

3.6 TRIAL GROUP M “MODIFIED” (IMPROVED SERIES VEHICLES)

3.6.1 General information

Change on the vehicle is forbidden unless specifically allowed and only permitted changes are allowed. The car must follow the manufacturer's conditions, like EU regulations or main importer regulations. All accessories and all special equipment, which can be supplied with the vehicle purchase, is allowed if no restrictions are present.

Only diesel or ordinary petrol is allowed as fuel. Beyond this the following regulations apply:

3.6.2 Frame/body

3.6.2.1 Frame/chassie/wheelbase

Original. Fittings for engine, gearbox, transfer box and brackets for exhaust systems may be moved or modified, otherwise no changes is allowed. Bumper-mounting-plates can be removed or cut.

3.6.2.2 Body

The body above the beltline can be modified. Belt line is defined as follows: In front the line of the bonnet. For open vehicles back and side, the side above the wall. For closed vehicles, if no open version exists, the bottom edge of the side window, and the back window. Exception: under the belt line the wheel arch can be cut in the same profile of the body, max. 100 mm to accept bigger wheels. For flat-fender vehicles (like Jeep Willys, Jeep Wrangler etc.) the front fenders can be raised and/or cut by max. 100mm in all.

The doorsill cover may be reduced by 100mm but a maximum up to the doorsill beam.

The rear corner behind the rear wheels may be reduced max 100mm, or up to the floor and max 100mm in from the side.

Parts that are attached/fitted by screws to the body (e.g. bonnet, wings etc.) may be replaced by parts made of plastic or fiberglass, provided they have identical external dimensions. Inner front wings can be removed.

Body protection is allowed.

3.6.2.3 Dimension / Vehicle outline

The dimensions must correspond to the manufacturer data.

The vehicle outline may not be changed with masking tape or other measures.

3.6.2.4 Window/window frame/mirror

The windscreen and the windscreen frame including its fastening parts may be removed.

In case a windscreen is used it must consist of laminated glass, “Lexan” or “Makralon”. Plexiglas is forbidden. Windscreens should not have damages, for safety reasons. Should damage occur the windscreen must be approved by technical control.

Mirrors of all kinds are allowed.

3.6.2.5 Body lift

Bodylift is permitted. This must be rigid.

3.6.2.6 Bumper

Bumpers and bumper mounting plates may be removed. It may be exchanged by other non-serial bumpers, however the form is not allowed to be molded or shaped to the vehicle. The material must be rigid and firm. Material thickness is optional: Cover plates (or similar material) between body and frame are forbidden.

3.6.2.7 Floor / firewall / transmission tunnel

Floor and firewall must be present and in original place and material. Fewer modifications is allowed. Changes at the transmission tunnel are allowed.

3.6.2.8 Passenger area

A protective wall must be present to protect driver and co-driver from engine, oil cooler, radiator and to prevent fire or fluid from spreading into the passenger area.

3.6.2.9 Seats

The seats for the driver/co-driver must be well secured. Seats must have head restraints that covers at least 2/3 height of the helmet. Co-drivers seat must be present. Its allowed to replace the original seats with racing seats with the possibility for 4-point harness.

3.6.2.10 Harness

Harness must at least be of type 4-point belts or so-called suspender belts (y-belts) or more, and they must be well attached to the body and/or rollcage according to harness manufacturer's specifications. The harness must be in good condition and may not be modified. If new mounting points are created in the body, a steel reinforcement plate with a surface area of at least 40 cm² and a thickness of at least 3 mm must be used. The passengers must be buckled at all time in the section during driving or rescue. The belt system used is to be put on according to its regulation and may not be manipulated. Vehicles with active airbag or belt restrain systems must be marked at both doors with the "Airbag"-symbol. It's allowed to remove the airbags.

3.6.2.11 Rollcage

A six-point rollcage is mandatory. The rollcage must consist of a Basic structure according to 3.2.6.4, backstays, diagonal member 3.2.6.6 and roof reinforcement 3.2.6.7.

External rollcage is allowed.

See 3.2.6 for more info.

