

HPDE 101

How to prepare and attend your first Driver's Education event with confidence

BEFORE

- Choose your event and register (www.motorsportsreg.com)
- Pick a number for your car on the registration website (if you don't choose one will be assigned to you)
- Schedule your tech inspection (must be no OLDER than 4 weeks, 10-14 days before is preferred)
- Print off schedule of day's events/track map from registration page
- Organize your gear (see list under Gear)
- Watch videos on You Tube of cars on the track for the event (optional but helpful)

NIGHT BEFORE

- Get your gear together and even packed in your car for the morning
- Make sure you have directions and start times for the event
- Get a good night's sleep – this is not the time to do an all-night pub crawl
- Set your alarm

IT'S TRACK DAY

- Pack your car with everything you'll need
- Leave with plenty of time to get to the track (including stops) plan to arrive when registration opens (usually 7 am)
- Top off, or fuel up as close to the track as possible
- Arrive at the event – and choose a parking spot in the paddock
- Bring your completed tech sheet, helmet and driver's license to Registration
- Obtain wristbands and put them on for the weekend
- Return to your car and unload everything you brought and anything loose inside the car: floor mats, garage door opener – anything movable inside must be taken out – put both hood/hatch/"frunk" in the open position to signal you're ready for Top Tech*
- Check air pressure in tires
- Torque your wheels
- Attend Driver's Meeting – meet your instructor
- ASK QUESTIONS – IF YOU DON'T KNOW ASK HOW/WHERE/WHEN

TYPICAL DAY

Arrive at track

Registration

Prepare Car for Top Tech*

Driver's Meeting/Instructor Meet and Greet*

Track goes "hot"

Advanced Sessions/Novice Ground School

Sessions run in order (see schedule and also times can vary, so listen for announcements)

-2 X 20/25 min. morning sessions, break for lunch, 2 X 20/25 minute afternoon sessions

Track goes "cold"

-Beer 30 (A celebration of the day's events)

*Common for AMR/PCA events. Procedures may vary by club.

GEAR

This list represents a **minimum** level of gear – what and how much you bring is up to you and what can fit in your car. Remember, all of it will have to be removed before going on track – so pack accordingly.

HELPFUL TIP: *Plastic bins with snap on lids (Home Depot or Walmart) work great for corralling gear. Since everything must come out of the car, this can work for storage for those items as well. It also keeps things dry, and out of the wind. Consider making a “track” box with all your gear stored and ready to go. Some bring a tarp to lay their stuff out, and cover in case of inclement weather. You can also choose to leave things at home such as floor mats, etc. It is a personal choice.*

ABSOLUTLEY MUST HAVE

- Helmet: SNELL 2015 or 2020** (we have loaners – please prearrange with Event Chair)
- Long pants, long or short sleeve shirt, flat sole shoes with closed toe
- Numbers for both sides of your car – can be decals, removable vinyl, or painter’s tape

FREQUENTLY SEEN:

- Tire pressure gauge
- paper towels
- Sunglasses
- Driving gloves
- Cooler with drinks, snacks
- cash for lunch
- torque wrench
- window cleaner
- Hat (sun protection)
- folding chair
- sunscreen, lip balm

OPTIONAL

- specific tools for your car, comfort level
- sun shade tent (pop up, 10X10 easy up etc. events can be windy – you’ve been warned)
- quart of oil

AMR provides WATER! This is a sport, and you will become dehydrated if you do not consume enough. Being dehydrated slows down reaction time, gives you a headache and can be a bummer for the day. Most locations have a concession stand or a food truck for coffee/breakfast/lunch/snacks. You are still welcome to bring your own drinks/food/snacks – encouraged if you have dietary restrictions (this is track food – burgers, fries, etc.)

Tech Inspection:

Porsche Colorado Springs
917 Motor City Drive
Colorado Springs
719-216-1911 (ask for service)

Big Mission Motorsports
579 County Line Road Unit A
Palmer Lake
719-375-1527

European Performance Specialists
511 29th Street
Colorado Springs
719-475-1046

Helmets/Gear

Wine Country Motorsports
14 Inverness Drive E Suite A-138
Englewood
800-251-8917

Car Numbers/Decals

Creative Consortium
114 W. Cimarron Street
Colorado Springs
719-362-4560