

10) VEHICLE STANDARDS

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a) Car Safety Inspection

It is the sole responsibility of each Entrant to present a vehicle which is safe to operate in a high performance driving situation and is in sound mechanical condition. The car owner must certify that the car is safe to run on the track and that the car has been inspected by a regionally approved person or shop within one hundred twenty days (120) prior to the event. [Note: Check host Region's protocols as they may vary between thirty (30) and one hundred twenty (120) days.] A completed **PCA Driver Education Pre-Track Car Safety Technical Inspection Form** signed by the Entrant driver and the approved person or shop is required to be presented to the Region at the Event, but the Entrant driver must maintain the original form throughout its valid duration. Separately, the Final Safety Inspection Form (noted in 10b) must be completed and handed in to the Region at the Event, and the Region shall retain the form in either physical or electronically scanned format according to PCA's current Record Retention and Destruction Policy in the PCA Manual of National Policy and Procedures.

If the Entrant's car has had an incident requiring an Incident Report or has experienced a mechanical failure at a prior PCA or other organization event, the Entrant must provide a new completed PCA Driver Education Pre-Track Car Safety Technical Inspection Form in order to participate in a PCA HPDE Event. Regions or Zones may have more stringent Minimum Standard Tech form requirements than the National Tech Form none more lenient.

b) Final Safety Inspection

Safety inspection by PCA Region or Zone volunteers does not relieve an Entrant of his/her responsibility for the safety of the vehicle entered into the Event. A final safety inspection of the car, led by the Region, shall be performed within 24 hours at a site near or at the Event Facility. This shall include inspection of the following: All loose objects or distracting items removed; At least one functioning brake light; Gas cap and battery secure; Wheel lug nuts torqued (Regions may choose to have Entrant perform this in front of inspector or by asking Entrant if he/she has torqued them); Helmet with proper Snell rating; Head and neck restraint system required with harnesses; Car numbers in place at least 4" in height; Proper clothing attire (per Region rules) and any other items deemed necessary by the Region and/or Event Chair.

In conjunction with the PCA Driver Education Pre-Track Car Safety Technical Inspection Form (which is retained by the Entrant) and after completing the PCA Driver Education Final Safety Technical Inspection Form (which is turned into to Region), the car shall be accepted to the Event. The car shall then be identified with a sticker or some other means as having passed the final inspection for the Event.

Current PCA race cars with current PCA log books and driven by the corresponding PCA racer may skip the Final Safety Technical Inspection grid tech at a DE Event if they present the completed PCA Driver Education Pre-Track Car Safety Technical Inspection Form and log book to the Event Registrar or Safety Inspector / Tech Inspector.