



POLICY ON CONVERTIBLE CARS AT HIGH-SPEED ROAD COURSE EVENTS – POSTED JANUARY 2019

Dominion Raceway allows convertibles on track at our high-speed events (Drivers Club member driving days, HPDRE, Open Practice, TrackCross, etc) that have structural rollover protection OR pop-up rollover protection. DR does not allow convertibles without rollover protection 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. We highly recommend that cars with this kind of protection installed, also utilize a five or six point safety belt system for both driver and passenger.

All convertibles on track must pass the “broomstick test” at all times (top of helmet must be below a real or imaginary broomstick from top of roll bar to windshield) like this...

"Broomstick Test" for convertibles:



The following convertibles are allowed with factory rollover protection only if they pass the broomstick test:

- Porsche Cabriolet (996, 997)
- Porsche Boxster
- BMW Z4
- Audi TT
- Ferrari Italia Spyder and 360/430 Spyder
- Nissan 350/370Z roadster
- BMW M3 and 3 series (1999-present)
- Honda S2000
- Mazda Miata 2007-present
- Mercedes S, SLK, and CLK
- Other cars TBA with stated production “factory rollover” protection.

The cars listed below will need aftermarket rollbars to pass a broomstick test. However, T-top or Targa versions of these cars are allowed, as are all Corvette Coupes. NOTE: power, movable, or removable hardtops are not structural/permanent, thus they do not qualify as rollover protection.

- 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 DR cannot require them to. So keep this in mind when deciding on what car to bring to the track.
- Currently some states regulate whether or not an open car with pop-up protection can participate. If the State of Virginia ever implements a law like this, this policy would be changed at DR.
- It is required that drivers of convertibles with their tops down have eye protection - a minimum of safety/driving goggles - however DR recommends a full-face Snell SA helmet with shield down.