3.6.2.12 Protective netting /Armstraps

Protection nets or armstraps must be used. Net must cover the door/window area so the arm/hand cannot come outside the car. This also applies to armstraps. If arm straps are used, they must open together with the harness.

3.6.2.13 Body attachment

Hardtop, tarpaulin with linkages inclusive all locked mounting plates, tailgate, rear seats, spare wheel, spare wheel handle, mirror and mirror handle, side and back windows, side turn signals, door handles and door upper sections may be removed. (door lower part must be present). Interior door panel must be present. Material free, however not paper, cardboard, fabric or similar.

Original doors can be changed to half-doors. The door must be able to open from the outside, or have a marking on the outside that shows where the opening is on the inside of the door. Definition for half doors: There must be a cover available, which prevents feet or legs from falling out when the vehicle is tilted. This cover must have at least the height of the belt line of the vehicle. In addition, the cover must have at least the height of the highest point of the unloaded seat. The cover can consist of e.g. sheet metal, wood, lattice, etc. and the material must not be transparent. The cover/half door can be made to be opened.

3.6.2.14 Fluid tubes

A protection of the fluid tubes for the fuel -, oil-, and brake hoses outside of the body must be provided against damages. (stones, corrosion, mechanical breaks etc..). Inside the body the tubes must be protected from any fire risk. If the series arrangement is maintained, no additional protection is necessary. If no serial tank is used there must be an anti-return valve inside the breather.

3.6.2.15 Towing eye/hook

There must be either one towing eye or hook in the front and in the back with an inside diameter of at least 50 mm. They must be firmly embodied, easily accessible and have to be painted red, yellow or orange, so that the body of the vehicle contrast with the towing eye/hook.

3.6.2.16 Undershield

Undershield is optional.

3.6.3 Suspension

3.6.3.1 Spring

The type of spring must maintain as original (coil spring, leaf spring, torsion or pneumatic). The fastening points of the springs must be kept in the frame. It is allowed to move the fastening points heightwise, but not in a lateral or longitudinal direction of a leaf-sprung vehicle. Shackle reverse is allowed, meaning: cars with shackles in front of the leaf spring can change to shackle in the back of the leaf spring and otherwise.

It is not allowed to move the fastening points of support, control and/or radius arm in the frame of a /torsion or pneumatic sprung car. Change of radius arm are allowed, likewise material of radius arm and bushing. The number of points where the radius arm attaches to the axle must be the same of its original configuration. Johnny-joints, universal-joints or any kind of free moving joint is not allowed. The wheelbase may vary up to 1% of the original specifications and the original position of the axles must be kept. "Spring over axles" is allowed.

3.6.3.2 Spring pendants

Longer spring pendants are permitted.

3.6.3.3 Shock absorber

Shock absorbers are optional, however the number of shock absorbers, the working principle, and their position in the car must be kept – meaning their position and angle against the body or body frame. The original fastening spots on the body may be extended, but the shock absorbers must be kept in the original position and angle against the body. Fastening spots on the axles are optional, but must be kept in the original position and angle of shock absorbers against the body. The fastening principle is optional (screw or eye). Gas-pressure shock absorbers are to be regarded from the work principle as hydraulic shock absorbers.

Adjustable shock absorbers are forbidden.

3.6.3.4 Bump stop

Optional.

3.6.3.5 Level control

A serial level control may be inserted while maintaining the original work version.

3.6.3.6 Torsion stick / Stabilizer bar

Optional. For every axle it's allowed with two torsion sticks, with maximum two fastening points at the axle and two fastening points in the frame/body for both sticks.

3.6.4 Steering

3.6.4.1 Steering

The steering stop screws are optional. Only conventional, mechanical power steering is allowed optional. Modifications on the frame during change of steering unit are not allowed except new mounting holes and reinforcement of mounting holes. Cutting away parts of the frame is not allowed.

3.6.5 Brake

3.6.5.1 Brake

The brake assembly is optional. The braking force distribution at an axle must be equal. The serial braking force distribution between both axles must not be changed.

Brake tubes must be well attached, and brake hoses must be secured with metal fasteners. Plastic strips is not allowed.

