



Make your own history as you drive "Around the World"

The following includes general information and typical recommendations for participant vehicles. Conditions vary widely, and you are the best judge of your individual requirements.

When considering what vehicle you might want to take, keep in mind we are retracing the original track of the 1908 Great Auto Race. Maintaining the era is of most importance to us, and we understand that not everyone has a teens, 20's, 30's vehicle. Therefore, any vehicle in age up to 1972 is welcomed to allow as many as possible to participate.

A vehicle that because of its modifications to power train, suspension, equipment, or other modifications, would be considered a post 1972 vehicle. For example, no Rat Rods, Street Rods, etc.

Below are some recommendations, and if you are driving a 60's-70's vehicle some may not apply. If you will be driving an older vehicle, these may help to assist you in preparing for the event. As no two vehicles are alike, learn your vehicle well before departure.

After completing the World Race 2011, many of our initial assumptions changed with actual experience. Keep in mind, there are millions of cars in China, Russia, etc., and they have to be serviced and repaired, just as they do in your country. However, the simpler your car is, the better you and your car will be. Best advice "Keep It Simple".

Ownership of the Vehicle: The name on the title and name of registered owner must be the same, and that person must be a participant for obtaining registrations and licenses in foreign countries. You **MUST** have a valid driver's license from your country with an expiration date sometime beyond our arrival in Paris. Everyone will also need an International Driver's License.

While some may be driving only the US leg, for those making the full run their insurance coverage must include operation overseas. As some of this information may vary by country, we will work out the details with MIR Corp (our overseas guides).

Minimum Speed: Your car must be able to maintain 50 mph to transit thru major cities. Our typical daily speed will be 45-50 in the US and somewhat less in Eurasia.

Fuel Range should be a minimum of 125 miles. In 2011, we initially had a big concern over fuel quality, however the vehicles from the 1929 Model A up to the 2007 Corvette ran great on the available fuels in all countries.

Ground Clearance should be considered, with a minimum of 4"-5" .

Lights are important, and recommend replacing all lights with LED lights (available in both 6 & 12V). Although no night driving is anticipated, we generally ran our lights daily.

Tires: If possible run tubeless tires as they are much easier/quicker to repair. Recommend carrying two spares, mounted and ready to install. Also, recommend staying with a typical tire size 14", 15" and 16", as they are available almost anywhere if needed.

Drive Train is probably one of the most important considerations!

Engine: Rebuild with any upgrade to add longevity/durability to your engine. Keep in mind, we are not running a 24 hr Lemans, just 45-50 mph 5-8 hour days on many days. We will likely encounter some very warm temperatures, so be sure your cooling system is up to par.

Electronic Ignition is recommended.

Transmission: A Two Speed Transmission though not required is recommended. This lowers your rpm, adds longevity to your engine and assists in maintaining speeds.

Brakes: Hydraulic brakes are highly recommended. Mechanical brakes require frequent and time consuming adjustments to remain effective.

Spare Parts: You know your car, you know it's weak areas, plan accordingly.

We can help with any of the above and provide additional recommendations. We will not have a maintenance vehicle along with us, so you should be able to perform daily maintenance yourself. Assistance in an auto shop is available in all countries. Our guides will change from time to time, and keeping a guide with us that is from the countries we travel through will help give us local knowledge.

In 2011, we stopped at Ford Dealerships for oil changes, flats and minor maintenance. They welcomed us with open arms and often at no charge.

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