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Schutt Sports is dedicated to safeguarding football players by creating the world's most advanced protective equipment. We strive to make that gear as safe as possible through leading-edge technologies, superior design and advanced materials.

We encourage and support all studies, analysis or tests that advance the performance and design of football helmets.

All tests, however, have limitations. Unfortunately, our competitors have used those limitations to spread misinformation and confusion in the marketplace for the college, high school and youth levels.

All Schutt helmets pass and exceed NOCSAE standards. All Schutt helmets are approved for play at all levels of football in 2018, including the NFL. And that includes both models of the Vengeance Z10.

We encourage you to review the attached letter from the NFL for further clarification.



NATIONAL FOOTBALL LEAGUE

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Mr. Robert Erb
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Dear Mr. Erb:

During the production of the 2018 Helmet Laboratory Testing Performance Results, you raised a concern that different helmet models may share similar names yet receive different rankings, and therefore potentially cause consumer confusion.

The NFL and NFLPA have taken steps to ensure that viewers of the helmet laboratory testing performance results understand that the testing and, accordingly, the results are limited to the NFL player population and does not apply to other levels of the sport. In fact, the performance results clearly includes the statement, "The laboratory test conditions were intended to represent potentially concussive head impacts in the NFL. The results of this study should not be extrapolated to collegiate, high school, or youth football." This same information can be found in the helmet testing results annually.

As your question relates directly to similar names for different helmet models, that was also addressed in the documents sent to the clubs, reading in part:

Riddell and Schutt have both responded positively to the effort to move players from older helmets to newer ones. Each of those companies have many newer models that have tested better and are encouraging players to adopt those helmets. It is important to recognize that many helmet models have similar names and the prohibition on one does not necessarily reflect others with similar names.

This naming convention and ranking is true of the Schutt Vengeance Z10. The Schutt Vengeance Z10 (204100) is listed on the poster as a "prohibited helmet" in the NFL whereas the Schutt Vengeance Z10 (204101) received a higher ranking and is not prohibited. Similarly, other Schutt Vengeance models, specifically the Vengeance Pro (204300 and 204301), Vengeance VTD, Vengeance VTD II, and Vengeance DCT were tested and are not prohibited.

Please let me know whether you have further questions and I can arrange a call with the NFL Players Association as well.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Jeffrey A. Miller', written over a white background.

Jeffrey A. Miller