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About the Event

Targa Tasmania is one of the world's last iconic motoring events. Held each November over six days on the beautiful and remote island of Tasmania, the event offers everything from full blown motorsport rally competition in the tradition of Targa Florio and the Mille Miglia through to a spirited driving holiday in Targa Tours designed for those who want to simply enjoy their vehicles on some of the best roads you could ever imagine.

With over 30 sections of road closed to the public and more than 2,000 kilometres of sealed roads and amazing landscapes to enjoy, **Targa Tasmania is the Ultimate Tarmac Rally.**



General Information

Below you will find useful information on the general requirements and how the competition runs. Please refer to the Sporting and Technical Regulations for a full list of rules and requirements prior to the event.

Licence Requirements

Both driver and co-driver are required to hold a valid and unrestricted civil drivers licence that is recognised in the state of Tasmania.

Blue Chip Requirements

Both driver and co-driver are required to attend the Targa Academy each calendar year to attain their Blue Chip.

- Blue Chips are issued to competitors at the completion of the Targa Academy.
- Blue Chips are valid until 31 December 2025 and each competitor must hold a Blue Chip to compete at any time.
- Blue Chips can be charged as a separate item over and above any applied entry fee at the sole discretion of Targa.
- Blue Chip conditions vary depending on the competition category each competitor has applied for.

Minimum Age

The minimum age of all competitors is 18 years.

Log Books

Vehicle logbooks and/or passports are not mandatory to enter the event, and the provision of such document does not assume that the entered vehicle will pass the pre-start vehicle check. Please refer to the relevant regulations for full details on vehicle eligibility.

Reconnaissance Notes

Reconnaissance notes and Road Books will be made available on the Targa website. These documents will assist competitors in locating Targa stage start and finish control locations (painted on the road surface as a TS and TF), whilst also familiarising themselves with the competition course.

Competitors are advised that when they carry out reconnaissance of the course, they must do so at the posted speed limits and abide by all state road rules. It is important that you act in a manner that does not, at any time jeopardise the integrity or the public image of Targa Tasmania.

Road Books

Road books provide details of the course and detailed instructions to travel between Targa stages along the touring stages.

Documentation and Pre-Start Vehicle Check

Documentation and the pre-start vehicle check will be carried out at the venue, date and time as listed in the Event Guide. Both driver and co-driver are required to attend documentation before their vehicle can attend scrutiny. Vehicles must be presented and ready to start with all compulsory equipment onboard, including all required apparel.

Apparel

All Competitions other than 'TSD Trophy'

All clothing must be made of flame-retardant material. All apparel and equipment must comply with the SFI Foundation standard (or higher) for all items listed below.

- Helmet
- Frontal Head Restraint
- Driving Suit
- Underwear
- Balaclava
- Footwear
- Socks
- Gloves (Co-drivers are exempt from wearing gloves)

TSD Trophy Competition

- A Helmet compliant with SFI Foundation standard (or higher). Where FHR is used the helmet must be approved for the use of FHR.
- Clothing from ankles to neck to wrists. Clothing of flammable synthetic material, such as nylon, is not acceptable. The wearing of driving suits to the SFI Foundation standard (or higher) is highly recommended.
- Shoes with leather uppers that cover the foot. The wearing of driving boots to the SFI Foundation standard (or higher) is highly recommended.

In a closed car, you can use an open face helmet or a full-face helmet. Full face helmets are mandatory in open top cars. Helmets with built-in intercom units are preferable.

The Competition

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Competition Running Order

The competition will run in order of fastest to slowest vehicle, based on the finishing results from the day prior. The prologue starting order will be determined by the Clerk of the Course.

Competitor Relations Officers

Competitor Relations Officers (CRO) will be appointed to support competitors. CRO's are the channel for all communications between the competitors and the Clerk of the Course. Queries from competitors (whether on timing, being held up on a TARGA stage or alleged incorrect recording by officials affecting scores) are handled by the CRO's.

To enhance the service to competitors provided by this team a telephone number and email address will be provided for competitors to easily contact the CRO's.

Lunch Breaks

As a part of the entry fee, lunch will be provided to driver's and co-drivers on all days of the competition. Lunches are catered for in various towns and all competitors have the same lunch stop location. Dietary requirements can be catered for with advance notice.

