

PDE (PERFORMANCE DRIVER EDUCATION)

PDE Learn the art of driving fast in a safe and controlled environment with Pitt Race's seasoned pros, and then put it to the test. The class is sponsored by Hagerty HPDE/Track Day Insurance. The goal is for you to develop skills behind the wheel as you experience the broad range of your car's performance capabilities and train with Pitt Race's instructors on our natural terrain road course. Participants are divided into the following groups:

Group 1 (Novice): Group 1 is for first time track drivers or for drivers with limited experience at other tracks. If you ever wanted to learn about high performance driving but lack the track experience, this group is for you. Drivers spend their sessions with our driving instructors and learn the basic skills of high performance driving. This group is meant to provide a supportive and instructional low pressure situation for any driver to learn the fundamentals of performance driving in the safest way possible.

Group 2 (Intermediate): Once our instructors have approved you to move up from Group 1, or if you have some other verifiable track experience, Group 2 is the next step. This group provides experienced drivers a chance to continue improving their performance driving skills with instructors. The goal for this group is to learn advanced and higher-speed maneuvers while maintaining control and safety on track.

Group 2 Solo (Intermediate): Group 2 Solo is for drivers who have demonstrated an understanding of high-performance rules, safety, etiquette, and track regulations. Drivers in this group have been signed off as safe solo drivers by a Pitt Race instructor or can provide evidence of acceptable experience with other PDE organizations.

Group 3 (Advanced): This group is for drivers whom have been approved by our chief driving instructor or can provide acceptable proof of experience. Drivers with a valid competition license or certificate of completion from track driving school will also be permitted. Please note that this is not a Test and Tune day and aggressive driving is strictly prohibited.

Registration and payments can be completed on [Motorportsreg.com](https://www.motorportsreg.com). Pricing will vary by length of event and track configuration. If you have a Pitt Race gift card, please call the track at 724-535-1000 before registering.

Days are divided into Group 1 and 2 in the morning sessions (8 am - 12:30 pm) and Group 2 Solo and Group 3 in the afternoon sessions (1 pm - 5:30 pm).

Group 1 and Group 2 sessions will typically include three 25-minute sessions on track with an instructor, plus two classroom sessions.

Group 2 Solo and Group 3 sessions will consist of several run groups splitting up the different classes of cars from street cars, race prepared closed wheel, and race prepared open wheel when permitted. There will be 25 minute sessions back to back until 5:30 pm

PDE Group 1 and Group 2 Daily Protocols:

- Participants may enter the property 7:00 am unless otherwise indicated during registration.
- Driver check-in begins at 7:00 am, followed by a mandatory driver's meeting indicated on the schedule you will receive at check-in. If you arrive after the driver's meeting, you must see the lead instructor to get your wristband and information before you will be given access to the track.
- Classroom sessions for Group 1 and the first on track session for Group 2 begin at 9:00 a.m. unless otherwise indicated.
- No race engines may be started before 8:00 am or after 6:00 pm. PDE session times are subject to adjustments and modifications.
- Pitt Race determines the schedule based on enrollment. Pitt Race reserves the right to limit the number of participants on the track.
- You will be required to sign the Pitt Race waiver upon arrival at the track gate. Driver check-in is typically at the Pitt Stop Pro Shop.

PDE Group 2 Solo and Group 3 Daily Protocols:

- Registration begins at 12 noon followed by a mandatory driver's meeting at 1 pm. If you arrive after the drivers meeting, you must see the lead instructor before you will be given access to the track.
- First track session will begin within 30 minutes of the driver's meeting.
- Participants may enter the property at 7:00 am but will not be permitted on track until driver's meeting has concluded for Group 2 Solo and Group 3.
- No race engines may be started before 8:00 am or after 6:00 pm.
- PDE on track sessions generally begin at 1:30 pm and run until 5:30 pm, but any given PDE day is subject to adjustments and modifications.
- Cars are divided into three categories at Pitt Race official's discretion.
- You will be required to sign the Pitt Race waiver upon arrival at the track gate. Driver check-in is typically at the Pitt Stop Pro Shop.

MORE INFO...

