

Safe Movement Guideline | Fitting of safety cages and harness type seatbelts to MA club rally vehicles in Queensland

September 2021

© The State of Queensland (Department of Transport and Main Roads) 2015-2021



<http://creativecommons.org/licenses/by-nd/4.0/>

You are free to copy and redistribute the material in any medium or format for any purpose, even commercially, as long as you attribute the State of Queensland (Department of Transport and Main Roads) 2021. If you remix, transform, or build upon the material, you may not distribute the modified material.

This work is licensed under a [Creative Commons Attribution-NonCommercial 4.0 International License](http://creativecommons.org/licenses/by-nd/4.0/).

Table of Contents

Part 1 - Introduction	1
1. Purpose of the guideline	1
2. How this guideline should be used	1
3. Guideline authority	1
4. Definitions	1
5. Exemptions to vehicle standards	1
Part 2 - Requirements	2
1. General requirements	2

Part 1 - Introduction

1. Purpose of the guideline

This safe movement guideline provides guidance in relation to the requirements for fitting safety cages and harness type seat belts in Motorsport Australia rally vehicles to access the road network.

2. How this guideline should be used

This guideline is designed to assist customers that want to fit safety cages and harness type seat belts to their Motorsport Australia rally vehicles that meet the requirements in Part 2 of this guideline.

3. Guideline authority

This guideline is issued under the *Transport Operations (Road Use Management—Vehicle Standards and Safety) Regulation 2021* section 53, in accordance with the Statutory Instruments Act 1992 section 22.

4. Definitions

Unless otherwise stated, words and expressions used in the guideline have the same meanings as those defined in the *Transport Operations (Road Use Management) Act 1995* or the *Transport Operations (Road Use Management – Vehicle Standards and Safety) Regulation 2021*.

Approved seatbelt means a seatbelt fitted to a vehicle under the regulation.

MA means Motorsport Australia

MA club rally vehicle means a light motor vehicle that—

- i. has been issued with a MA logbook; and
- ii. is registered to, and operated by, a person who holds a MA licence; and
- iii. is considered by MA to be a vehicle suitable for participation in Club Level Rally events and whose eligibility is determined by the MA Regulations.

MA Regulations means regulations as detailed in the Motorsport Australia Manual and/or specific MA Technical Regulations applicable to the Category and Class of vehicle for participation in a MA Rally event.

Motorsport Australia Manual means the *online publication*, published by MA, bearing this title and applicable for that current year. (*available at www.motorsport.org.au/*)

NCOP means the code of practice known as the *National Code of Practice for Light Vehicle Construction and Modification*.

Vehicle means a MA club Rally Vehicle.

VSS Regulation means the *Transport Operations (Road Use Management—Vehicle Standards and Safety) Regulation 2021*.

5. Exemptions to vehicle standards

Sections 18(2)(a)(ii) and 19(1) of the VSS Regulation do not apply to the installation of harness type seatbelts and approved safety cages in vehicles operating under this Guideline.

Part 2 - Requirements

1. General requirements

- 1.1 This Guideline applies to a MA club rally vehicle.
- 1.2 This Guideline does not apply to a vehicle that was previously a MA club rally vehicle, but due to either the vehicle or its operator, is no longer considered a MA club rally vehicle.
- 1.3 A MA club rally vehicle may be fitted with:
 - (a) harness type seatbelts, in addition to the approved seatbelts fitted to the vehicle; and
 - (b) an approved safety cage.
- 1.4 To be considered an approved safety cage, the following requirements must be met:
 - (a) Type 2 or basic Type 3 MA Safety Cage requirements of Schedule J of the Motorsport Australia Manual; and
 - (b) *Occupant protection and occupant requirements – Padding* requirements of the LK8 section of the NCOP.
- 1.5 If fitted, the harness type seatbelt must meet the requirements of Schedule I of the Motorsport Australia Manual.
- 1.6 Any side intrusion bars fitted as part of an approved safety cage must not restrict access to or egress from the vehicle.
- 1.7 Should a harness type seatbelt or approved safety cage encroach upon a seating position, the seat must be removed and removal of the seat certified under the appropriate modification code.
- 1.8 Any harness type seatbelt fitted is for use during motorsport only and is not to be used when the vehicle is driven on a road.

Note: It is an offence under the Transport Operations (Road Use Management – Road Rules) Regulation 2009 for a person to travel in a vehicle unless they are wearing an approved seatbelt.

- 1.9 While the installation of harness type seatbelts and an approved safety cage to a vehicle do not require certification, any other modification must be performed and certified in accordance with the VSS Regulation.

Note: *Driving, parking or permitting the use of a vehicle on a road that has been modified, but not approved, is an offence and is grounds for confiscation or immobilisation of the vehicle.*