

Track Days at Mondello Park



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The Drivers Guide to PCI Track Days at Mondello Park

Porsche Club Ireland typically runs three track days a year at the Mondello Park racing circuit in County Kildare. The purpose of this informational document is to brief members on not only what to expect at a track day, but also what is expected of both them and their car.

The track days are not run for profit, so prices may vary from time to time to reflect both the amount of drivers attending and the cost to the club of renting the circuit. Those members that have previously attended Track Days all agree that the prices represent good value for money.

PCI track days are fun events at which you can push yourself and your car within controlled surroundings as little or as much as you want. Track Days are not competitive and timing of laps is not allowed. For safety reasons, the use of hand held cameras and camcorders within the cars on track is forbidden.

The cars (and the drivers) can encounter high loads and stresses when out on track, so anybody taking their car out should be satisfied that it is up to the job. Unless the car has been recently serviced, it is advisable to get the car checked out prior to going on track. PCI operates an open pit lane policy, so nobody should feel under pressure to complete as many laps as possible in any one stint on track. You can just come and go as you please onto the circuit.

No driver (or passenger) will be allowed out on circuit unless they are wearing the correct colour wristband. Drivers will only receive their wristband once they have completed the drivers briefing. Late arrivals will be accommodated, but bear in mind you may not receive the briefing immediately upon arrival.

Novices are brought on a few sighting laps before coming back in to allow the more experienced drivers out on track. These laps are to show drivers the lines and give them some confidence in being on circuit.

Crash Helmet

A crash helmet must be worn at all time when a driver or passenger is on track. It does not need to be FIA approved - but it should be in good condition as it may be all that's between your head and something solid in the car. The club will have some helmets available but they may not be sufficient to go around. Therefore if you have your own, bring it with you.

Clothing

There is no requirement for special clothing, but as a minimum arms and legs must be covered at all times. This mean that short and t-shirts are not allowed. Full length trousers and full length sleeves are mandatory - regardless of the weather.

Driving Licence

All drivers will be required to show their Driving Licence when signing on before the track day. This is to ensure you are old enough legally to drive a car. If you don't have your license with you - you can't go on track. Its as simple as that.

Insurance

Your road insurance will be invalid when participating in a track day at Mondello Park. At present we are not aware of any Irish insurer who offers track day cover or will insure track day participation under normal road insurance. If you are involved in an incident with another vehicle or part of the track, you pay for your own damage to the vehicle.

Insurance Indemnity

All drivers and passengers going on circuit will be required to sign an insurance indemnity form from Mondello Park. You should read this form carefully and be satisfied with the terms and conditions before you sign it and take part in the track day.

Passengers

No passengers under 18 are allowed under any circumstances on the circuit.

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How to behave on circuit and preparing your car for the track

Overtaking

At Mondello Park, overtaking is by consent only. If a faster car is catching you then you should pull over to the right and use your indicators. Conversely, if you are a faster car catching another vehicle on circuit, you should only overtake on the left - and only when the car ahead has signalled their consent. Failure to obey these rules will result in the offending faster OR slower car being black flagged (and taken off circuit).

Flags and Marshals

The flags in use on the day will be explained during the drivers briefing and the marshalling points will be shown on a circuit plan. Failure to observe flags and marshals instructions will result in removal from the track by the offending driver.

Fuel

The nearest petrol stations are located in Naas and Prosperous. So make sure your car has at least half a tank of petrol before you arrive. The car will consume fuel at a very high rate on track - so if you have to drive off to get more you will lose a lot of track time.

Vehicle Contents

You should make sure all unnecessary and loose items are removed from the car before you set off on circuit. These items are likely to run around in the car under hard braking and potentially jam under a pedal. Mobile phones should be switched off to avoid distraction when out on circuit.

Vehicle Condition

Make sure you are happy with the overall condition of your car. Oil caps should not be missing or trim should not be loose on the car. In general, make sure that you don't pose a danger to other drivers with the condition of your car - but also ensure it is safe for you to drive.

Lights

Headlights and driving/fog lamps must be taped-up to avoid glass falling on the circuit. Plastic headlamps

are not required to be taped. Insulating tape is ideal for this purpose as it can be easily removed.

Tyres

Tyres should be in good physical condition with no damage to the sidewalls. If the tread is low, this may improve the handling under dry conditions - but it may be dangerous under wet conditions. Remember tyres are all that is between you and the road, so its vital that you have good tyres on your car.

Tyre pressures generally do not need to be increased for track use. In fact you may need to lower the pressure depending on how hard the car is being driven and how hot the tyres get. In general, leave the tyres as they are until you need to change them to adjust the handling of the car.

Lubricant Levels

Ensure there is sufficient oil and water in the car as you will be driving the engine at high revs. This will result in increased consumption of oil. However, do not overfill the oil as this can result in you being pulled off circuit for dropping oil. Bring spare engine oil and top if required during the day.

Brakes

The brakes will see the hardest use of all on the very technical Mondello Park circuit. Worn pads will result in brake fade and worn discs can leads to distortion in the discs themselves. Brake fluid should be changed every 2 years on a Porsche regardless - so only use high temperature fluid (DOT4 or DOT5) in your car.

Noise

Mondello Park is situated in a semi-residential area. Most 911's and pretty much all other models are fine on circuit. However, excessively noisy vehicles may be asked to show a degree of restraint when on circuit to ensure there is no inconvenience to neighbouring homes. If these vehicles are still too noisy, they will be black flagged and taken off circuit.