

44.3.6. The list with the required equipment is published in the General Technical Regulations and the Supplementary regulations of the event.

44.4. SELF RECOVERY

When winching, it is obligatory for the crew to use “tree protector strap”. A penalty will be applied and the offence reported to the Stewards for possible further action.

The use of a winch cable dampener/blanket is highly recommended no matter the type of which cable.

44.5. VEHICLE-TO-VEHICLE COMMUNICATION SYSTEM

- 44.5.1.** In order to make overtaking between competitors safer, a vehicle-to-vehicle communication system may be fitted to each vehicle.
- 44.5.2.** This system must be in operation throughout the running of each leg and must be connected directly to the battery of the vehicle, with no possible interruption.
- 44.5.3.** The operation of the system is the responsibility of the competitor. If it is noted that the system is not in operation, through the fault of the crew, a penalty will be applied and the offence reported to the Stewards for possible further action.
- 44.5.4.** A crew who refuses to respond to the overtaking request will be reported to the Stewards, who may penalize that crew and/or another crew belonging to the same competitor if it gained an advantage.
- 44.5.5.** Instructions for the use of the unit will be provided by the manufacturer and must appear in an appendix to the Supplementary Regulations.
- 44.5.6.** The unit must be fixed in the vehicle in such a way as to allow at least one crew member to use it while seated with tightened seatbelts.

44.6. INCIDENT ON A SELECTIVE SECTION

- 44.6.1.** In the case of an accident where urgent medical attention is required, the following applies:
 - the SOS switch on the emergency console (tracking system) must be activated as soon as possible (if applicable);
 - as soon as possible, the crew must contact the Rally Control using the emergency phone numbers (if possible);
 - when possible the red “SOS” sign should immediately be displayed to the following vehicles and to any helicopter attempting to assist;
 - as soon as possible, the red triangle should be placed in a conspicuous position on the same side of the road as the vehicle by a member of the crew at least 50 meters before the vehicle’s position, in order to warn following crews.
- 44.6.2.** Any crew which has the red “SOS” sign displayed to them or received an SOS signal via the Vehicle-to-vehicle system, or which sees a vehicle which has suffered an accident and the “OK” sign is not shown, shall immediately and without exception stop to render assistance. All following vehicles shall also stop. All crews stopped by this procedure will be allocated a time according to Art. 44.6.6.
- 44.6.3.** In the case of an accident where immediate medical intervention is not required, or of a vehicle stopping for any other reason on or beside a Selective Section, whether temporarily or permanently, the following applies:
 - the OK switch on the emergency console must be activated within one minute (if applicable);
 - the green “OK” sign must immediately be displayed to the following vehicles and to any helicopter attempting to assist;
 - if the crew leaves the vehicle, the “OK” sign must be displayed so that it is clearly visible to all following crews;
 - the red triangle should be placed in a conspicuous position on the same side of the road as the car by a member of the crew at least 50 meters before the car’s position, in order to warn following crews.
- 44.6.4.** Should it not be possible, for whatever reason, to display the “SOS/OK” sign in any of the above situations, this may be replaced by evident and clearly understandable sign language shown by the crew:
 - an arm and thumb up to indicate “OK”;
 - crossed arms above the head to indicate “SOS”.