Car Requirements:

- This program requires all drivers to use their own qualified vehicle.
- Most SUV's, vans, or trucks are not permitted. Please call prior to registration to confirm eligibility status.
- No passengers are allowed in any cars at any time, excluding approved instructors riding with a student.
- To ensure your safety and that of other participants, all cars must complete the Self-Tech Form before driving on track. (A link to this form will be provided upon confirmation of registration.)
- Convertible vehicles with operational factory rollover protection systems are allowed. This includes factory roll bars, pop up rollover protection, and reinforced a-pillars designed to provide rollover protection. The car must be driven with the convertible top in the up and locked position. Arm restraints are recommended.
- All other convertibles require either an installed factory hard top or a four-point roll bar. If a roll bar is installed, the top of the driver's helmet must be below the line from the top of the roll bar (not including padding) to the top of the windshield frame. Portions of the roll bar subject to contact by the driver's helmet must be padded with a non-resilient material with a minimum thickness of one-half inch. Arm restraints are recommended.
- No single seater or formula style cars are permitted in Group 1 or Group 2.
- Additional details can be found on Motorsportreg.com

Driver Requirements:

- Drivers must be 18 years of age or older, and possess a valid state issued driver's license.
- Minors ages 16 or 17 with a valid learner permit may participate in Group 1 with a completed Parental Consent form. Please contact the track ahead of time for details.
- Minors with a valid driver's license may participate with a completed Parental Consent form. Please contact the track ahead of time for details.
- Minors with a valid road racing license may participate with a completed Parental Consent form. Please contact the track ahead of time for details.
- Shoes that cover the entire foot must be worn while on track. (No sandals, heels, Crocs, etc.)
- Long pants are required and long sleeved shirts are recommended for participation.
- Helmets with the following SNELL ratings are accepted: SA2015, SA2010, SAH2010, M2015, and M2010. SFI rated helmets may be accepted, please call the track for details. Helmets with DOT only certifications are not accepted.
- Drivers must bring any existing Student Log Book to the PDE. Proof of credentials may be required for opting into higher level run groups.
- Instructors will complete a Student Evaluation Form (for Group 1 and Group 2) and it will be available for viewing on your Motorsportreg.com profile within a few days after the event.

Support Crews

- Support crews are responsible for their own safety during PDE's. Please pay attention to traffic in the paddocks and pits at all times. The paddock speed limit is 10 miles per hour for all vehicles.
- Please park in designated area and keep the access lanes and fire lanes free of all vehicles, equipment, tools, etc.
- No person under 16 years of age is permitted in the pits at any time.
- No alcoholic beverages are allowed in the pits or paddocks.

Recycling/Waste Fluid

- IMPORTANT: DO NOT POUR OIL, GASOLINE, ANTIFREEZE, OR OTHER FLUIDS ON THE GROUND OR PAVEMENT.
- Trash receptacles and fluid recycling stations are located behind the North Track Garage.
- Please contact Pitt Race personnel if you have any questions about the containment of waste fluids.

Bring it in/Take it out policy

- All tires, broken fiberglass, scrap metal, batteries and any other parts that may have broken or fallen off of cars must be removed from Pitt Race.

Garages

- Garages are available for rent on a first come first serve basis. Please contact Pitt Race to schedule a rental at 724-535-1000.

FUEL

- Sunoco Racing Fuels is the official fuel of Pittsburgh International Race Complex:
 - Leaded 110 Octane
 - Unleaded 100 Octane
 - Premium Unleaded 93 Octane

Flags

CHECKERED FLAG (Black and white checkered): Waved as first car crosses finish line at the end of the final lap signifying the end of the session. **NO PASSING** is allowed after receiving the Checkered Flag.

GREEN FLAG (Solid green): Waved at the start of a run group session or after the first lap under Yellow Flag conditions have been completed. Once the Green Flag is shown, drivers can continue on track at speed according to the passing rules for their respective run group.

YELLOW FLAG (Solid yellow): Adverse conditions exist ahead. Drivers should reduce speeds, fall in line, and not pass other cars on track until after they are past the issue that caused the Yellow condition, or until corner workers are no longer showing the Yellow Flag. A waving Yellow Flag means that you are rapidly approaching an issue that has just occurred on track.

