



Expanded passing

- Just because you can pass anywhere, doesn't mean you should (or want to) pass anywhere, or expect to get a pass signal anywhere
- Courtesy is still expected: DE is not racing

What to expect:

- Passing still should be done on straight sections
 - Passing in the corners is allowed but slows down both cars and isn't fun for either
 - If a pass does occur going into or during a corner, each driver owns only half the track.
- Passing should still be done early on straight sections
 - A late pass is allowed but often slows both cars more than waiting until immediately after the corner; good judgement is required
 - This means looking in the mirror and judging closing speeds; this requires much more practice than you think. Most drivers aren't very good at it.
- If you give a signal, expect a pass now
 - Do lift for a split second (yes, there are cars in Black and Red with less horsepower than yours that are faster)
 - Signal expires after the upcoming corner
- Every driver should give a pass signal at the first reasonable opportunity
 - It shouldn't be necessary to be right on the rear bumper
- Car giving the signal should stay on line (with a few very limited exceptions noted in the Drivers/Instructor meetings) and generally should be able to drive at their normal pace (after a brief lift) and line. Overtaking car goes offline and may have to slow vs. their normal corner entry speed.
- Speed differentials. Many modern Porsches have a lot of horsepower along with lots of driver aids (ABS, PSM, etc.). At the same time, DE events also have cars with significantly less horsepower. More importantly, while all drivers within Red and within Black have substantial experience, there is still a relatively wide range of skill and pace.
- Courtesy. Often, you will know many of the cars in your run group. This should make it easier to know when to give a pass signal or expect to get one. At the same time, many cars look similar in the mirror so don't automatically assume you know who is in the mirror. Also, there may be unfamiliar cars in your run group. You should expect them to be courteous with pass signals and you should do likewise.





Expanded Passing Courtesy and Expectations

What not to expect:

- A pass signal when you catch someone entering a corner (or just before one)
 - Very late passes slow down both cars
- An immediate pass signal from a “slower” car near the end of a straight
 - Especially entering a series of corners
- Multiple pass signals just because you are running nose to tail with your buddy
- An automatic pass signal because you are faster
 - Especially if you are off line expecting a pass; you may not be seen at all
- A train of cars (more than 2 or 3)
 - If there are 2 or more cars behind you for more than 2 corners, you are holding cars up. It's time to let them by!



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