once ***50%*** of the "***Total Stage Mileage***" of the said Event is completed. In the event of any change in the format or duration of an event post the publication of these regulations, ITRC reserve the right to amend the allocation of points applicable for that event.

7.0 PENALTIES:

The individual qualifying event organisers / M.I. / MSUK reserve the right to seal and examine cars to prove their eligibility in their Class and Category. Should any car be deemed to be ineligible for its Class or Category by the organisers of a qualifying event, then irrespective of any action taken by event organisers, the Championship promoters shall exclude the Driver and Co-Driver concerned from the Championship in relation to that event and they shall forfeit all points gained on the event.

7.1 Any competitor who is excluded from the results of an event for a breach of servicing/support regulations or a breach of reconnaissance regulations or whose vehicle is excluded from the results of an event for a breach of technical regulations must count that event as one of the events contributing to his/her total championship score, thus forfeiting all championship points, prize money and awards associated with that event. These penalties will be applied automatically by TROA Ltd after the process of protest and appeal has been completed.

8.0 TIES:

Ties will be resolved by reference to the tying competitors results within the General Classification, the Category or Class where the tie exists by applying tests / clauses **8.1 to 8.4** in that order.

8.1 In favour of the competitor with the highest number of highest scores, second highest scores and so on taking into account all relevant rounds of the Championship.

8.2 In favour of the Competitor with the highest score in his/her first scoring event in relevant rounds.

8.3 In favour of the Competitor with the highest position in the Overall Results of his/her first relevant scoring event.

8.4 In favour of the Competitor with the highest position in the Overall Results in the first relevant qualifying event in the series as run.

9.0 AWARDS:

To qualify for any of the following awards competitors must start at least three rounds and be classified as a finisher in two rounds of the championship in the respectiveclass or category.

- Overall Championship winners **will not** be eligible for Class awards
- Overall Category winners **will** be eligible for Class awards

To be eligible for the **Best Overseas Crew** only the Driver must reside outside the Island of Ireland for the duration of the Championship. Points will be scored in this category only as a combined crew.

All Categories, including Category 5(a/b/c) – FIA Appx. K cars, will compete for the Overall 2026 NAPA Auto Parts ITRC Historic Rally Championship Award

OVERALL ITRC HISTORIC CHAMPIONSHIP:

1st Overall	2 Trophies
2nd Overall	2 Trophies
3rd Overall	2 Trophies

CATEGORIES: 1, 2, 3, 4A, 4B, 5A/5B/5C (FIA Appx. K):

1st Overall.	2 Trophies
2nd Overall.	2 Trophies
3rd Overall.	2 Trophies

CLASSES: H1, H2, H3, H4, H5, H6, H7, H8, H9, H10/H11H12 ***(Appx. K)*****:**

1st Overall.	2 Trophies
2nd Overall.	2 Trophies
3rd Overall.	2 Trophies

BEST OVERSEA'S CREW OVERALL: 2 Trophies

Additional awards may be added to the above list at the discretion of the ITRC

10.0 REGISTRATION:

Application forms for registration are available from the Championship Registrar/ Manager or at www.irishtarmac.com

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11.0 The ITRC will not be responsible for the issue of Event Regulations to registered competitors, although competitor's names and addresses will be forwarded to event organisers in order that they may update their mailing list

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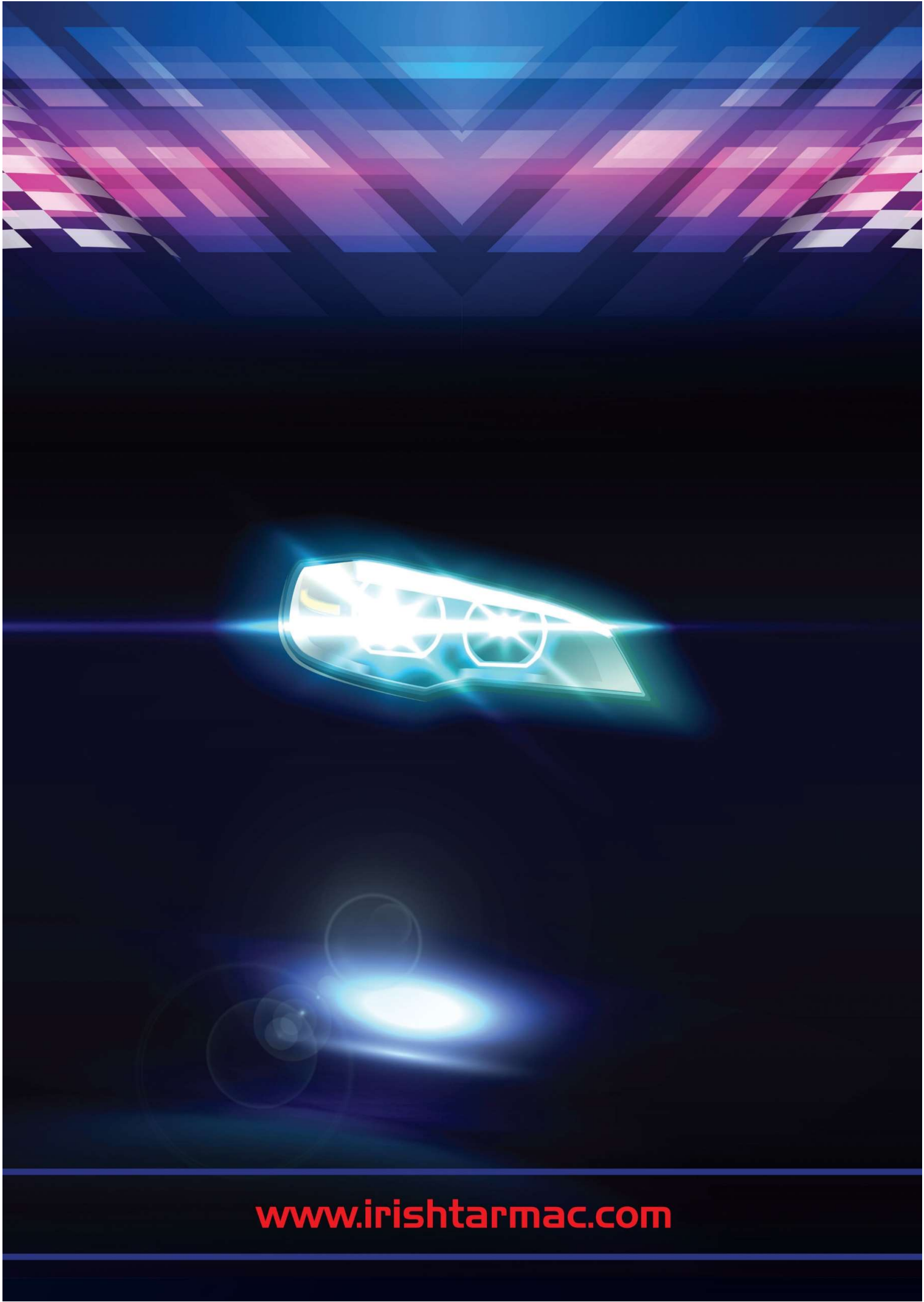

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