

TECHNICAL INSPECTION

Every vehicle, all of its components, and any related items, including personal protective equipment, components that are not affixed to or have been removed from the vehicle, and computer or electronic devices and data, and anything else used by the participant and/or the vehicle (all as further defined below), are subject to technical inspection.

Technical inspection can occur at any time before, during or after an event, at the time and in the place and manner directed by the NHRA Tech Department or any designated event official, and regardless of the technical inspection category that applies to the participant. Therefore, the participant must be prepared to demonstrate compliance with all applicable NHRA rules at any time.

The term “event official” means any individual designated by NHRA, or for NHRA Member Track events, any individual designated by the Member Track, to officiate over matters at the applicable event.

The term “tech card” means and includes any mode or method prescribed by NHRA or the applicable Member Track to collect technical information about the participant’s vehicle, component parts, and personal protective equipment, for use at the applicable event, whether the tech card is completed and submitted electronically/online, on paper, or otherwise. The tech card is a legally binding document.

The term “personal protective equipment” or “PPE” includes, by way of illustration and not limitation, any clothing, article, item or gear worn on or affixed to the participant’s body during participation in any event and any other items meant to assist in the protection of the participant.

The term “vehicle” as used below includes, by way of illustration and not limitation, the participant’s vehicle, any component part thereof, any data or other electronic information relating to the vehicle, anything affixed to the vehicle, any equipment used on or to support the vehicle, and any fuel, liquids or gases used by the vehicle.

The terms “they,” “their” and “them” are used as a generic third-person singular pronoun, as well as in the traditional plural meaning, as applicable in context.

There are three different categories of technical inspection:

- (a) Pre-event tech inspection by an event official.** For pre-event tech inspection by an event official, each participant must complete, sign and present to a designated event official the tech card prescribed for the applicable event. In the discretion of NHRA or the applicable Member Track, the tech card may be required to be submitted online. Each vehicle and PPE are subject to in-person technical inspection by an event official before the event, and at any time during or after the event. A tech inspection conducted for an event that is postponed remains valid for the postponed event.

(b) Extended Technical Inspection Program (“ETI”). The ETI program is available through NHRA divisions and member tracks and allows participants to bypass in-person physical pre-event tech inspection at certain events. Contact your Division Director for more information.

(c) Participant Self-Certification Tech System – Only at Events Designated by NHRA and Only for Vehicles Designated by NHRA. The Participant Self-Certification Tech System (“PSTS”) in general, relies on the participant’s superior knowledge of their own vehicle and PPE and the participant’s responsibility to be familiar with and comply with the NHRA Rulebook. The PSTS requires the tech card to be submitted online in advance and does not require and generally does not include pre-event inspection by an event official. At events designated by NHRA for PSTS, in-person technical inspection (whether before, during or after the event) may or may not occur, in the sole and absolute discretion of the NHRA Tech Department or an event official. At present, PSTS is used at designated Divisional Events and for all vehicles at National Events.

To facilitate technical inspection and rule compliance in all categories, all participants must ensure that a tech card is completed and signed (electronically or on paper) for each vehicle prior to participation in any event, and that the tech card is submitted to the appropriate officials in the manner required for the applicable event (electronic or paper) prior to participation in the event. The time, place and manner for completion and submission of the tech card, whether online or on paper, will be determined by the NHRA Tech Department or applicable event officials. It is the participant’s responsibility to learn and comply with the category of technical inspection that applies to the event and to abide by the official decision.

By participating in the event, the participant understands and agrees that NHRA and event officials at any NHRA Member Track may at any time inspect, seal for inspection, tear down, and/or conduct testing by any means or method they deem appropriate on a vehicle or any part thereof, including PPE and components that are not affixed to or have been removed from the vehicle and computer or electronic devices and data, including without limitation data preserved away or apart from the vehicle. Though NHRA and event officials at any NHRA Member Track will seek to avoid destructive testing, destructive testing is permitted if deemed necessary in the sole and absolute discretion of NHRA and event officials at any NHRA Member Track. Moreover, though NHRA and event officials at any NHRA Member Track will seek to return any items retained for inspection or testing, they reserve the right to retain items permanently and/or convey or destroy items if appropriate, and participant waives any property or privacy interests that may be to the contrary.

Not complying in full, interfering with, or otherwise impeding any inspection request, and refusing any inspection request, will result in disqualification from further competition, any form of participation, and such other penalties as deemed appropriate by NHRA or Member Track officials.

