

2012-2014 Big 8 Late Models

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SAFETY AND APPEARANCE

SEATS

Approved aluminum driver's seat required.

Seat must be fastened to frame/roll cage and located to give adequate distance from driver's arm to door bars.

Shoulder supports on right and left sides of seat and head support on right are required.

Full containment seats recommended.

SAFETY BELTS

Minimum 3-inch wide lap belt, 3-inch wide shoulder harness and submarine (crotch) strap required.

Belts must be anchored to roll cage or frame. Grade "5" bolts and hardware required.

Shoulder harness must not be anchored lower than 2-inches below drivers shoulder height.

Belts must be dated **2008** or newer.

6-point belts (double crotch strap) are recommended.

DRIVING COMPARTMENT

Cockpit must be completely sealed off from engine compartment and fuel cell.

Padding required around driver including steering post

Securely mounted fully charged fire extinguisher with visible dial type gauge required.

Ribbon or mesh type window net with belt buckle release required. Buckle located at top/front recommended.

Clearly labeled push-pull or toggle type kill switch accessible from either side of car required.

No suspension components including stabilizer bar can be adjustable from the driving compartment.

DRIVER'S ATTIRE

Complete approved fire retardant driving suit and gloves required.

Eye protection and a Snell SA-2000 helmet or newer required.

SFI-38.1 Head and Neck restraints, fireproof shoes, and fire systems recommended.

APPEARANCE

A professional appearing paint job in an attractive color required. All lettering must be professional and in good taste.

Numbers: 18-inches on both doors, and roof, readable from the right side.

1" square rub rails allowed, mounting must be within 3" of ends & ends must be tapered and capped.

MISC

Management and/or officials reserve the right to impound a car at any time for any reason

All parts declared illegal by inspection will be confiscated by Officials and disposed of at their discretion.

CHASSIS, ENGINE & BODY

WHEELBASE & TREAD WIDTH

Minimum wheelbase 104", plus/minus 1 inch

Maximum tread width 65", measured center to center of tires at spindle height (front and rear).

CHASSIS

Tube or stock stub allowed. Frame rails must be a minimum of 2-inch by 3-inch .125 wall tubing.

Minimum ground clearance 3.5" with driver!

ROLL CAGE

All roll cage tubing must be at least 1.75" x .090" wall. Welded gussets required on all joints. At least four evenly spaced horizontal bars required on left, and three on right side. X-configuration on right side, counts as one bar.

All door bars must be mounted to the frame rails and the main roll cage uprights.

Door bars must be connected with a minimum of two equally spaced vertical tubes.

Left side door bar deflector plates of at least .125" steel required. Diagonal bar in top hoop required.

Floor pan under driver must be heavy-gauge steel.

SUSPENSION

Conventionally mounted 5-inch springs or coil over type suspensions. **Spring must be magnetic steel with maximum retail price of \$100.**

Approved Non-Adjustable Shocks (**Maximum retail price of \$180**) series; Afco 13T, R, S, 21, ARS 2000, Bilstein SZ, SN, Carrera 65,67, Genesis GSO, Integra 431, Pro A, AC, TA, PG, QA1 21, 50, **62, 67**. Manufacturers components must be used, valving optional.

Post Race shock disassembly is the responsibility of the Car Owner/Crew Chief. Bring Tools or make arrangements.

NO Bump-Stops/Rubbers, Compression/**Rebound**-limiting or Coil-Bind set-ups.

One shock/spring per wheel. One (1) conventional (single coil), spring rubber per spring allowed.

Rear suspension must be solidly mounted (no rubber bushings). Heim Joints only.

No Coilover eliminators or sliders allowed.

No lift bar, fifth coil or other spring-loaded/hydraulic suspension device allowed. No rear stabilizer bars.

SPINDLES & HUBS

Any steel spindle allowed. Aluminum steering-arm and ball-joint mounts allowed. Aftermarket hubs with 5/8" wheel studs required, maximum retail price \$325. No gun-drilled studs permitted.

Wide five hubs and spindles allowed with **no** weight penalty.

STEERING

Rack & Pinion, or steering box with center link style required. No electric power steering units.

Quick release steering wheel hub required.

Collapsible steering shaft recommended.

REAR END

Stock or rear spur gear type quick change units with steel tubes, No mini type quick change. Maximum camber ½ degree.

Spool, Detroit Locker (ratchet type), and Torque Sensing, differentials are permitted.

One-piece straight spline drive plates only. Drain plugs must be safety wired.

Magnetic steel axles only, blue drilled axles allowed.

BRAKES

Four wheel brakes required at all times.

Single or dual piston (steel or aluminum) calipers.

Four (4) piston calipers allowed with 30 lb weight penalty. Maximum retail price \$190.