Overtaking

With the competition field running in order from fastest to slowest it is unlikely that you will encounter any overtaking during the event, however, if you do catch another vehicle, or you are caught by another vehicle you must follow the below rules;

- Vehicles wanting to overtake need to signal the car in front by sounding their vehicle horn, flashing their headlamps and/or using the 'push to pass' feature on the RallySafe device.
- Any vehicle being overtaken, MUST give way. Should a driver indicate to overtake, the driver being overtaken MUST turn on their left side indicator and allow the overtaking vehicle to pass immediately by slowing and moving to the left side of the roadway and if necessary, stopping.
- The overtaking vehicle must only pass on the right hand side of the vehicle being overtaken.
- Failure to permit overtaking will result in heavy penalties.

Towing and Recovery

A recovery team, including tow trucks, will accompany competitors throughout the course. The purpose of this team is to recover and secure any damaged or un-roadworthy vehicles and ensure the crew is not left stranded at the roadside. The cost of transport back to the overnight stop is covered by a one-off levy, included in your entry fee. Towing to any other location is the responsibility and cost of the competitor, as is towing by any other contractor.

It is not the responsibility of the recovery team to tow or transport damaged vehicles. They will co-ordinate with the towing contractor, to provide accident and breakdown services. Competitors who call for the recovery team must not leave their vehicle until the recovery team has arrived, nor should they arrange alternative recovery procedures.

Security Park

A security park is an area in which the vehicles will be parked overnight after documentation and scrutiny and after each leg.

All competition vehicles must be parked in the overnight security park.

In Car Cameras

Forward facing video cameras, which can store at least one day of competition vision and audio recording data on removable storage card/s to a minimum quality of 720 at 30hz must be fitted to each competition vehicle. The competitors/crews agree that all photography, video and film copyrights for the event are the property of Targa Australia.

Any commercial arrangements made by the competitor/crews for the sale of film or video/still footage, or viewing of such footage in a public place, must be approved in writing by Targa Australia. Competitors/crews are advised to contact Targa Australia prior to making commitments for any such commercial arrangement.

Vehicle Preparation Tips

Below you will find some useful tips for preparing your vehicle for Targa Tasmania. Please refer to the Sporting and Technical Regulations for a full list of rules and requirements prior to the event.

Safety Equipment

A vehicle must be roadworthy at all times and equipped with the following:

- Two Safety Triangles
- First Aid Kit
- At least one tow point - either front and/or rear
- Oil absorbent material - 1kg bag of environmentally friendly, 100% organic, non-leaching, biodegradable oil absorbent material (this may be kitty litter) or 500g of specialist absorbent material
- Blue triangle to show location of the vehicle's battery
- A safety cage meeting the requirements as set out in the event's Technical Regulations
- Two seats from a recognised motorsport seat manufacturer that meet the standard set by SFI (or higher)
- Six point SFI (or higher) approved race harnesses and HANS/Hybrid devices are mandatory, except in TSD Trophy
- Tyres from the approved Targa tyre list

Fire Extinguisher

Each competition vehicle must carry a minimum of 4kg of portable fire suppression material either via Australian Standard fire extinguishers over and above the fitment of any approved plumbed-in fire suppression system.

Extinguishers must be fitted in a secure location as low as practical, to a metal surface, using metal brackets and at least two metal fixtures that is easily and quickly accessible by both crew members.

Battery

Ensure your battery is securely mounted. You can relocate your battery to a lower point in the vehicle, however it will need to be inside a battery box. Gel filled batteries can be used instead of lead acid and mounted to any position.

Weight

Vehicles must be in line with the minimum weight specification as outlined in the Technical Regulations.

Vehicles may be subject to weighing at any time during the event.

Cooling System

Tasmania has variable weather and Targa stages often include steep ascents, therefore, vehicle cooling systems should be in good condition.

Replace any worn belts and hoses, especially those in your vehicle heater as they can burst and dump boiling water on your feet.

Ventilation

You may experience varied weather in Tasmania, ranging from 0 - 40 degrees celsius.

Misting/fogging windows inside the car can be very dangerous, so ensure you have good ventilation.

It is recommended to use a product such as "Rain-X" on your windows to minimise the misting effect on the windows and help potential moisture move from your windscreen.

Brakes and Brake Fluid

You may upgrade your brakes, however we suggest reading the Technical Regulations for more information.