All determinations by event officials regarding the timing and method of technical inspection are final and are not subject to appeal or review. Technical inspection assists event officials with determining eligibility for participation in an event, compliance with rules, or other matters deemed necessary by the officials, all in their judgment and discretion. Technical inspection does not ensure that the vehicle or PPE or any part thereof is safe. Technical inspection does not ensure that a vehicle, in whole or in part, is in compliance with the Rulebook. Technical inspection by an event official does not in any way change the fact that the driver, the crewmembers, and the vehicle owner are ultimately responsible for the safety and operation of the vehicle and PPE, and the ultimate decision as to whether or not to participate in any event, even if such participation is approved by an event official.

By conducting a technical inspection, NHRA and its member tracks, and each of their respective directors, officers, agents, employees and officials, make no representations, warranties, or assurances that a technical inspection, including the review of any written information or data, will do any or all of the following:

- 1) Detect every or any problem with a vehicle or a participant's PPE; or
- 2) Detect every problem with rule compliance; or
- 3) Prevent injury, death or property damage.

The participant agrees that they bear the ultimate responsibility at all times to ensure the safety of their vehicle, equipment and PPE, and compliance with all then-current NHRA rules, regulations, and agreements, including but not limited to those contained in this Rulebook. The participant agrees that they are in the best position to know about the construction and operation of their vehicle, the vehicle's equipment and PPE, and whether there has been compliance with all NHRA rules, regulations and agreements, including but not limited to those contained in the Rulebook. Moreover, in the case of technical violations, the participant acknowledges, understands and agrees that they are charged with full knowledge of every component in, on or of their vehicle and PPE, and that even if a third party (for example, an engine builder) has caused the participant's vehicle, equipment or PPE to be noncompliant, the participant will still be responsible for and charged with any applicable violation and sanction. Disclaiming knowledge of the particular part, equipment, or PPE, or disclaiming knowledge of the rule or rules, or disclaiming responsibility for the actions of the third party, will not be defenses to any violation or any sanction therefor. The weighing and measuring devices used by event officials shall be the standards that will determine an engine's or vehicle's compliance with the rules. Any latitude or tolerance to allow for a margin of error during inspection or teardown must be made by the participant or engine builder.

Participants in all classes calculated by weight to cubic inch must claim calculated engine displacement to determine exact vehicle weight on window sticker. Any engine changes made must be reported to the NHRA Technical Department for proper registration before any further runs are made. After a participant's vehicle has been classified, no changes of class are permitted.

In order to facilitate technical inspection, NHRA may, from time to time, accept certain products as having met minimum requirements for technical inspection, test certain elements of vehicles, and certify compliance of such elements as complying with minimum requirements for technical inspections, and take other similar actions. The acceptance or certifications made by NHRA are for the sole purpose of communicating compliance to NHRA and Member Track event officials, and shall not constitute any warranty, express or implied, including without limitation any warranty of merchantability or fitness for a particular purpose. NHRA intends no other representation by such actions and specifically disclaims any liability or responsibility for any reliance by any person or entity upon such representations, including but not limited to any incidental or consequential damages that might be claimed as a result of reliance upon such representations.

As a general rule, unless optional performance equipment or a performance modification is specifically permitted by this Rulebook, it is prohibited. Any technical inspection conducted for an event remains in effect during the entire event, including any continued, postponed or rescheduled event. For all technical inspections (National Event or otherwise) responsibility for accurately completing the tech card and/or supplying accurate information tech card to event officials is on the participant and inaccuracies and other issues will be dealt with using all measures available to NHRA or Member Track. By participating, the participant certifies that their vehicle and PPE will remain in proper condition and the same as stated on the tech card throughout the entire event; that the participant will in fact properly use all equipment and PPE noted on the tech card or as otherwise required by NHRA rules; and that if anything changes from what is stated on the tech card, the participant will immediately notify Tech Officials on site. Falsifying a tech card or not complying with the Rulebook subjects participants to disqualification from the event and further disciplinary action. In addition, prior to racing activities or event participation of any nature (including without limitation competition, testing, time trials, exhibitions, etc.), all vehicles and PPE must either (a) undergo an in-person technical inspection; (b) have been inspected under the Extended Technical Inspection program; or (c) have submitted a tech card under Participant Self-Certification Tech System.

For the Participant Self-Certification Tech System (PSTS for Sportsman racers, the following terms and agreements apply, in addition to any language included by NHRA in or on the online tech card:

Participant Responsibility, Accuracy and Accountability Agreement

I understand and agree to everything that follows:

I will fill out my own tech card and certify my own compliance with all NHRA rules. I will complete my own tech card for each event in which I will participate through the process established by NHRA. The process is subject to change so it will be my responsibility to ensure I am aware of any such changes.