Rigid mounted rotors, maximum diameter 12¼" rotors, no drilling permitted.

No floating calipers or rotors, no self centering rotors, ABS units or brake recirculation systems.

Only one brake bias adjusting unit per car.

No 'wheel fan' or blower motor devices allowed.

ENGINE LOCATION

GM engines must be located so that the center of the furthest forward spark plug hole is no more than 2" behind the front axle centerline.

Ford and Chrysler allowed 4" engine set back. **302 Ford allowed 4" engine set back with 30 lbs penalty, otherwise 2" set back.** Ford/Mopar based engines may have weight adjusted in the spirit of competition.

Crankshaft centerline 10" minimum ground clearance.

ENGINES

Limited Concept Engine – Call for provisions, where home track rules differ.

Two valves per cylinder. No aluminum blocks or heads. GM & Ford - 362 CID maximum, Chrysler - 373 CID maximum. All engines must meet the following specifications regardless of manufacturer: ***** REMINDER ***** Stock or stock replacement cast iron unaltered heads with factory valve angles (no angle milling, porting, polishing, acid dipping allowed). GM Bowtie numbers 14011058, 10134392, (casting number 14011034 and 12480034), World Products Sportsman II numbers 011150, 011250 allowed. Ford 351N and 352N heads, World Products Windsor Sr. 053040 allowed. Chrysler 5249769, 4529446, **LA-X** heads. Casting numbers must be visible on all heads. Gasket matching not permitted. Minimum combustion chamber 62cc, maximum 2.02-inch intake and 1.6-inch exhaust valves required. Flat top pistons required. A minimum of zero deck height required. 10.8 to one maximum compression ratio. Connecting rods must be magnetic steel. Rod journal minimum diameter 1.900". Oil pan minimum depth 6.5". A 3/4" NPT inspection hole in oil pan required. Inspection hole must be located in line with second or third rod journal of crankshaft, on either side of pan and above sump area (oil level). Hole in windage tray in line with inspection hole required. Valve spring retainers are the only titanium parts allowed. No radius edge lifters. Lifters must be able to rotate in their bores. No roller or mushroom cam/lifters. Maximum valve lift - .600" (measured at retainer). **In 2014 and beyond, only 3/8", 5/16" or 11/32" valve stem diameter allowed.** OEM style rocker arm mounting required. Firing order may not be altered. Ignition system may not be computerized, programmable or have memory circuits. No magnetos, crank trigger, multiple coil or programmable ignition systems allowed. Production type steel crankshaft with normal configuration counter weights. No dry-sump or vacuum systems of any kind allowed. External single stage oil pump allowed on Ford engines. OEM type, mechanical fuel pump, in original location, required. Chrysler engines add 20 lbs. for CID over 362. Intake Manifold: Edelbrock Victor Jr. 2975 (GM), 2915, 2920 (Chrysler), 2921, 2980, 2981 (Ford). Plenum and port configuration must remain as-produced. No porting modifications, including gasket matching. No spacer/Adaptor plates to head. If Bee-Hive valve springs are used, the competitor will be required to switch to conventional style valve springs for post race tech purposes.

GM Crate Engine

Part number 88958604, must be used as produced. Maximum 2" set back. Ignition: MSD with Rev-control required. Mounting on right side of dash required. RPM limit will be listed on the Event Entry Form. Carburetor: Holley 650-HP P/N 80541-1 required. No modifications allowed. All crate engines may not be altered from factory specs. Any evidence of tampering with engine components will result in disqualification, confiscation, fine, and suspension for balance of season. Factory/Certification Seals may be removed by Officials for tech purposes, Tech staff reserves the right to impound motors for inspection or dyno testing. GM Crate engines with any or all of the following updates will weigh ~~2825~~ **2850** lbs. Specific updates are; 1.6 rocker arms, Small Harmonic Balancer, Carb Spacer **Maximum compression can never be greater than 9.6:1**

Carburetor: Holley 4412-2 bbl. Holley 4412 Carburetor Rework Guidelines:

Body of Carbs: No polishing, coating, grinding, or drilling of holes allowed. Gasket surfaces may be machined for improved sealing. The choke may be removed, but all screw holes must be permanently sealed. Choke horn may not be removed.

Boosters may not be changed including no additional holes. Height, size, and shape must remain standard and unaltered.

Venturi area must not be altered. Casting ring must not be removed. Base plate must not be altered in shape or size.

Butterflies: Must not be thinned or tapered. Screw ends may be cut even with shafts, but screw heads must remain standard.
Throttle Shafts: Shafts must remain standard and must not be thinned or cut in any manner. Metering block may be plugged, no additional holes allowed, must remain stock appearing for carb style, no aftermarket blocks permitted.
Any attempt to pull outside air other than straight down through the venture is not permitted.