WHITE FLAG (Solid white): One lap remaining before Checkered.

RED FLAG (Solid red): Indicates that an emergency situation has occurred. All vehicles must come to a safe but quick stop on track. Pull off to one side of the track and within view of a corner worker. Leave room on the track for Safety Vehicles to pass. Do not unbuckle your belts or helmet, and stay in your car unless it's on fire.

BLACK FLAG (Solid black): An individual driver Black Flag means that a driver has violated the rules during his/her session. However, this flag can also indicate that there is a mechanical issue with a vehicle on course that needs to be addressed for the safety of other drivers. During a full course Black Flag, drivers must bring their cars to the hotpits or paddock on the next lap so event staff can deal with the situation on track. **NO PASSING** is allowed during a full course Black Flag status.

BLUE WITH YELLOW STRIPE: Pass/check your mirrors. Indicates to a driver that there is a faster car following closely behind but not yet close enough for a pass. Drivers receiving this flag should immediately check their mirrors, issue a 'point by' hand signal to the approaching driver, and leave adequate space on track for a safe pass. This is considered a courtesy to faster drivers.

YELLOW WITH RED STRIPES: Surface Conditions. Indicates there is debris or a change in the surface conditions. Proceed with caution.

Flags, Hand Signals and On-Track Demeanor

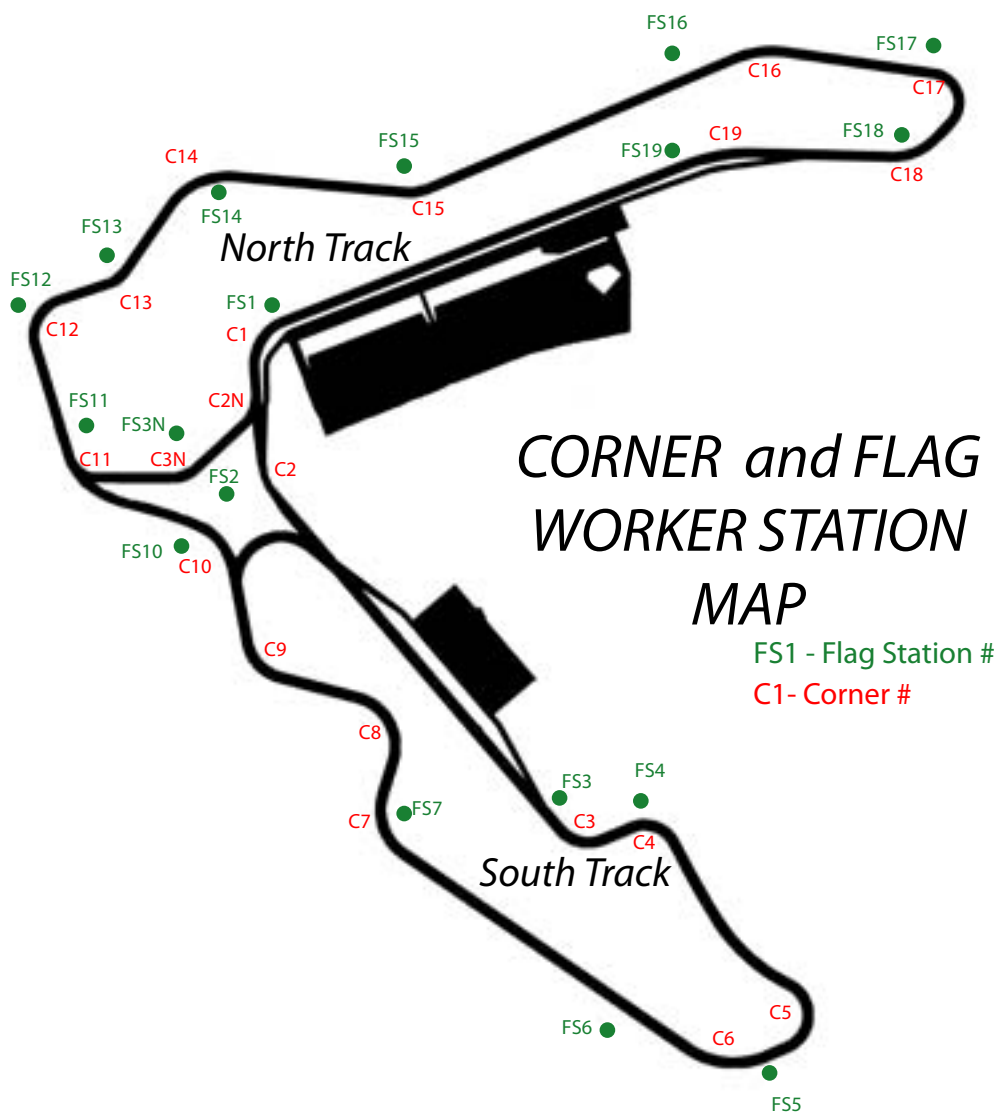
It is expected that all PDE drivers understand all flags and hand signals. If it is your first track experience, you will learn flags and track etiquette in the classroom sessions. Absolute compliance with all flags displayed at all corners is required. Drivers who fail to observe flag signals will be expelled from the event with no refunds. Please consult Pitt Race staff regarding any safety communication or procedure.

