

What is a Twelve Car Rally?

Twelve Cars are a navigational test held on the public road with twelve cars. Widely regarded as a pathway to road and stage rallies, Twelve Cars are a great place to learn all the key skills required to navigate and compete at a higher level.

How does it work?

A Twelve Car is a Navigational Rally limited to twelve vehicles. Crews have to locate route checks, navigate a route and time controls whilst maintaining a time schedule. You are given a series of instructions defining your route, visiting the plot locations in order and at particular times. At each control point, there will be a marshal waiting to note your time and to provide the next set of instructions. The objective is to navigate to each time control accurately while following a time schedule, set at a max of 30mph average.

Twelve Cars normally take place at night, and can only have a maximum of twelve cars because they fall within the provisions of automatic authorisation. Any more than twelve cars, and the event would need route authorisation under Road Traffic Act legislation.



How can you take part?

There are many clubs across the UK organising regular Twelve Car Rallies that are open to newcomers. Events are run by local volunteers, with rules and regulations determined by Motorsport UK, the governing body, to provide safe, fair and fun competition.

Most clubs offer a class structure with these events, with navigation instructions varying in complexity according to the class such as novice, intermediate, advanced, etc.

What do you need?

You can compete in Twelve Cars with your standard road car with no modifications. You just need to make sure it has a:

- A valid MOT, and that it is taxed and insured, unless exempt
- A maximum of four forward facing beams as well as side indicator lights

There may be more regulations specific to your 12 car, but you can check this in the event's supplementary regulations. Also note that normal car insurance does not cover competition events, and you might need to either take out specialised cover or utilise the insurance for public highway events offered by the organising club.

You will need a:

- A club membership
- Your entry fee
- An RS Clubman licence from Motorsport UK

Depending on the club, you may also need:

- A specified map
- A Romer
- Pencil and rubber for plotting locations
- Torch
- Map magnifier

RS Clubman Licence

All competitors and passengers will need to hold a free of charge Motorsport UK RS Clubman licence as a minimum.

The licence can be applied for on the day of the event, however it is best to get the licence before the event online via Motorsport UK's website.

For more information on the RS Clubman licence, [click here](#).

For more information guides visit the Motorsport UK Club Toolkit. For guidance and suggestions of further guides, email Motorsport UK at club.development@motorsportuk.org