

Track Guys Performance Driving Events

General Rules & Regulations

Drivers

- ◆ All drivers must be 18 years old or older and have a valid driver's license. All vehicles must carry liability insurance of at least the state minimum for use on public roadways (this applies to licensed vehicles. Race specific cars are exempt from this rule).

Eligible Vehicles

- ◆ Any make or model of car is welcome at Track Guys Events.
- ◆ **NEW! - Convertibles require roll bar / roll over protection (see below)**
- ◆ No open wheel cars.

Ground School

All drivers must attend the Driver's Meeting held on-site prior to the event.
Drivers must attend or they will not be permitted to run.

Helmets

- ◆ You may bring your own helmet to the event. The helmet must carry a "SNELL SA05 or SA10 rating*. **No M-rated helmets will be allowed. PERIOD.**
- ◆ If you show up with an inferior or older rated helmet, you will not be allowed to use that helmet.
- ◆ Track Guys will have limited helmets available for loan and they will be shared with other participants.

*The "SA" designation stands for Special Applications and is directed towards requirements unique to auto events. The performance tests for these helmets are somewhat different than the tests motorcycle helmets are subject to. In addition, "SA" rated helmets have stricter requirements for flame retardance. This is why motorcycle helmets (which carry an "M" designation) are NOT acceptable. The Snell foundation rates and certifies helmets and they upgrade their certification every 5 years. Helmets do not last forever. After 5 years their protective qualities begin to decline. After 8 years, helmets should be replaced. This what the SA10 and SA05 labels will look like – they will be located INSIDE your helmet under the fabric liner.



Inclement Weather

- ◆ All events will run rain or shine.
- ◆ Events will not be rescheduled.
- ◆ In the event of rain, cars MUST run with wipers and headlights on. Cars must run with driver's window down **at all times rain or shine.**
- ◆ The event may be suspended due to excessive rain, sleet, snow, on-track flooding, fog or other conditions determined "unsafe to proceed" by track operation personnel.
- ◆ The track will only go back to an operational condition with the approval of track operation personnel.

NEW! – Convertible Requirements

All convertible vehicles MUST have a properly manufactured and installed roll bar or roll over protection device to participate in Track Guys On Track events (not including controlled-speed "parade lap" sessions). This applies to groups 1 and 2 (beginner and novice groups) only.

- * The windshield alone IS NOT considered to be factory roll over protection.
- * "Style bars" and "light bars" ARE NOT considered roll bars or roll over protection.

Roll Bars / Roll Over Protection

If a car does not have factory installed roll over protection, a properly manufactured and installed roll bar must be used. Once installed, the driver's helmeted head MUST be below a bar placed on top of the roll bar / roll over protection device and the top of the windshield, i.e., the "broomstick" rule. Roll bar padding is very strongly recommended.

Roll Bars / Roll Over Protection must be;

- 1) Purchased from an approved vendor (Autopower) and properly installed (following manufacturer installation guidelines - bolt-in or weld-in).
- 2) Custom manufactured from a minimum of 1.75" x .120 ERW or DOM tubing and properly installed - bolt-in or weld-in.
- 3) All roll bars / roll over protection devices must have a minimum of four (4) attachment points.

Additionally,

- * ALL convertibles must run with soft tops in up/closed position, regardless of factory-installed or owner-installed roll over protection.
- * Any make of car delivered with factory-installed roll over protection meets the minimum standards for Track Guys On Track events. In these cars, the soft-top must be run in the up position or a factory-supplied hard top installed.
- * All sunroofs and t-tops must be run in the closed position.
- * All targa tops must be run in the closed position.
- * Approval of all roll bars / roll over protection devices are subject to the Lead Tech Inspector and/or Lead Instructor.
- * A convertible with a race sanctioning body (e.g., SCCA, NASA, etc) APPROVED roll cage may be allowed to participate without use of a soft top or hardtop ONLY with approval of the Lead Tech Inspector and/or Lead Instructor.

Refund Policy

- ◆ Please refer to the refund policy for each event. Sorry, no exceptions.
- ◆ There will be no refunds due to inclement weather.
- ◆ If your vehicle fails to comply with tech inspections on the day of the event, there will be no refunds at that time and your vehicle will not be allowed to run on the track.

Passengers

- ◆ Only Track Guys INSTRUCTORS are allowed as passengers in student vehicles during driving activities.
- ◆ Track Guys Instructors may be allowed to take passengers ONLY with the approval of the Lead Instructor)
- ◆ Passengers ARE allowed during parade laps and/or charity laps

Registration

All participants must register with us upon arrival. **All participants must register before proceeding to vehicle Tech Inspection. Every participant must sign the appropriate waivers before being allowed into the track.**

Rejections on General Principle

Any car, which appears to be unsafe or unfinished, will be rejected. TRACK GUYS reserves the right to deny the privilege of participating in the event to anyone for reasons that may be related to safety, attitude problems, car appearance or any other reason deemed appropriate within the spirit of the event. These decisions will be made at the discretion of the Lead Instructor, Event Registrar and/or Chief of Tech and Safety. In such a case, no refund fee will be granted, and no other costs will be reimbursed.

Spectator and Participants

- ◆ Spectators are welcome. But everyone who enters must sign insurance waivers. NO EXCEPTIONS!
- ◆ Parents or legal guardians of children under the age of 18 MUST sign a "minor" release form prior to entry.
- ◆ Only drivers with a car on the grid will be allowed in the pit lane.