Drivers who experience off-course excursions are required to hand-signal the closest corner worker indicating there are no apparent injuries. Any driver engaging in unsportsmanlike behavior will be expelled with no refunds.

IMPORTANT: PITT RACE RESERVES THE RIGHT TO REMOVE ANY DRIVER DEEMED DANGEROUS TO EITHER THEMSELVES OR OTHERS.

Flag Stations and Medical Support

Pitt Race provides medical support and corner workers. Please attempt to get disabled cars to a designated safe zone and remain in car while waiting for assistance from the flag worker or Fire/Rescue.



SELF-TECH FORM

Driver & Co-Driver's Name _____

Phone _____

Car Make: _____ Car Model: _____ Year: _____ Color: _____

The track worthiness of your car is your responsibility. Please inspect, or have inspected these important aspects of your car. Print and complete the form, and don't forget to bring it with you to the track. Cars without form or with an incomplete form will not be allowed to participate.

Braking, Suspension & Steering systems:

- Ball joints/swivel point: within wear limits, grease seals intact, attachments secure
- Idler arm, pitman arm, links & ties rod/link end: within wear limits, secure attachments seals intact
- Bearings: hubs properly adjusted within manufacturer's specs, cotter pins or locking devices secure
- General condition of system: springs, shocks, bushings, frame attachments, anti-sway mountings all GOOD
- Brake friction materials: pads or shoes greater than 50% of manufacturer's thickness specs
- Calipers, brake cylinders and rotors: no leaks operates freely, attachment hardware secure, functioning properly
- Steel and flexible brake lines: fittings, attachments, mounting and integrity all GOOD
- Brake lights: functional

Battery, Hoses, Fluids, Fuel System to Engine:

- Brake fluid levels: GOOD (changed in accordance with manufacturer's specs) recommended High-temp brake fluid
- No fluid leaks: any lines, oil, engine coolant intercoolers
- Fuel Lines: GOOD condition, no leaks or corrosion, fuel filter(s) clamps on flax hose, no cracks/leaks
- Battery: firmly tied down, battery box used for remote battery. Positive terminal covered
- Carburetor, fuel injection systems, injectors: no leaks, corrosion, damage
- All Belts: GOOD Condition, snug, no cracks or fraying

Body, Exhaust & Fuel System:

- Body & Chassis: secure with little to no rust perforations
- Exhaust system: no leaks at pope flanges, joints, flanges, hanger and brackets securely mounted
- Gas tank/Fuel cell: no leaks, attachment secure, filter cap and vent cap present, Gas cap closes properly
- Fuel lines: no leaks, secure routing

Driver safety:

- Seats: securely mounted and in good condition
- Seat belts: functional and in good condition, (Safety harness is FIA or SFI certified)
- Vehicle glass & mirrors: GOOD condition, no damage or cracks
- Roll bar/cage/Hardtop/hoops: properly installed, meets vehicle type/manufacturer requirements
- Helmet & Attire: Helmet is Snell certified 2010 or newer (SA, SAH, or M 2005 rated helmets are valid for Lowkey Autocross only), long pants and sleeves are required for Pitt PDE and Test and Tune. Closed toe shoes are required for Pitt PDE, Test and Tune, and Lowkey Autocross
- Tires: no cords showing, not cuts, no interference with body throughout range of motion, properly seated on wheels
- Wheels & Tire valves: in good visual condition with no cracks/leaks, all lug nuts/studs are present & fully threaded

Is this vehicle a convertible? [] YES [] NO

If yes, does this car affirm to Car Requirement Section of Program Requirements? [] YES [] NO

Track Damage Information: Entrants assume all risk of damage or injury to persons and property during the course of the event. Should any damage to track facilities occur as a result of any action of yours, you are responsible for any related expense.

