

# PCA Autocross Safety Inspection

January 2026

**It is the sole responsibility of each participant to present a vehicle that is safe to operate in an autocross event and is in sound mechanical condition. Safety inspection by PCA Region volunteers does not relieve the participant of their responsibility for the safety of the vehicle they have entered.**

**Helmet** meets current or two prior SA / M, or K 2015, 2020, or 2025 ratings. Helmets built to Snell Foundation Standards or other standards such as FIA 8860, SFI 31.1 and BS6658-85 Type A-FR are approved. The helmet should be in good physical shape. Liner is not loose inside. Straps are not frayed. No obvious outer shell damage. Drivers of cars with no windshields must have eye protection.

**Gas Cap** securely in place

**Seatbelts** must be in good condition and not overly worn, frayed, or stiff. 5 or 6-point racing harnesses must be installed per manufacturer's instructions. If non-factory upper restraints are installed in open cars, factory roll over protection or aftermarket roll bar/cage must be installed.

**Seats** are properly attached and functional

**Wheels** must be free of cracks and all fasteners installed on all wheels

**Tires** must have no cord showing at any time and be free of cracks. 200 tread wear minimum.

**Vehicle Numbers Assigned by Registration** should be at least 12 inches high with 2 inch strokes. Color should contrast background or car color.

**Throttle** operates properly

**Brake pedal** must not go to the floor without any resistance

**Brake rotors or drums** must not be cracked to the edges

**Brake fluid** must be between the min and maximum level in the reservoir (if visible)

**Fluid** leakage must not be significant

**Battery** must be attached securely to the frame or chassis

**Final Prep:** All loose objects inside the passenger compartment or trunk(s) must be removed. Cameras must be securely mounted.