All vehicles and any and all parts or components of or on vehicles, and any and all PPE are subject to random spot checks and in-person technical inspection by NHRA and event officials in their sole and absolute discretion (including teardown and confiscation of items, components and/ or the entire vehicle), at any time, place and manner determined by any event official, prior to, during or after activities of any nature (including any form of racing, testing, time trials, exhibitions, licensing runs, etc.).

It is my responsibility, not the responsibility of NHRA, any track official, or anyone else, to ensure that all safety equipment and PPE used is approved for my vehicle and is correctly installed, worn, maintained, and used.

I will in fact properly use all safety and PPE noted on the tech card during my participation in the event.

The ultimate condition, setup, performance and safety of the vehicle and PPE are my responsibility. I am in the best position to know this information. I am responsible for the safety, preparation, performance, maintenance and readiness of my vehicle, PPE, and for compliance with NHRA rules.

I am not depending upon NHRA or any event official to conduct an in-person or other tech inspection in order to ensure or guarantee that my vehicle and PPE are safe and meet all applicable rules. My compliance is my responsibility at all times.

This tech card is an electronic document that is equally valid as a paper tech card.

Like all statements made to NHRA or a Member Track, I am responsible for the truth and accuracy of everything reported on the tech card.

I am responsible for my own safety and compliance with NHRA rules, at all times.

While I may work on and change my vehicle during the event, I understand that by signing this tech card I am verifying that at all times during my participation my vehicle and PPE meet all applicable NHRA rules.

Unauthorized and/or non-compliant vehicles, parts, PPE, or other equipment will not be considered approved by reason of having been used, or having passed through technical inspection, at any time, or any number of times. Having been used and/or passed through technical inspection at any time, or any number of times, is not a defense to any violation found.

Any item connected with any event vehicle and any PPE used by me at any on-track event must be listed correctly on this tech card and must comply with NHRA rules. If anything changes from what is stated on my tech card, I will immediately notify NHRA or appropriate event officials on site.

Inaccuracies on my tech card or using different items than what is listed may result in penalties determined by NHRA in its sole and absolute discretion.

I will comply with the NHRA Rulebook at all times during my participation in any event. I am bound by all the information reported on this tech card.

Prior to the event, I must sign the Release & Waiver of Liability Agreement(s) mandated by NHRA. No participation in the event and no restricted area access is permitted without signing such Release & Waiver of Liability Agreement.

I understand and agree that drag racing is a dangerous sport that can result in serious injury or death, that my participation is voluntary, and that I assume the risk of any and all forms of personal injury and property damage arising from the event. No promises or representations have been made to me different from or contrary to the terms of this agreement.

MY SIGNATURE CERTIFIES AND AFFIRMS THAT EVERYTHING STATED IN THIS TECH CARD IS TRUE AND CORRECT INCLUDING ALL OF THE INFORMATION ENTERED AFTER THIS SIGNATURE PAGE, AND THAT IF I AM PART OF A TEAM, I AM THE PERSON AUTHORIZED BY THIS TEAM TO FILL OUT THIS TECH CARD AND BIND THE TEAM (INCLUDING THE DRIVER AND OWNER) TO EVERYTHING AGREED TO AND STATED IN THIS TECH CARD.

Electronic Signature Consent and Agreement

I understand and agree that:

By checking here, I consent to the use of my electronic signature in lieu of an original signature on paper. I have the right to request that I sign a paper copy instead. By checking here, I am waiving that right. After consent, I may, upon written request to the NHRA Technical Department, obtain a paper copy of an electronic record. No fee will be charged for such copy and no special hardware or software is required to view it. My agreement to use an electronic signature with NHRA for any documents will continue until such time as I notify the NHRA Technical Department in writing that I no longer wish to use an electronic signature. There is no penalty for withdrawing my consent. I will always make sure that the NHRA Technical Department has my current email address in order to contact me regarding any changes, if necessary. However, I am obligated to monitor nhra.com and nhraracer.com for any changes.

For the Participant Self Certification System (PSTS) for Top Fuel Dragster, Fuel Funny Car, Pro Stock Car, Pro Stock Motorcycle and Pro Mod racers, the following terms and agreements apply, in addition to any language included by NHRA in or on the online tech card:

Representation and Warranty Regarding Authority. *I represent and warrant that I am the person authorized and designated by my Team (as defined below) to complete and*

certify the accuracy and truthfulness of the tech card on behalf of my Team under the Participant Self-Certification Tech System. "Team" means my entire team, including the driver, the crew chief, all team members and all individuals and/or entities that comprise the legal ownership of the team and the race vehicle. I understand that everything I say on this tech card binds me and the Team, individually and collectively. When I electronically sign this tech card as either the Owner Representative, Driver or Crew Chief I further certify my authority set forth above. Only one signature on this tech card agreement is necessary.