3.6.5.2 Parking brake/emergency brake

A well functional parking brake/emergency brake must be present, engaging the brakes of the rear-axle, or the driveshaft of the rear-axle. The control system of the parking brake can be operated hydraulically or mechanically, and it must be mechanically independent of the main system.

The control system must be possible to engage with one hand or one foot, and it must automatically remain locked when engaged. The parking/emergency brake must be able to slow down the vehicle in case of failure of regular brakes. See 3.2.5 for test procedure.

3.6.5.3 Steering brake

Not allowed.

3.6.6 Wheels

3.6.6.1 Tire

Agricultural tractor profiles, spikes, chains and dual tires are not permitted, otherwise tires is optional.

3.6.6.2 Rim

Optional. Maximum diameter 18". Track widening/wheel spacers are allowed.

3.6.6.3 Wings

1/3 of the tire track (profile area) must be covered with a wing. If this is not the case, this can be achieved in form of flared wings. The wing must cover the tire from the sill and 120 degrees of the tires radius.

The material of the flared wings must consist of solid and not transparent material.

3.6.7 Engine

3.6.7.1 Engine

Optional.

NOX-injection is not allowed.

3.6.7.2 Mixture preparation

If there is a defect with the gas control it must be ensured that the engine goes on idling (e.g.: by a spring at throttle valve shaft).

3.6.7.3 Cooling

Optional. Radiator must not be placed in the passenger area. If the radiator is placed behind the passenger area, it must be covered with protective walls to prevent hot water from reaching driver/codriver at any angle. Even if the car has rolled over. The radiator, water hoses and water pipes should be securely fastened, and if water pipes and hoses go through the passenger area, they must be well protected to prevent the driver and co-driver from scalding or burning.

3.6.7.4 Fuel tank / fuel pipe

The fuel tank is optional. Fuel tank of racing type is recommended. It must be firmly joined in a sufficiently protected position and installed to the vehicle. It must not be in the passenger compartment. The fuel tank must be separated from the passenger compartment by a fireproof guard. The fuel tank has to be leak proof in any position of the car or the fuel tank.

3.6.7.5 Exhaust

The Exhaust opening from the side or from above must be behind the middle of the wheelbase. Exhaust pipes may not exceed laterally over the body. The rear of the exhaust system must be designed so that it's possible to make a control of vehicle noise without problem. Noise limitation: The volume of the exhaust system may reach max. 98+2 decibel (DMSB near field measuring method)

3.6.8 Drivetrain

3.6.8.1 Gearbox

Gearbox, transfer case and gearbox ratios are optional. The use of differential lock in transfer case are optional. The drive system (permanent or disengageable) may not be changed.

Vehicles with automatic gearboxes must be secured so that the engine only can be started in "Neutral" or "Park".

3.6.8.2 Axle/axle ratio

The axles can be changed but must be of the same type as the original axles (e.g. Straight axles, Portal axles). Changing to portal axles is not allowed. Axle ration is optional.

3.6.8.3 Diff-lock

Optional for both rear and front axle.

3.6.8.4 Disconnect of axle / drive system

The disengagement of the power transmission of individual wheels or drive axles is not permitted, unless it corresponds to the series. Remanufacturing to 2WD Low is not permitted.

3.6.9 Electric

3.6.9.1 Battery

Optional. Electrical cables should be well protected.

The positive battery terminal has to be covered to prevent contact to other metal parts.

3.6.9.2 Main circuit breaker

A main circuit breaker is valid. The main circuit breaker must cut all electrical circuits, battery, alternator or dynamo, lights, ignition, electrical controls, etc. and must also stop the engine. The main circuit breaker must be installed on the driver's side in front of the windshield. It must be reachable from the inside and from the outside. It must have a noticeably marked on/off position. Diesel engines which do not have an electrical "turn of"-solenoid must have a "stop the engine"-wire installed along with the main circuit breaker.

3.6.9.3 Lights

It is mandatory to keep the appearance of original headlights in the front of the vehicle. Either by using original lights or they can be painted, printed or made as a sticker. Otherwise optional.

3.6.9.4 Electronic support

It is not allowed to use electronic support like radios, cameras and sensors.