

Autocross Tech Inspection Guide – 2026

Item	Comments
Tires	<p>There is no required specific minim tread depth. Verify that there is adequate tread to finish the event and to drive home. There must be no visible cording. Inspect tires for significant deficiencies such as cracks or gouges that could affect tire integrity.</p> <p>Not acceptable:</p> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around; align-items: center;">   </div>
Brakes	<p>There is no required specific minim pad thickness. Pads should be generally be greater than 3 mm thick.</p> <div style="text-align: center;">  </div>
Wheels/lugs	Ensure that all lugs are present. Visually inspect for any obvious deficiencies.
Loose items	All loose items must be removed from vehicles. Soft items such as wipe cloths, clothing, helmet bags, etc. in trunk/frunk are OK. Remove items BEFORE entering the tech inspection line.
Car numbers	Numbers must be present on driver and passenger sides of car. Must be clearly visible from a “reasonable” distance (ex: the distance from the track to corner workers). Colors must have sufficient contrast to the car color, to allow corner workers to easily read the numbers.
Battery	Ensure that the battery is secure. There must be a hold-down or other physical structure such as a housing to prevent battery movement.

Leaks	There must be no fluid leaks that would drip from the car onto the track surface. Minor “weeping” at fittings is ok.
Seat belts	Must be in good condition (no tears, no significant fraying, etc.)
Throttle	For cars with a manual throttle return, ensure that the spring returns properly. Look for floor mats or anything else that may impact proper movement of the gas pedal.
Fuel cap	Ensure that a cap is present and that it is tight.
Brake pedal	Ensure that the pedal is firm when pressed. Look for floor mats or anything else that may impact proper movement of the brake pedal.
Helmets	Ensure that helmets meet one of the acceptable designations, per the tech inspection checklist. DOT helmets with no SA, SFI, or FIA designation are not acceptable. The driver will need to rent or borrow a helmet that meets our requirements.
Completeness of form	Make sure that ALL sections of the tech inspection form are completed, and that the form is signed and dated by the student and the inspector.