



Policy on Convertibles

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The Drivers Club allows convertibles that have structural rollover protection OR pop-up rollover protection to participate in Member Driving Days.

The Drivers Club does not allow convertibles **without** rollover protection to use in Drivers Club Driving Days, **unless** they have four-point structural roll hoops installed to an SCCA Solo 1 Time Trial rules standard. They can be bolt-in or welded, but must provide a full hoop with down bars from the corners of the hoop triangulating toward the rear of the car. (NOTE: We highly recommend that cars with this kind of protection installed, also utilize a five point safety belt system for both driver and passenger.)

The cars listed below must follow the above requirement, however, T-top versions of these cars **are** allowed, as are all Corvette Coupes. (NOTE: Fiberglass hardtops do not provide structural protection thus they do not qualify the car.)

- Porsche Cabriolet, pre-996 (air-cooled)
- Mustang
- Corvette
- Camaro
- Firebird
- Miata (1990-2006)
- Solstice
- GXP
- Solaris
- First gen Z3's
- Most British and Italian sports cars from the 40's through the 80's.

NOTES:

- Some instructors will not be willing to ride-along/instruct in a convertible, and The Drivers Club cannot require them to. So keep this in mind when deciding on what car to bring to the track, and/or which instructor to higher.
- All cars must meet the "broomstick rule" (top of helmet must be below a "boom-stick" from roll bar to windshield)
- Currently some states regulate whether or not an open car with pop-up protection can participate in track days. If the State of Virginia ever implements a law like this, this policy would be changed at The Drivers Club.
- It is required that drivers of cars with their tops down, have eye protection, with a minimum of safety/driving goggles, however The Drivers Club recommends a full-faced helmet with shield down.
- The following convertibles with factory rollover protection, **are** allowed:
 - Porsche Cabriolet (996, 997)
 - Boxster
 - BMW Z4
 - Audi TT
 - Ferrari Italia Spyder and 360/430 Spyder
 - Nissan 350/370Z roadster
 - BMW M3 and 3 series (1999-present)
 - Audi Convertible
 - Honda S2000
 - Mazda Miata 2007-present
 - Mercedes S, SLK, and CLK
 - Other cars with stated production "factory rollover" protection.