

Mustang Club of America Convertible Requirements

Convertible/Open Cockpit Rules – All Convertibles MUST run with the roof in the up and/or closed position.

All Open Cockpit cars are required to have either OEM/Factory Rollover Protection or approved aftermarket roll over protection that is 1” higher than the driver’s helmet while seated in a normal seating position.

A simple Height Test involves taking a broom stick and level attached to the broom stick and laying the broom stick on top of the vehicle’s “Rollover Protection” while level and seeing that you are an inch below the broom stick while in a normal driving position with your helmet on. Note: in some cars the windshield frame (A pillar) is reinforced factory roll over protection. (see below)

Details on Rollover Protection:

Double and Single Roll Hoops, Factory POWER Hard Tops, “A” Pillar Rollover Protection and Factory Rollover Protection Systems (Pop-Up Roll Bars) are all approved if they are “factory documented rollover protection” and are above the height requirements. (see above) Note: single side rollover hoops are allowed if the driver is solo approved and does NOT have a passenger.

Factory Rollover Protection Deployable System:

Hidden deployable rollover bars behind the front seats that deploy automatically if sensors detect an impending rollover. **Note:** Many Porsche, BMW & other convertibles have these (pop-up roll bars). If you have a question about yours, please use the internet or contact a factory representative to check on factory documented information on your convertible if you are unsure.

Aftermarket roll bars are required to be able to at a minimum sustain the vehicles weight and are at least 1” above the height requirements. (driver’s helmet)

- It is the driver’s responsibility to provide documented proof that the aftermarket rollover protection (roll bars) does meet the requirements stated above.

Important Notes:

- SCCA, PCA & NASA approved roll bars are all acceptable.
- Drivers of cars with open cockpits **MUST** wear closed-faced helmets only.
- Fiberglass hardtops or any other convertible hard top do not provide structural protection thus they are not approved rollover protection.
- The Height Test may be checked at the track and if you **DO NOT** pass this test, you will forfeit your registration fee and not be able to run the event. Convertible Passengers: need to be 1” or more below the approved roll bar.

Specific Automobile Model Information on Convertibles, Roadsters, Cabriolets & Spiders:

Note: If you do not see the car in-question please use the internet or other reliable sources to check factory documented information on your convertible.

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* It is the driver's responsibility to provide this proof with factory documented rollover protection.

List of topless cars known to have factory rollover protection that are approved.

- Audi TT, A4, S4, A5, S5 & R8
- Aston Martin *1998-present
- Bentley Continental
- BMW Z4 & Z3, 3 series, 6 series, M series *1998-present
- Bugatti Veyron
- Corvette C6
- Camaro 2011-present
- Dodge Viper SRT-10 *2004-present

- Jaguar *1998-present
- Honda S2000 & NSX
- Lamborghini Gallardo, Murcielago, Diablo, LP560, LP640 roadsters, Performante
- Mazda Miata *2007-2014
- Mercedes S, SLK and CLK Convertible
- Mini & S
- Nissan 350/370Z
- Porsche Carrera GT, Boxster, Spider, 996 & 997
- Volkswagen Eos & Beetle

*Kit Cars of all types, please look at manufacturing documentation.

*Any car with documented production factory rollover protection.

List of known topless cars that do NOT have “factory roll over protection” and would be required to “add approved rollover protection” to run.

- BMW Z3 1996-97 without factory roll over hoops (1998 and newer are approved)
- Camaro Convertible
- Corvette Convertible up to C5 (C6 and newer are approved to run)
- Dodge Viper RT Convertible 1992-2003 (SRT 2004 and newer are approved)
- Firebird Convertible
- Mazda Miata 1990-2006 (2007 and newer are approved)
- Mustang all models Convertible
- Lexus SC 430 Convertible
- Porsche 993 Cabriolet, pre-1998 Porsche 996 (air-cooled)
- Pontiac Solstice & GXP
- Saturn Sky
- Toyota Solaris

***Special Notes:** T Top versions of these cars are allowed.

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