



Suncoast PCA Convertible Standard

The following table lists convertibles that are equipped with rollover protection from the factory and are allowed to run in factory configuration. Note that in each individual case, the broomstick rule still applies - this may invalidate rollover protection based on seat position and driver height. (The broomstick rule specifies that the driver's helmeted head is below a bar placed on top of the roll bar and windshield.) We recommend that drivers verify conformity with the broomstick rule prior to an event. The car may be checked for compliance at the onsite tech check at the track.

Note that convertibles with retractable hardtops or aftermarket bolt on hardtops do not provide structural integrity. These convertibles still require either factory or aftermarket rollover protection.

T-top and Targa versions are allowed. Tops must be installed per PCA National minimum standards, unless there is additional roll over protection.

Convertibles WITH factory rollover protection	
Vehicle	model range / comments
Porsche 911	models 996, 997, 991, 992 (water cooled)
Porsche Spyder	all years
Porsche Boxster	all years
Audi	TT
Nissan	350z/370z
BMW	M4
Chevrolet Corvette	C8
Honda	S2000
Mercedes	SLK

This list will be updated on an as needed basis.

A driver considering attending with a convertible in factory configuration that is not on this list should contact Suncoast DE Tech (detech@suncoastpca.org) prior to registering for an event. **In this case, the driver will be required to provide written documentation from the manufacturer attesting to factory provided rollover protection.**

The following table lists cars that are not equipped with rollover protection from the factory and require aftermarket rollbars. These vehicles will not be allowed to participate in a Suncoast HPDE event without secondary protection meeting the broomstick rule.



Convertibles WITHOUT factory rollover protection requiring aftermarket rollbars	
Vehicle	model range / comments
Porsche 911	model 993 and earlier (air cooled)
Ford Mustang	all years
Chevy Camaro	all years
Chevy Corvette	through C7
Fiat	124 Spider
Mazda	Miata/MX5

When running an approved convertible with the top down, the driver and any passenger (e.g. instructor) are required to use an SFI and/or FIA approved arm restraints.