It is recommended to use a minimum of 'DOT 4' brake fluid.

Air Filters

It is recommended to fit high quality air filters due to the presence of dust and gravel in most rural areas.

Nuts

Ensure important nuts are secured by spring washers or use Nyloc nuts. It is recommended to check your wheel nuts at every opportunity to ensure they are secure.

Lights

Ensure all lights are in good working order as it is a requirement to have low beam lights switched on for all Targa stages.

Vehicles with retractable headlamps may use fog lights instead.

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Fuel

Only readily available unleaded pump fuel up to 98 octane with a maximum ethanol rating of E10 is allowed during the event. Consider tuning for 95 octane and using 98 as you may not always have access to 98 octane fuel in country towns. It is recommended to carry enough octane booster for a full tank in the event you cannot access a minimum of 95 octane fuel.

Under race conditions, most cars will not pick up the last few litres of fuel in their fuel tank. To overcome this, you may fit a small interim surge tank of a few litres to supply the fuel pump with a constant head of fuel. Most gauges will have about 10 to 15 litres of fuel before you run out. With a surge tank you can draw every last drop of fuel. A mechanical fuel pump works well, but if you split a diaphragm it can mix fuel with oil, resulting in uneven idling, variable oil pressure and even ruin your engine bearings as the oil is thinned out by the contamination of fuel.

You are not permitted to carry additional fuel in containers in your car.

Ride Height

Each fully sprung part of the vehicle, except for the exhaust system, must be at least 100mm above the ground when measured at any point within the wheelbase. The vehicle ride height shall be measured with the crew, and all normal and necessary equipment fitted.

Tyres and Wheels

Only tyres shown on the approved Targa Tyre List are allowed. A copy of this list is available in both the technical and the competition sporting regulations.

The maximum tyre rule system has been returned to original Targa Tasmania system of rewarding competitors for conserving tyre use. Four tyres are allowed without penalty.

Each subsequent tyre used, or instructed to be used by Targa, has a time penalty applied in each instance.

Battery Isolation Circuit breaker

It is highly recommended that all competition vehicles be equipped with a battery isolation (master) switch, which effectively isolates all electrical circuits from the battery and stops the engine. It should be capable of being operated by the seated crew members.

Spare Parts & Tools

A roll of wire, cable ties and 'race tape' are useful items to carry in your vehicle for on-the-go repairs.

All items must be secured in your vehicle. A tool roll may be easier to secure than a toolbox as you will have more options to secure it within the vehicle.

Oil Surge

Oil surge occurs when the oil in the sump is forced away from the oil pickup and the pump fails to deliver an adequate supply of oil to the bearings.

Oil surge can occur while cornering, braking or accelerating. It is recommended to install a properly baffled sump that traps the oil and keeps an adequate amount near the pickup at all times.

It is also recommended to have some means of alerting the crew to low oil pressure, such as a warning light.

Catch Tank

Under high load racing conditions, an engine will 'breathe' and increase the crank case pressure. A possible means of reducing the crank case pressure is to fit a catch tank. Ensure it is big enough for your engine capacity and has some means of easy drainage.

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RallySafe

In order to monitor the speed and track vehicle positioning during the event, the fitment of RallySafe equipment to each vehicle is mandatory. All RallySafe units are hired for the duration of the event only. The hire fee is a part of the entry fee into each Targa event. In order to fit the unit, a pre-purchased installation kit is required.

RallySafe installation kits (including antenna, roll cage or diamond mount and power wiring loom) MUST be purchased prior to your first event, with adequate lead time (2 weeks) for postage and handling. RallySafe installation kits are to be purchased directly from the RallySafe online store (<https://shop.statusas.com/shop/category/rallysafe>).

Installation instructions and specifications are available on the RallySafe website, including a training video showing all aspects of the system.

The competitor/crew agree all data obtained by the RallySafe device for the event is the property of Targa and competitors can only obtain and use this data with the written permission of Targa. Failure to observe these regulations may lead to legal action by Targa for a breach of copyright.



Vehicle Signage

Vehicle Signage (Including Organisers Decals)

You will be assigned a vehicle number as a part of your entry to the Targa Tasmania, and at documentation the organisers will supply event front door decals and compulsory event sponsor decals. These must be attached to the vehicle as per issued instructions and must not be cut and/or altered in any way and are to be maintained in good condition throughout the event.

