

What is an Autotest?

A low cost, high-enjoyment discipline that is ideal for perfecting car control. Competitors must complete the tests as fast as possible and perform all required manoeuvres without touching any course markers.

How does it work?

Autotests are one of the lowest cost forms of motorsport. Competitors are split into different classes depending on the type of vehicle they're using, starting with standard road cars through to what are known as 'specials': cars that have been modified with the aim to participate in Autotest events.

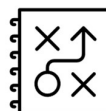
There are three main types of Autotests:

- **Production Car Autotests** – also known as PCAs. Tests have a maximum of four reverse gear engagements. Event regulations can state that road tax/MOT is not needed. PCAs require passengers and drivers can be as young as 14.
- **AutoSOLOs** – a type of Autotest that takes place on a sealed surface and all driving is forward-only. You have to drive your car to and from the event. Passengers are allowed and drivers must be 14.
- **Autotests** with reversing is the most specialised form of the sport. There is no limit to the number of reverse gear engagements and drivers must be 16.

The basics

Tests are laid out using plastic pylons or cones and white chalk can be used to draw lines on the ground. Competitors should be given a test diagram before the event begins. They may also want to walk the test to help them memorised it. In AutoSOLOs and many PCAs, finding your way through the route is made easier as the cones are identified (through letters or numbers) and there is a marker to show which side of the cone to drive

They will tackle each test one at a time and try to complete the course as quickly as possible without hitting any markers. At the test finish, they must stop astride the line or in a box.



Penalties are incurred for hitting cones, failing to stop at a line or for taking the wrong route. Competitors can tackle a number of tests with usually two or three attempts at each. The driver with the lowest accumulative time (including any penalties) is the winner.

Need to know

Electric vehicles can be used but this must be specified in the event regulation.

Regulations for Autotests can be found in the National Competition Rules Chapter 19. [Click here to view online.](#)



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. The best way to get the RS Clubman licence is online via Motorsport UK's website.

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

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