Jets may be changed. No dial-a-jet devices.

No addition of any material, such as epoxy, may be added to carb or parts except to seal vacated external screw holes.

Epoxy allowed on boosters of 4412-2 bbl. at main body only.

Carb Adaptor: 1.5" max thick w/gaskets. Bores must be straight (not tapered, angled beveled or grooved). Original orientation required. No part of adaptor may protrude into plenum of Intake Manifold. Adaptors are one piece only.

RETURN SPRINGS & AIR CLEANER

Double return springs required

Air boxes allowed with cowl inlet only.

EXHAUST

Headers allowed on all engines (max retail price \$650). Tri-Y not allowed, no Merge-Collectors.

Exhaust must exit behind driver. Under car allowed 100-decibel max. **Right door exit must be 12 " max from ground, not point up, and be 95-decibels max.** NO custom, one of a kind or homemade headers.

CLUTCH, TRANSMISSION & DRIVESHAFT

Stock transmission with operating reverse gear required. No straight cut gears. Counter gear must be driven by input shaft.

Made-for-racing clutch required. Two disk 5 ½" minimum. Carbon clutch not permitted.

Steel or Aluminum driveshaft minimum diameter 2½". Safety hoop required on front half of driveshaft.

Driveshaft must be painted a bright reflective color.

RADIATOR/COOLING

Metal radiator mounted in front of engine, between frame horns.

Fan protection and overflow tank located in engine compartment required.

Water pump must be stock type in stock location.

Antifreeze is not allowed.

FUEL & FUEL CELL

Fuel cell complete with 1/8" steel can, interior bladder, foam baffle and rollover valve required. No deflector plates.

Fuel cell must be mounted behind rear axle, between frame rails.

Over-Tail chassis – maximum 15 gallon capacity (25"x18"x10") and must have ASA bar.

Bottom of fuel cell must be at least 10 inches from the ground.

Filler must be accessed through deck lid. Filler spout may be extended, but not connected to bodywork.

All vents must be valved to eliminate leakage.

Aeroquip or equivalent gas line required. Routing must be outside of cockpit and protected from damage.

Fuel must meet properties of track supplied fuel.

BODY & APPEARANCE

Five Star, ARP or equivalent template short track late model body only, **subject to tech inspector scrutiny**

Minimum roof height 47".

Spoiler: Single plane, 5"(measured from deck plane) x 60"(measured across rear) max.

Deck height 34.5" max.

Minimum ground clearance including nose and rocker panel is 4".

All windows must be of Lexan. 12" max vent (wing) window.

No venting cockpit air allowed. 2 – 3" maximum diameter hoses and ducts allowed for driver cooling.

Weight penalties may be assessed for bodies not conforming to Five Star guidelines, dimensions, and/or templates.

WEIGHT

Limited Concept Engine – 2850 lbs. Chrysler over 362 – 2870 lbs.

GM Crate Engine with RPM Rev-control – ~~2775~~ **2750** lbs.

GM Crate Engine with updates and RPM Rev-control – ~~2825~~ **2850** lbs.

LaCrosse 9 to 1 iron intake & exhaust, conventional springs, GM brakes – 2825 lbs. (LaCrosse shock rule applies)

Add 30 lbs for four (4) piston brake calipers.

Add 30 lbs for 302 Ford with 4" engine set back

Gas allowance for Heats and Features will be listed on the Event Entry Form.

Front axle 49% and right side 42% apply at all times. All weights include driver in seat.

Ballast must be painted white and lettered with car number.

WHEELS & TIRES

Aftermarket made for racing, steel wheels required. 15" x 8" maximum.

Approved Big 8 Series Tires required. Tire availability to be posted on entry form.

If two tire event: Prior to practice; two used (4/32"max tread depth) tires (not on car) must be registered/marked. Prior to qualifying; the other two ~~scuffed (feathered)~~ tires must be registered/marked. **Competitors unable to present two used tires will be required to run two marked tires a minimum of 20 laps in practice, will be given two laps of qualifying at the end of the qualifying session and will start at the back of the qualifying race in order to attempt to race their way into the feature field as they will NOT be locked in from qualifying.**

Marked tires must be used for all competitive events.

Chemical treatment of tires (softening) not permitted.

TOW HOOKS: Tow hooks on front and rear required.

BATTERY: 12-volt systems max. Batteries must be securely mounted ahead of rear axle, away from fuel cell and lines.

Batteries in driving compartment must be in approved sealed battery box. Battery (negative post) disconnect switch recommended.

ELECTRONICS:

Radio frequencies must be registered with the tech officials.

Video recording from car, limited to 1 track viewing camera only.

Data recording/acquisition not permitted.