



CALIFORNIA CUP AUTOTEST

Saturday 14th August 2021

SUPPLEMENTARY REGULATIONS

Issue 1

[1] Announcement

The MG Car Club will organise a Clubman status Autotest for road-going cars on Saturday 14th August 2021 in a nominated hardstanding area of the Three-Counties Showground, Malvern.

[2] Jurisdiction

This meeting will be held under the General Regulations of Motorsport UK (incorporating the provisions of the International Sporting Code of the FIA) and these Supplementary Regulations.

[3] Permits

Motorsport UK Clubmans Autotest Permit NO. 122009 has been issued for this event.

[4] Eligibility

The event is open to members of the MG Car Club (MGCC) Ltd. Competitors will be required to present a valid (in date) and signed MGCC Membership card at signing on.

MAJOR CHANGES TO COMPETING ON AUTOTESTS.

The governing body Motorsport UK have introduced a requirement that all drivers and navigators need to have a competition licence for 2021, to compete on any event. Although the entry grade licence (**RS Clubman**) is free, anyone planning to compete in this Autotest must make sure they obtain one in advance. It is very straightforward to do online

<https://www.motorsportuk.org/competitors/rs-clubman-licence>

The event is for road-going cars. **Any car with “significant” modifications should be entered in the “modified” class.**

The intention is to promote fair competition between similar cars; therefore, competitors are strongly advised to consult the Secretary of the Meeting by email if in any doubt as to whether a modification to his / her vehicle is acceptable within the relevant “unmodified” class.

For the avoidance of doubt, the following modifications are considered to be “significant”:

- Limited Slip or Locked Differential, Four-Wheel Drive or change of gearbox type.
- Change of engine type (e.g. V8 in an MGB, K series in a Midget).

For the avoidance of doubt, the following modifications are NOT considered “significant”:

- Forced induction
- Fly-off or hydraulic handbrakes.
- Power steering and / or ancillary devices fitted to the steering wheel to reduce effort or otherwise assist steering.

Bodywork, suspension and brake upgrades are free.

The organisers reserve the right to move any car between classes for the purpose of fair and equitable competition.

All cars must comply with Motorsport UK Technical Regulations, noting the requirements of Section M Para. 12-14 of the Motorsport UK Blue Book 2021 (Specific Regulations for Autotests). <https://www.motorsportuk.org/news-publications/publications/yearbook/>

The scrutineer will carry out visual checks on general roadworthiness and shall pay particular attention to the following summarised requirements in Section J of the Motorsport UK Bluebook 2021:

- J 5.3.2 The seat must be rigidly located.
- J 5.4.2 Vehicles must be equipped with a positive method of closing by means of external spring(s) so that in the event of failure of any part of the throttle linkage, the throttle(s) are sprung closed. Vehicles fitted with electronic throttle control as standard are exempted.
- J.5.8.3 All relevant cars must have any hub caps removed from the roadwheels, if so fitted.
- J 5.9.2 Tyres must be road legal at the start of the event (1.6mm tread depth across the central $\frac{3}{4}$ of the tread around the complete circumference of the tyre).
- J 5.14.5 The battery earth lead must be identified by a yellow marking if not readily distinguishable.
- J 5.17.2 Silencing to 100dB(A) at 0.5m measured at 75% of engine rpm limit.

Cars must be presented for scrutineering in a clean and tidy condition, and particularly free from “clutter”. The acceptance, or otherwise, of any car shall be at the sole discretion of the Chief Scrutineer.

[5] Championships

This event has not been declared as a round of any championship.

[6] Scrutineering / Programme

Scrutineering and noise testing will start from 3:00pm onwards, on Friday 13th August, for all competitors, in a designated show-field area. This will follow any motorsport UK Covid-compliant guidelines current at the time of the event. For those (hopefully a just few) who cannot make scrutineering on the Friday, those cars can be presented for scrutineering from 9:00am on Saturday 14th June.

Once in the designated holding area drivers are required to remain with their car until it has been scrutineered and they have received the necessary pass, which may be verbal.

“Signing on” will start from 9:00am on Saturday 14th August for all competitors, within the holding area, at the designated Event Control. Drivers to present their scrutineer pass, if given out, and show their in-date and signed MGCC Membership Card at Sign-on Control. The details of how this will occur will be in the Final Instructions, given that motorsport UK guidance at the time of the event may have changed.

There will be a socially distanced verbal drivers briefing at 9:50am. It is imperative that all drivers attend.