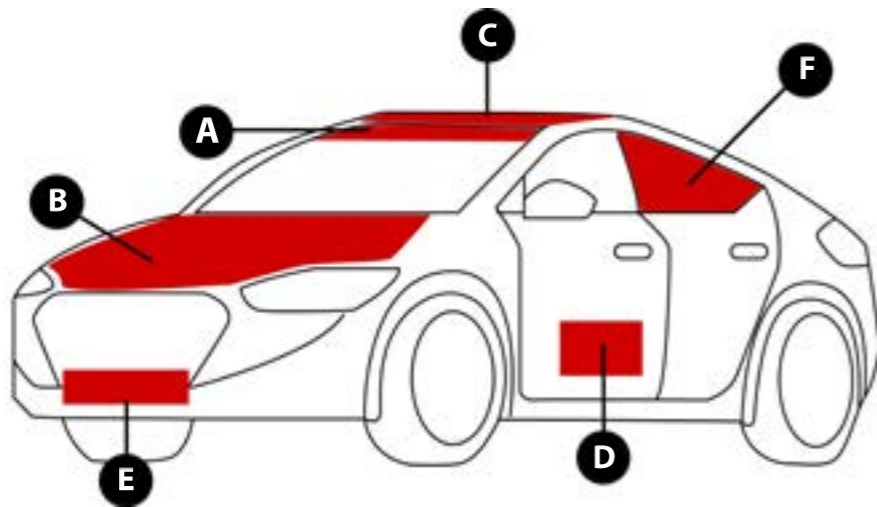
Alteration or removal of the decals from the vehicle before or during the event will render the entrant unable to start the next day until rectified to the satisfaction of the organisers and/or Tour Leaders.

Entrants are able to "purchase back" some of the space reserved for organisers decals for a fee of \$1,500 including GST.

Vehicle Number Plates

The organisers will provide each team with two metal vehicle number plates. These plates are to be displayed in place of the usual vehicle registration plate and in the same location.

If a written instruction from the Clerk of the Course, or their nominee, is issued to a competitor to relocate a number plate - that instruction must be carried out to the satisfaction of that official. Failure to comply with this regulation may result in the vehicle not being permitted to start the leg.



Organisers Decal Placement

Organiser's event identification decals and compulsory event sponsor decals (supplied at documentation along with placement instructions) must be placed on the vehicle as follows:

- A. Window Banner** - at the top of the front window (1500 x 200mm)
- B. Bonnet and cowl** - entire area
- C. Vehicle Roof** - entire area
- D. Competition Number Door Panel** - 2 x panels on the front doors (495 x 300mm)
- E. Number Plates** - 2 x (rear and front) metal plates will be provided to display with your competition number in place of the usual vehicle registration plates.
- F. Crew Names** - On rear side window, or most practical position (entrant to supply own)

Prohibited Substances

Below are the guidelines around prohibited substances. Please refer to the Sporting Regulations for Targa Australia's full Alcohol & Drug policies.

Alcohol and Drugs

Any competitor may be tested for the presence of alcohol, drugs (or other banned substances) and subject to a penalty(ies) for a breach in accordance with the Australian National Anti-Doping Policy.

Alcohol Breath Testing

Breath testing of both crew members will take place throughout the event. Any crew member with a positive reading above 0.0mg/100ml may be retested after 15 minutes. During this time, the competitor must not consume any substance by mouth until after the second test. If, after the second test, the competitor is still found to have a reading above 0.00, the crew will not be allowed to take part in any competition on the leg in which the competitor returned a positive reading and a further penalty as high as disqualification may be imposed by the Clerk of the Course. Testing may be carried out by a Targa appointed official or by Tasmania Police



Enter Targa Tasmania

If you would like to enter Targa Tasmania please visit www.targa.com.au and complete the Competition Application Form.

Contact Details

For further enquiries in relation to entering the event, or the topics in this handbook, please contact aleshia@targa.com.au.

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Make sure you tag us in your photos so we can see all the special moments from your Targa Tasmania adventure!

Disclaimer: The information in this guide does not supersede any of the regulations governing Targa Tasmania and therefore cannot be used as the basis for a protest.

It is the responsibility of the competitors/crews to ensure that at all times they conform to all eligibility requirements and their vehicle maintains legal road-worthiness.





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