

High Performance Drivers Education 101

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HPDE 101 Outline

- ***High Performance Drivers Education (HPDE) Overview***
- ***Lead-Follow Instruction***
- ***Panel Discussion***
- ***Questions and Answers***

Porsche Video

High Performance Drivers Education Overview

- A HPDE is not a race! It's a controlled learning event on dedicated race tracks to teach drivers proper high speed driving techniques
- HPDE is an opportunity to enjoy your car in the safe, controlled environment of a race track. Everyone is driving in the same direction
- Drivers are grouped according to their ability, experience, and speed potential of their cars. Novices will typically be grouped together.
- Cars on-track operate under strict "rules of engagement" which minimize the likelihood of dangerous encounters with other cars
- HPDEs encourage participants to drive within their ability and improve their car-control skills. Instructors teach students proper high speed driving techniques and make recommendations on how the student can advance their driving skills

High Performance Drivers Education Event Overview

What Will You Learn? – A Lot!

- *Track Safety*
- *Proper Seat and Hand Position*
- *Smooth Steering, Braking, and Throttle*
- *Fastest Way to Get Around a Track*
 - *Corners and Straightaways*
 - *How Much Throttle to Apply and When*
- *How to Really Have Fun in a Porsche*

Typical Novice Day at a HPDE

- *Show up early to register*
- *Take everything out of your car!*
- *8:00 AM Drivers Meeting to go over the rules of the event and meet your instructor*
- *Ground school to learn how to drive on the track*
- *Top Tech to ensure everything is out of the car*
- *First (of typically 4) run session of day.*
- *Additional Ground school Sessions after each run session.*
- *Lunch*
- *Afternoon sessions*
- *“Beer 30” at the conclusion of the day’s event to celebrate a fantastic day!*

What to Bring

- *Cotton pants and cotton shirt (Long sleeve recommended)*
- *Closed toe shoes*
- *Helmet (Loaners are available)*
- *Hat*
- *Sunscreen*
- *Snacks and Gatorade (Water Provided by AMR)*
- *Tire Pressure Gauge*
- *Air Compressor*
- *Painters Tape*
- *An open mind and a willingness to learn*

2021 HPDE Driving Events Schedule

April 17 – 18 at La Junta Raceway

June 5-6 at Pueblo Motorsports Park

August 28 – 29 at Pueblo Motorsports Park

October 2 – 3 at La Junta Raceway

Lead – Follow Instruction Overview

- ***New program from PCA National***
- ***Targeted at novices***
- ***COVID-friendly***
- ***Safety first***
- ***In its own run group***
- ***Includes in-paddock instruction before and after driving***

Lead – Follow Instruction Overview

- ***Instructor leads a “pod” of two cars, with student following***
- ***Car to car radio communication***
- ***Covers all basics of car control***
- ***Can also include student leading instructor (inverted L-F)***

Panel Discussion



Questions?