Video Cameras

Hand-held video cameras are not allowed inside the vehicle while on the track. The only video cameras allowed inside the vehicle out on the track are one's which are securely mounted to the car. If a corner worker or Grid Marshal sees any hand-held camera, you will be black-flagged. Suction-cup mounted cameras OK.

Tech Inspection

◆ **All Cars Must Pass Tech Inspection Before Being Allowed To Participate In Driving Events.**

- ◆ No car will be allowed on the track without the proper tech stickers.
- ◆ **Inspect your car thoroughly prior to the event.** (The responsibility of putting a safe car on the track rests with you.) If you show up without your tech inspection form filled out, you will be asked to step out of the tech inspection line to complete it before returning to the line. (And if you have ever been to these events, you know that the tech line is can be LONG! The following requirements will be adhered to:

Passing

- ◆ **Passing is only on designated sections of the track.**
- ◆ All passes will be completed only with a point by given by the car being over taken.
- ◆ **All passing will be completed in a safe manor any violations will not be tolerated.**

Going Off Track

- ◆ Putting four wheels off track requires coming into the pits to have your car checked. If you do not come in on your own, you will be black flagged.
- ◆ Putting two wheels off track requires coming into the pits to have your car checked. If you do not come in on your own, you will be black flagged.
- ◆ **Going four wheels off twice in one session and you will be required to sit out the rest of the session.**
- ◆ **Going four wheels off more then twice in a day will require sitting out the rest of the day.**
- ◆ **Excessive off tracks will cause you to be parked for the remainder of the event with no refunds.**

Run Groups

- ◆ Beginner—this is your first or second time on track and you are required to have an in car instructor and to attend class room sessions.
- ◆ Novice—Participated in 2 to 5 events. Novice is also required to have an in car instructor and to attend class room sessions.
- ◆ Intermediate—participated in more than 6 on track events and had an instructor. Intermediate participants are not required to have an instructor but can ask for one.
- ◆ Advanced— you have more than 10 track events at different tracks and have had an instructor.
- ◆ Track Guys Test Drive – single day, single session run group. Drivers WILL have in-car instructor with them on track and the entire session will be run under a "standing yellow" condition. No passing

♦ **NEW! - Convertible cars** – All convertibles must run with an **approved** roll bar. Minimum spec: 4 point mounting, 1.750 x .120 steel tubes. No Exceptions. This applies to run groups 1 and 2 (Beginner and Novice).

Trucks – Trucks must run with tailgates up or removed. All soft tonneau covers must be removed.

Helmets – Helmets with Snell SA05 or SA10 ratings are **REQUIRED**. **No exceptions!** Helmets must be free of damage and fit properly. Straps must be strong and flexible. We will have a LIMITED number of helmets to loan out. These helmets will be shared with others during the event.

Driver Attire – All drivers must wear **long pants, leather or leather/canvas shoes and a long-sleeve cotton shirt**. Driving suits are recommended but **not** required.

Seatbelts – Seatbelt usage is **REQUIRED**. Factory seat belts are OK. Aftermarket "DOT" approved or competition seatbelt/harness may be used IF **PROPERLY** installed. All Belts must be in good condition with no cuts or frays and mounted securely.

Mirrors – Each car must have at least one rear-view mirror. Two are recommended

Interior – Seats must be mounted securely. All loose objects must be removed. No loose wires under the dash. A fire extinguisher is recommended. Halon is preferred. Fire extinguisher bracket must be metal, not plastic. All video cameras must be securely mounted inside the car. No hand-held video cameras will be permitted.

Battery – Must be securely mounted; terminals tight and in good working order. Terminals should be covered and/or taped.

Trunk/Rear hatch – All loose items must be removed. Spare tire, jack and lug wrench secured with factory hardware or removed.

Tires - Should have at least 20% of the original tread (unless they are race tires); sidewalls should be in good condition (free of cuts, cracks, or deep scratched). Check treads for foreign objects (nails, screws, glass, etc.). Tires should be the proper size for the rim and must clear suspension and fender edges without rubbing. Rated tires must carry a minimum of "S" rating (112 MPH). Unrated tires must be in good condition. **Tires should be cold-inflated to AT LEAST 32 psi. INFLATE YOUR TIRES PRIOR TO ARRIVING AT THE TRACK.**

Wheels – On tight with all lugs in place. Wheels will be checked for proper torque and inspected for cracks. Hubcaps or trim rings must be removed.

Brakes – Brake pads should have at least half of the original material remaining before the event. Fluid level must be at fill line. Brake fluid should be changed if it appears dark, as this is an indication of water in the fluid which can affect braking performance during extended brake use.

Brake Lights – Must be operational.

Fluid Leaks – None allowed. Car will be checked while running. Includes oil, coolant, brake and fuel lines. If no coolant overflow system, you'll need a catch can.

Steering – Steering should not have excessive play. Power steering should be free of leaks at hoses and seals. Both manual and power fluid levels should be checked. Front wheels should be tight at bearing and spindle. Steering linkage (tie rods, idle arm, etc.) should be in good condition.

Glass – Window glass must not be cracked or broken. Cars with T-tops or sunroofs must run with tops or glass installed and closed. All front door glass must remain fully lowered when on track.

Exhaust System – Entire system should be in good condition, with no leaks.

Radiator Overflow Catch Can – One must be in place if your car does not have a coolant overflow system. Catch can must be securely mounted with a minimum one-quart capacity.

Throttle Return Spring – Two required. No exceptions. Most EFI vehicles have two factory installed springs. One on the throttle valve, and one on the cable.

Bras – Vehicles may run with bras, as long as they are securely attached.