Important information, including clarification of test procedures and running order will be provided by the Clerk of the Course at the Drivers briefing.

[7] Event Start

The event will start at 10:00am and will run through until no later than 2:00pm. (There will be a 20 minute comfort / coffee break at a convenient mid-point.)

Nature of Start: competitors self-start when ready, after the Timing Marshal has given the “All Clear”. Timing starts when the leading wheel of the front axle crosses the start line.

Any competitor not "signed on" by 9:45am may be excluded.

[8] Description of Event

This is a Clubman Autotest with a course layout designed to include both forward and reverse manoeuvres, and held on a smooth tarmac surface. The intention is to have three test layouts, with at least two runs at each, the aim being to complete all runs by each allocated batch of cars, within the allotted time for this event. The number of entries will have a bearing on the total number of test runs. Timing will be by use of mobile phones running the Motorsport UK approved **TimingAppLive** Autotest management application. Fail-safe backup if required will be by digital stopwatches, accurate to 1/100th second.

Course length: The approximate maximum size for the test sites is approx. 72m x 52m

All Autotest regulations of the Motorsport UK Blue Book 2021 apply as written except:

M11.3 Without exception a single car may be entered by no more than two drivers.

M 6.6 Markers (cones) may be less than 1 metre high.

Vehicles need not be taxed or registered as the event takes place wholly on private property. * However, as the competing vehicles will be driven through a congested public space, to and from the test area, they must have Third Party Liability insurance cover.

Penalties on this event: with reference to the Motorsport UK Blue Book 2021 except:

Table M 7.c Maximum penalty is fastest clear time in class plus 20 seconds

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Table M7.d & e Penalties are 5 seconds per fault for markers (cones), lines and boundaries.

The following classes will apply:

- Class A: Vintage
- Class B: MMM
- Class C: T-Types
- Class D: MGA, MGB (including V8 and RV8) and MGC
- Class E: MG Midget and Austin Healey Sprite
- Class F: All other MG cars manufactured before 1st January 1981
- Class G: MGF and MG TF
- Class H: All other MG cars manufactured after 1st January 1981
- Class I: Modified MG cars.

[9] Vehicle Starting Positions

Cars will start from behind the start line. The timing marshal may ask the drivers to adjust their car's position before starting.

[10] Practice Requirements

Practicing will not be permitted. Drivers will be given time to walk the course layout before each test. Printed copies of the test layouts will be issued at event sign-on.

[11] Identification

Identification numbers will be issued to drivers at sign-on.

[12] Pits Area

The holding / service area and perimeter barriers will separate the public from the tests. A parking area for trailers will be set aside. A limit of 5 MPH is imposed within the holding / service area. Extreme care must be taken when moving cars in this area.

[13] Judges of Fact

All Marshals are Judges of Fact and will be identified by wearing hi-viz clothing.

[14] **Television Coverage** is not expected

[15] Awards

Individual Awards:

The MGB Register Trophy shall be awarded to the **fastest MGB or MGB GT** (but excluding V8) entered **in class 4**.

Awards shall be made for fastest driver (**FTD**) and **fastest lady** driving an MG in any class.

Awards shall be presented to the driver coming first in each class, subject to there being three drivers signed-on in that class. In the event of a tie, the award(s) shall be shared.

Team Competitions: **Please read and note before making a Team Entry**

The California Cup shall be contested by teams of three drivers from the same geographical Centre, entered in the name of that Centre, and driving MG cars of any type, including those entered in the "modified" class. Eligibility to represent a Centre shall be recorded on the driver's MGCC membership card.

The Register Trophy shall be contested by teams of three drivers from the Vintage, MMM, SVW, Y-Type and T-Type Registers entered in the name of the Register and driving cars from those Registers. Eligibility to represent a Register shall be determined by the type of car being driven (i.e. the car does not need to be on the official Register).

The BMC Trophy shall be contested by teams of three drivers from the Magnette, MGA (including the Twin Cam Group), MGB, MGC, Midget and V8 Registers, entered in the name of the Register and driving MG cars from those Registers. Eligibility to represent a Register shall be determined by the type of car being driven (i.e. the car does not need to be on the official Register).

The Longbridge Trophy shall be contested by teams of three drivers from the FWD, MGF, ZR/ZS/ZT, SUV and 6.3.5 Registers entered in the name of the Register and driving MG cars from those Registers. Eligibility to represent a Register shall be determined by the type of car being driven (i.e. the car does not need to be on the official Register).