By signing this form I certify that I or a qualified mechanic has performed the above inspections and any deficiencies have been corrected. I acknowledge that I am solely responsible for the condition and suitability of this vehicle and helmet for use in this event. I release Pittsburgh International Race Complex, and any Person involved with this event from any liability arising from a failure of this vehicle or helmet for any reason, including the failure of the items listed on this form.

Driver _____

Co-Driver _____

Date _____

BEFORE YOU ARRIVE...

What To Pack

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Tools & Equipment | <input type="checkbox"/> Paper Towels |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Socket Set | <input type="checkbox"/> Gasket maker |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Car's Service Manual | <input type="checkbox"/> Brake Parts Cleaner |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Wrenches | <input type="checkbox"/> Brake Fluid |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Torque Wrench (Preferably Digital) | <input type="checkbox"/> Engine Oil |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Portable, Hydraulic Jack | <input type="checkbox"/> Mechanical Gloves |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Flat Head and Philips Head Screwdrivers | <input type="checkbox"/> Scrubs-in-a-bucket |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Quality Tire pressure gauge | <input type="checkbox"/> Extra Brake Pads |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Wire Cutters/Strippers/Pliers | <input type="checkbox"/> Cleaning Cloths |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Race Tape | <input type="checkbox"/> Glass Cleaner |
| <input type="checkbox"/> LED flashlight | <input type="checkbox"/> Sunblock |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Box Cutter | <input type="checkbox"/> Bottled water |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Duct Tape | <input type="checkbox"/> Energy Bar |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Zip ties | <input type="checkbox"/> Storage Container |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> Outdoor chair |

Suggested maintenance to perform prior to arrival

- Torque wheels to recommended specs.
- Check/adjust tire pressure.
- Flush brake fluid system- High temp fluid recommended.
- Bring extra brake fluid and motor oil.
- Tires should have at least 3/32 tread or be DOT approved race tires. Brand new, full tread depth street tires are not recommended.
- Brake pads should be less than ¼ used, performance brake pads recommended.
- No visible fluid leaks.
- A limited number of rental helmets are available at the track in the Pitt Stop Pro Shop.

Upon arrival

- Remove all loose items from vehicle including floor mats, tools, and etc.
- Check tire pressure often during the day.
- Re-torque wheels after one or two track sessions.

Please check our Event Calendar for a complete schedule of upcoming dates and times.

** Dates are subject to change; please check our website schedule for more information.



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**FEELING THE NEED
FOR SPEED?**
WE CAN HELP.



High performance driving school is a blast.

Whether you're a motorsports enthusiast or a weekend racer, it's a chance to push your car and your skills to the limit, and you'll come out of it a better driver. Most drivers enroll modern performance cars, but you could also drive a classic or even the family minivan. We love high performance drivers education (HPDE), and we're thrilled to announce we now offer track day coverage.

Introducing Hagerty Track Day Insurance

Our single-event HPDE policy protects your car for an Agreed Value from physical damage, both on the track and in the paddock. Coverage is customized to you and your car including any modifications, and an adjuster who has experience with high-performance vehicles will handle any claims.

Agreed Value | Custom Coverage | Hassle-free Claims



Agreed Value



Custom Coverage



Hassle-Free Claims

Get an incredible value at a great price

Hagerty has partnered with RLI to bring you the best track day insurance coverage at the lowest price possible for any vehicle, including daily drivers. For quick, easy online quoting and same-day coverage, click below.

All coverage may not be available in all states. This is only a general description of coverage. All coverage is subject to policy provisions, exclusions, and endorsements.

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