

PARC FERME

54. RULES OF PARC FERME

54.1. APPLICATION

Vehicles are subject to parc fermé rules:

- from the moment they enter the pre-start parc fermé (if any);
- from the moment they enter a regroup (if defined as parc fermé);
- from the moment they enter and/or check in at a control area until they leave it;
- from the moment they reach the end of the competition element of the event until the Stewards have authorized the opening of the parc fermé (if any).

54.2. PERSONNEL ALLOWED IN THE PARC FERMÉ

54.2.1. As soon as they have parked their vehicle in the parc fermé, the drivers must stop the engine and the crew must leave the parc fermé. Nobody, except the officials of the event carrying out a specific function, is allowed in the parc fermé.

54.2.2. Crews may enter the parc fermé 15 minutes before their starting time.

54.3. PUSHING A VEHICLE IN THE PARC FERMÉ

A vehicle which will not start may be pushed by the crew, officials and other crews still in the event to the end of the control zone. In such case a 1-minute penalty will be applied.

54.4. EXTERNAL BATTERY

Engines may be started by means of an external battery, which may be brought in and taken out by a crew member under the supervision of an official of the event. Such batteries may not be transported in the competing vehicle (except in the load-bearing bodywork of Truck vehicles still in the competition).

54.5. VEHICLE COVERS

Before leaving the parc fermé, the crews may cover their vehicles. Before leaving the parc fermé with the vehicle, the crews must place their vehicle covers and external battery outside the parc fermé.

54.6. GROUNDSHEET

A groundsheet should be used (a minimum of 1 meter longer and wider than the vehicle). When leaving the parc fermé with the vehicle, the crew must take the groundsheet from the parc fermé. The groundsheet may be brought in and taken out by the crew members on foot.

54.7. REPAIRS IN PARC FERMÉ

54.7.1. If the scrutineers consider that the state of a vehicle has become sufficiently defective that safety might be affected, with the permission of the Chief Scrutineer and in the presence of a scrutineer, a maximum of two team members may repair or exchange the safety equipment (e.g. seat belt, extinguisher).

54.7.2. With the prior consent of the Clerk of the Course and under the supervision of an authorized marshal or scrutineer, the crew and up to 3 team personnel may change the windscreen.

54.7.3. By way of exception to the parc fermé rules and in the presence of an official, the crew may

- change one or two punctured or damaged tires and/or wheels using the equipment on board;
- check and/or reduce the pressure of its tires.

54.7.4. If the time taken for completion of the above repairs results in delay beyond the originally scheduled start time, the crew will be given a new start time from completion of the repair, the penalty for which is 1 minute per minute or fraction of a minute, but which may not exceed the maximum permitted lateness as provided under the relevant regulations.

54.7.5. Once the work has been completed, a new start time will be allocated. Should the work take more than 30 minutes the competitor will be given a Fixed penalty.

54.8. TECHNICAL CHECKS

Technical checks may be carried out within the parc fermé by the scrutineers.

54.9. FINAL PARC FERME

Tracking system devices and on-board cameras may be removed in the parc fermé only with the agreement of the Chief Scrutineer and under the control of the marshals.