Participant Responsibility, Accuracy and Accountability Agreement

I and Team understand and agree to everything that follows:

I will complete Team's tech card and certify Team's compliance with all NHRA rules. The process is subject to change so it will be my responsibility to ensure I and Team are aware of any such changes.

All vehicles and any and all parts or components of or on vehicles, and any and all PPE, are subject to random spot checks and in-person technical inspection by NHRA in its sole and absolute discretion (including teardown and confiscation of items, components and/ or the entire vehicle), at any time, place and manner determined by any event official, prior to, during or after activities of any nature (including any form of racing, testing, time trials, exhibitions, licensing runs, etc.).

I understand and agree, individually and on behalf of Team, that:

It is Team's responsibility, not the responsibility of NHRA, any track official, or anyone else, to ensure that all safety equipment and PPE is approved and is correctly installed, worn, maintained, and used.

The driver will in fact properly use all safety and PPE noted on the tech card during the driver's participation in the event.

The ultimate condition, setup, performance and safety of the vehicle and PPE are Team's responsibility. Team is in the best position to know this information. Team is responsible for the safety, preparation, performance, maintenance and readiness of its vehicle, and for compliance with all applicable NHRA rules.

Team is not depending upon NHRA or any event official to conduct an in-person or other tech inspection in order to ensure or guarantee that Team's vehicle and PPE are safe and meet all applicable rules. Team's compliance is Team's responsibility.

This tech card is an electronic document that is equally valid as a paper tech card.

Like all statements made to NHRA, I and Team are responsible for the truth and accuracy of everything reported on the tech card.

Team is responsible for their own safety and compliance with NHRA rules, at all times.

While Team may work on and change the vehicle during the event, I understand that by signing this tech card I on behalf of myself and Team am verifying that at all times during Team's participation, the vehicle and PPE meet all applicable NHRA rules.

Unauthorized and/or non-compliant vehicles, parts, PPE, or other equipment will not be considered approved by reason of having been used, or having passed through technical inspection, at any time, or any number of times. Having been used and/or passed through technical inspection at any time, or any number of times, is not a defense to any violation found.

Any item connected with any event vehicle and any PPE used by the driver at any on-track event must be listed correctly on the tech card and must comply with NHRA rules. If anything changes from what is stated on Team's tech card, I will immediately notify NHRA Tech Officials on site.

Inaccuracies with Team's tech card or using different items than what is listed may result in penalties determined by NHRA in its sole and absolute discretion.

Team will comply with the then-current NHRA Rulebook at all times during Team's participation in any event. Team is bound by all the information reported on this tech card.

Prior to any event, all members of Team must sign or have on file a current Release & Waiver of Liability Agreement(s) mandated by NHRA. No participation in any event and no restricted area access is permitted for Team members without signing such Agreement.

Team and each and every member of it understands and agrees that drag racing is a dangerous sport that can result in serious injury or death, that Team's participation is voluntary, and that Team and each member of it assumes the risk of any and all forms of personal injury and property damage arising from the event.

No promises or representations have been made to me and/or Team different from or contrary to the terms set forth herein or in the tech card.

MY SIGNATURE CERTIFIES AND AFFIRMS THAT EVERYTHING STATED IN THIS TECH CARD IS TRUE AND CORRECT INCLUDING ALL OF THE INFORMATION ENTERED AFTER THIS SIGNATURE PAGE, AND THAT I AM THE PERSON AUTHORIZED BY THIS TEAM TO COMPLETE THIS TECH CARD AND BIND THE TEAM (INCLUDING THE DRIVER, CREW AND OWNERSHIP) TO EVERYTHING AGREED TO AND STATED IN THIS TECH CARD.

Electronic Signature Consent

I understand and agree, individually and on behalf of Team, that:

By checking here, I consent to the use of my electronic signature in lieu of an original signature on paper. I have the right to request that I sign a paper copy instead. By checking here, I am waiving that right. After consent, I may, upon written request to the NHRA Technical Department, obtain a paper copy of an electronic record. No fee will be charged for such copy and no special hardware or software is required to view it. My agreement to use an electronic signature with NHRA for any documents will continue until such time as I notify the NHRA Technical Department in writing that I no longer wish to use an electronic signature. There is no penalty for withdrawing my consent. I will always make sure that the NHRA Technical Department has my current email address in order to contact me regarding any changes, if necessary. However, I am obligated to monitor nhra.com and nhraracer.com for any changes.