



Porsche Club

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Introduction

Through collective experience of PCM and PCGB, these convoy procedures are drawn-up for the purpose of organizing motoring events. As with any motoring activities, **IT IS DANGEROUS** and it is the objective of PCM to minimize the level of danger for its club members.

Travelling as a group will consist of leaders and sweepers directing and managing various convoys. In defining a good convoy is one where each member assist one another in the safe passage of its team members to their destination. **Leaders and sweepers are usually experienced drivers with familiarisation of the route to destination.**

The appointment of convoy leaders and sweepers are “usually” by consensus or chosen by the organizers of the event with consensual approval of team members. Under certain circumstances, larger teams have an additional third leader, usually a mid-point man or two sweepers working as a pair.

There are two important principles when driving with PCM

- **Drive Safely**
- **Assist and look out for one another. There is no room for selfishness by team members.**

The following practices have been drawn up in accordance to the two main principles above: -

1. Spare Keys

- Keep your spare key with you at all times and NOT IN YOUR CAR.
- On staying over events you may be asked to hand your spare key to your leader. Leaders will hold on to the spare key so long you are with the team. At certain occasions it may be necessary to move your car when you are not present.

2. Communications

- Radio communication sets (comm. sets) are your primary means of communication within the convoy.
- PCM's channel is always set to Channel 1 unless otherwise stated.
- Please ensure that mobile phones are on. Save the numbers of your team members. For those using private lines it is strongly recommended that you disable this function during the drive.

3. Leaders and Sweepers

- **IT IS THE DUTY AND RESPONSIBILITY OF THE LEADERS AND SWEEPERS TO LOOK AFTER AND DELIVER THEIR ENTIRE TEAM SAFELY TO THE DESTINATION.**
- Less experience drivers are to form up in front behind the leader.
- In a convoy comprising of sports cars and SUV's, it is recommended that SUV's form up at the rear so as not to obscure the forward vision of the sports car drivers.

4. Passengers

- It is the driver's responsibility to ensure that their passengers are with them at all times.
- Moving of passengers from one car to another within the same team, the convoy leader must be informed. If the transfer is with other teams, the respective convoy leaders must be informed.

5. Use of Lights

- Please ensure that your dip beams are on during daylight. The lights will enable the car in front to identify their team cars.

6. Safe distance

- Maintain your convoy position.
- Try to keep not less than 2 seconds behind the front car but close enough to maintain convoy integrity on open roads.
- Keep in visual contact with the car in front and the car behind you. In situations where you lose sight of the rear car, SLOW DOWN. Inform the leader if the car following you is losing contact.

7. Overtaking

- **DO NOT OVERTAKE A TEAM MEMBER'S CAR UNLESS YOU ARE ASKED TO DO SO BY THE LEADER. IF OVERTAKING PLEASE COMMUNICATE YOUR INTENTIONS WITH THE MEMBER'S CAR YOU ARE OVERTAKING.**
- **When overtaking other vehicles it is your responsibility to ensure that your path is clear. The leader may advise whether the road is clear but it is your responsibility to ensure that you are able to overtake safely.**

When overtaking on B roads

- **Keep a safe distance behind the vehicle you are overtaking so you have a better view ahead.**
- **By keeping ample distance this will give you enough room to start accelerating on your side of the road and when drawing level with the vehicle being overtaken you are travelling at a much greater speed than him.**
- **Use lower gears within your speed range.**
- **Go back into your lane as soon as possible.**
- **When overtaking a long line of vehicles you should use your judgement to overtake only a few vehicles at a time.**
- **Do not overtake when you cannot see ahead unless**
 - **The leader explicitly informs that the road ahead is clear**
 - **You are absolutely satisfied that he is not so far ahead that the information is no longer current**
 - **The leader has not misjudged the distance and speed**
 - **DO NOT OVERTAKE WHEN IN DOUBT**

8. Where you are

- Your position can be determined from the numbered milestones at the side of the motorway or sometimes in the middle of the motorway. The milestone signs read every 0.1km.

9. Refuelling & Rest stops

- Each team is autonomous. Each team will decide where and when to stop.
- Please inform your leader if you need to stop, as the leader will have to find a safe spot for the whole team to stop.
- After refuelling please move your car promptly to avoid delays for other members who needs refuelling.

10. Consideration

- Be considerate to other club members. Avoid any misunderstandings or ill feelings at all times.

11. Break downs

- In case of a break down, signal to the left and pull over to the hard shoulder where and when it is safe to do so. Hazard lights must be switched on. Announce your situation over the comms set. The leader will report of their situation and location of the team to other teams. It is good practice that if the team cannot resolve the breakdown, for the members to stay together until support arrives. For events where there is technical support, the teams are arranged so that the team with the support crew is in the last team.
- Unless necessary, the team will abandon the broken down car, transfer the occupants to other team vehicles and continue their journey.
- **NO ONE SHOULD BE LEFT BEHIND UNDER ANY CIRCUMSTANCES. NO ONE SHOULD BE LEFT ON HIS OWN TO FIND HIS OWN WAY HOME.**

12. Travelling through Villages and Towns

- Leaders will keep to legal speed limits
- When traversing towns, teams may use all available lanes and drive accordingly.

Car Equipment List

- 1. Spare engine oil**
- 2. Puncture repair sealant (Optional)**
- 3. Tyre pressure gauge**
- 4. High Powered torch**
- 5. Communication Set**
- 6. Mobile Phone**
- 7. Fire Extinguisher (Optional)**
- 8. First Aid Kit (Optional)**
- 9. Spare Light Bulbs (Optional)**
- 10. Brake Fluid (Optional)**
- 11. Battery and Jump Cables (Optional)**

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