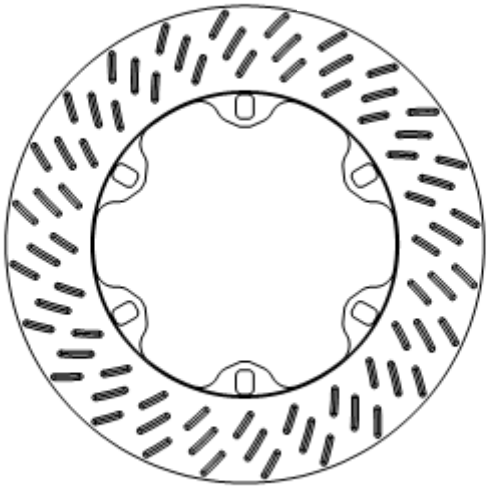

For 2013, Performance Friction Brakes (PFC) is introducing new brake discs for exclusive use in the USF2000 Championship for the Championship class. The new discs are similar to the part currently used but with PFC's patented "S2" slot design. The increase in slots enhances both the bite and cooling characteristics of the discs with no increased drag. The cost for the new discs remains the same as the current disc pricing and teams are advised to use existing inventories during winter testing and/or the 2012 Cooper Tires Winterfest.

Availability of new discs, which will be marked with the USF2000 designation and are required for use in all 2013 regular season events, is expected to be in early December through Carl Haas Auto only.

In addition, usage of brake pads in either the 01 or 07 compounds will continue to be required, but for 2013, pads must bear the USF2000 markings for the Championship class. There is no price difference for the pads, whether marked or unmarked, but it is advised that teams plan to use up any unmarked sets prior to the start of the regular season. USF2000 marked pads are currently available through Carl Haas Auto only.

"S2 discs have been used in other venues for a couple years now," says PFC's director of motorsports, Darrick Dong. "PFC has raced this design in series such as NASCAR and Japanese GT in the most severe conditions and the benefits are compelling. The "S2" design increases bite and creates a measurable decrease in bulk brake temperatures while not sacrificing the durability."