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Model: F7 VTD Collegiate

## INTRODUCTION

This manual provides essential information for the proper use, maintenance, and care of your Schutt F7 VTD Collegiate Football Helmet. Please read this manual thoroughly before using the helmet to ensure maximum safety and performance. The Schutt F7 VTD Collegiate helmet is designed to offer advanced protection for football players, featuring a 5-star safety rating from Virginia Tech Helmet Ratings and an internal fit system for enhanced impact absorption.

## SAFETY INFORMATION

### WARNING:

- No helmet can prevent all head injuries or concussions a player might receive while participating in football.
- Do not modify the helmet in any way. Modifications can compromise the helmet's protective capabilities and void the warranty.
- Always ensure the helmet fits properly and is securely fastened before play.
- Inspect the helmet for damage before each use. Do not use a damaged helmet.

## COMPONENTS OVERVIEW

The Schutt F7 VTD Collegiate Football Helmet consists of several key components designed for protection and comfort:

- **Outer Shell:** Made from durable polycarbonate for impact resistance.
- **TPU Cushioning:** Advanced impact absorption system located throughout the helmet.

- **3-Dimensional Movement Tektonic Plates:** Independent plates that move in multiple directions to improve performance against rotational forces.
- **Facemask:** Carbon steel facemask (ROPO DW NB VC style included).
- **Helmet Stabilization System:** Internal and external stabilizers with high-performance impact foam for a secure fit.
- **Chin Strap:** Adjustable strap for securing the helmet.



Image: Front-side view of the Schutt F7 VTD Collegiate Football Helmet in white, showcasing the shell, facemask, and chin strap buckles.



Image: Front view of the Schutt F7 VTD Collegiate Football Helmet, highlighting the facemask and overall frontal design.

## SETUP

### 1. Initial Inspection

Before first use, carefully inspect the helmet for any signs of damage, including cracks in the shell, loose padding, or bent facemask bars. Ensure all screws and attachments are secure.

## 2. Sizing and Fit

Proper fit is crucial for safety. The helmet should fit snugly around the head without causing pressure points. It should not move freely when the head is shaken. Use the following steps to ensure a correct fit:

1. **Measure Head Circumference:** Use a soft tape measure around the largest part of the head, just above the eyebrows.
2. **Select Correct Size:** Refer to Schutt's sizing chart. This helmet is a Large size.
3. **Try On Helmet:** Place the helmet on the head, ensuring the front edge is approximately one inch above the eyebrows.
4. **Check for Snugness:** The helmet should feel firm and snug around the crown, temples, and back of the head.
5. **Jaw Pad Adjustment:** The Helmet Stabilization System includes larger, more comfortable jaw pads. Ensure these provide a secure, "locked-in" feel without excessive pressure.
6. **Shake Test:** With the chin strap unfastened, shake your head. The helmet should not shift or slide independently of your head.

## 3. Facemask Attachment

The ROPO DW NB VC Facemask is pre-attached. Ensure all clips and screws securing the facemask to the helmet shell are tight and properly aligned. Periodically check these connections.

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## FACEMASK OPTIONS



**ROPO-NB-VC**



**ROPO-SW-NB-VC**



**EGOP-NB-VC**



**ROPO-DW-NB-VC**

Image: Diagram showing various facemask options for the Schutt F7 helmet series, including the ROPO-DW-NB-VC style that comes with this helmet.

#### 4. Chin Strap Adjustment

Adjust the chin strap so that it is snug against the chin and holds the helmet firmly in place. The chin strap should be centered and not allow the helmet to rock forward, backward, or side-to-side.

#### OPERATING INSTRUCTIONS

Once the helmet is properly fitted and secured, it is ready for use in football activities. Always ensure the helmet is worn correctly during all practices and games.

#### Wearing the Helmet

1. Place the helmet on your head, ensuring the front edge is positioned correctly (approximately one inch above the eyebrows).

2. Fasten the chin strap securely.
3. Perform a final check for fit: The helmet should not move independently when you shake your head.



Image: A football player wearing a Schutt F7 VTD helmet, demonstrating proper on-field usage and fit.

## MAINTENANCE

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Regular maintenance will extend the life of your helmet and ensure its continued protective capabilities.

### Cleaning

- **Exterior:** Clean the outer shell with mild soap and water. Use a soft cloth to wipe away dirt and grime. Avoid abrasive cleaners or solvents.
- **Interior:** The interior padding can be wiped down with a damp cloth. For deeper cleaning, some padding components may be removable (refer to specific instructions if applicable). Allow to air dry completely.
- **Facemask:** Clean the facemask bars with soap and water. Inspect for rust or damage.

## Storage

Store the helmet in a cool, dry place away from direct sunlight and extreme temperatures. Do not store heavy objects on top of the helmet, as this can deform the shell or padding.

## Inspection Schedule

- **Before Each Use:** Check for cracks, dents, loose parts, or any visible damage.
- **Weekly:** Inspect chin strap, facemask attachments, and internal padding for wear and tear.
- **Annually:** Consider professional inspection or reconditioning, especially if the helmet has sustained significant impacts.

## TROUBLESHOOTING

Problem	Possible Cause	Solution
Helmet feels loose or shifts during play.	Improper sizing; chin strap not tight enough; worn padding.	Re-evaluate helmet size and fit. Tighten chin strap. Inspect and replace worn internal padding if necessary.
Discomfort or pressure points.	Improper fit; padding misalignment.	Adjust helmet position. Ensure internal padding is correctly seated. If discomfort persists, the helmet size may be incorrect.
Facemask is loose or wobbly.	Loose attachment screws/clips; damaged facemask.	Tighten all facemask attachment screws and clips. If the facemask is bent or broken, it must be replaced.
Visible damage to shell (cracks, deep scratches).	Impact damage; improper handling/storage.	<b>DO NOT USE. The helmet's protective integrity is compromised. Replace the helmet immediately.</b>

## SPECIFICATIONS

**Model Name:** Schutt F7 VTD Collegiate

**Size:** Large

**Color:** Molded Gloss White

**Outer Material:** Polycarbonate (PC)

**Inner Material:** Foam (TPU)

**Facemask Style:** ROPO DW NB VC (Carbon Steel)

**Weight:** Approximately 4.1 Pounds (1.86 kg)

**Dimensions (LxWxH):** Approximately 10 x 12 x 10 inches (25.4 x 30.5 x 25.4 cm)

**Safety Rating:** 5-star Virginia Tech Helmet Ratings

**UPC:** 714195586019

## WARRANTY INFORMATION

Schutt Sports provides a limited warranty on its football helmets against defects in materials and workmanship. The

specific duration and terms of the warranty may vary. Please retain your proof of purchase. For detailed warranty information, including coverage and how to make a claim, please refer to the official Schutt Sports website or contact their customer support directly. Unauthorized modifications or improper use may void the warranty.

## SUPPORT AND CONTACT

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For further assistance, questions, or to report issues with your Schutt F7 VTD Collegiate Football Helmet, please contact Schutt Sports customer service:

**Website:** [www.schuttsports.com](http://www.schuttsports.com)

**Customer Service:** Refer to the website for current contact numbers or email forms.

Always provide your helmet's model name (F7 VTD Collegiate) and any relevant serial numbers when contacting support.

