



## POLICY ON CONVERTIBLE CARS AT HIGH-SPEED ROAD COURSE EVENTS – UPDATED FOR 2020

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 full width structural roll hoops installed to an SCCA Solo 1 Time Trial rules standard. They can be bolt-in or weld-in 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 should also utilize a five- or six-point safety belt system for both driver and passenger, four-point belts may not pass tech.

**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
- Mercedes S, SLK, and CLK
- Other cars TBA with stated production “factory rollover” protection.

**The cars listed below will need aftermarket 4-point full width rollbars to pass a broomstick test:**

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

NOTE 1: T-top or Targa or large sunroof versions of these cars are typically allowed. However, cars with power, movable, or removable hardtops (including Miata PRHT and RF versions) are not structural/permanent components, thus they do not qualify as rollover protection.

NOTE 2: Some instructors will not be willing to ride-along/instruct in a convertible, and DR cannot require them to. You may end up sitting on pit road instead of enjoying the track time you paid for until this is corrected.

NOTE 3: It is required that drivers of convertibles with their tops down have eye protection - a minimum of safety/driving goggles - however DR recommends wearing a full face Snell SA rated helmet with the shield down.

NOTE 4: 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.