Team scores shall be calculated as the sum of the scores of the individual drivers.

Centres and Registers may enter more than one team. Teams entered for the Register, BMC and Longbridge Trophies shall also be eligible for the California Cup if all the drivers represent the same geographical Centre.

No one individual Centre team can win more than one team trophy. If they are entered for and win the California Cup, with an overall fastest team score, that individual team cannot then take any of the other three team trophies (Register, BMC or Longbridge) even if they are deemed to have entered and won on cumulative fastest times. The next fastest team entered (in that particular

competition) will then be deemed the winners of that team trophy, even if they are another team from the same Centre that has won the California Cup.

No car may be entered more than once in the team competitions unless driven by family members sharing the same membership number.

In the event of a tie, the award(s) shall be shared. The MGCC shall retain all team trophies.

Full details of all Awards will be detailed in the Final Instructions.

Team entries shall be made on the official form and submitted to the Secretary of the Meeting prior to the commencement of the tests.

[16] Entries

The maximum entry for the meeting is 50 and minimum entry is 25. If the minimum entry is not reached by closing date for entries, the MG Car Club Ltd. reserves the right to cancel the event.

[17] Entry List

The entry list opens on publication of these Supplementary Regulations and closes on Monday 9th August at noon. Late entries may be accepted up to and including Friday 13th August, at the discretion of the Secretary of the Meeting, if the maximum entry number has not been reached.

Competitor Entries can be made here: [2021 California Cup Competitor Entry Form](#)

Note: show N/A as the skill level where asked for in the entry form.

Also see at the top of the form in red, click on the link to the **Competitor Signing on Form Declaration** (a printed name is acceptable for a signature) and if appropriate, click on the link to the **Team Entry Form**. Complete and save form(s) to your device and e-mail the completed form(s) to the Entry Secretary, Noel Lindford at noel.lindford@btinternet.com

Marshals can register here: [2021 California Cup Marshals Registration Form](#)

Also see at the top of the form in red, click on the link to the **Marshals Signing on Form Declaration** (a printed name is acceptable for a signature). Complete & save to your device, and e-mail this completed form to the Entry Secretary, Noel Lindford at noel.lindford@btinternet.com

Entries Secretary: Noel Lindford, email noel.lindford@btinternet.com or 07432 152095

[18] Entry Fee: The entry fee for this Clubman Autotest is **£12.00** for MGCC members.

Payment should be made by BACS to the THE MG CAR CLUB LIMITED

(note: this is a business bank account):

Sort code: 40-08-10 Account No. 40586838

Please show a reference as CaliCup + <your name>

[19] Refusal of Entries

Entries may be refused once the entry list is full. Those seeking entry at that point can opt to be put on a reserve list. The Secretary of the Meeting has the final decision on entries.

[20] Additional Entry Information

Remember to supply an Emergency Contact on the entry form

[21] Nomination of Drivers

Identified by the entry form(s)

[22] Postponement / Cancellation

In the event of cancellation, competitors will be informed, by email, social media and or telephone.

[23] Officials

Official	Name
Secretary of the Meeting	Noel Lindford
Entries Secretary	Noel Lindford
Clerk of the Course	Noel Lindford
Chief Scrutineer	Mervyn Gillespie
Club Steward	TBA
Chief Timekeeper	Geoff Bateman

All queries prior to the event should be addressed to the Secretary of the Meeting, Noel Lindford at noel.lindford@btinternet.com

[24] Provisional Results

Provisional results will be posted no later than 5:00pm on Saturday 14th August at a location, which may also be on-line, and to be advised at the Driver Briefing.

[25] Results

Final results will be announced, Awards made and Trophies presented, between 5:30pm and 6:00pm at the latest (provisional times) on Saturday 14th August. The precise location and timing for the awards ceremony will be announced at the Drivers Briefing.

[26] Protests

Any protests must be lodged, and will be dealt with, as per Section C of Motorsport UK Rules.

[27] Parc Ferme

Security cannot be guaranteed in the service area. Competitors should be aware that any tools and equipment should be securely stored when not in use.

The MG Car Club does not accept responsibility for any losses incurred.

[28] Other Requirements / Information

Please take care driving into and out of the service area, at the start and end of the event.

If a competitor suffers a puncture on a test, they must slow down and exit the test at the earliest opportunity. If a tyre deflates so that the rim is touching the surface it must be changed immediately. In either event they will then be allowed a re-run of the test.

All other specific and relevant information about the event will be in the Final Instructions, to be issued on or about 10th August.

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