

Rochester Rough Riders Vehicle Safety Requirements

- All RRR members and guests must have their vehicle inspected by an officer, board member, or event inspector each year before the first time the vehicle is used for the new season (also known as teching in).
- We insist that everyone has the proper equipment to make each trail ride a pleasurable and safe experience for everyone.
- Questions can be directed to the event chairperson and/or co-chair, RRR Officers, and/or Club Members.
- Safety is everyone's responsibility.
- Club members have the right to address and enforce safety issues at any time.

Safety inspection points are as follows:

Tow Hooks (Front) – Tow hooks must be mounted to the frame with at least two (2), half-inch ($\frac{1}{2}$ "), Grade Five (5), or stronger bolts. A backer plate is required to help strengthen the frame rail. The backer plates should be no less than one-quarter inch ($\frac{1}{4}$ ") steel.

Tow Hooks or Ridged Hook Point (Rear) – Tow hooks should be mounted using the same guidelines at the front. A rigid hitching point can be a securely mounted bumper or receiver hitch and SCREW CLEVIS. No trailer balls, chains, or inadequate hitching points.

Tow Straps – Every vehicle must have an adequate tow strap. The strap must be in good condition, with no cuts, tears, frays, or rips. The strap needs to have looped ends, no hooks. CHAINS OR CABLES ARE NOT ALLOWED!

Secured battery – Batteries must be secured by hold-down brackets, no bungee cords, rope, duct tape, etc. If the battery is relocated anywhere outside the engine compartment it should be enclosed in a marine-style or comparable enclosure.

Seat Belts – Functional seat belts must be available to and used by all occupants. Fiberglass and badly rusted vehicles must have backing plates and seat belt mounting hardware.

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Roll bars, Roll Cages – All open-bodied and badly rusted vehicles must have a roll bar/roll cage covering ALL OCCUPANTS. A frame-mounted roll bar/roll cage is highly recommended.

Fire Extinguisher – All vehicles must have a functional fire extinguisher mounted in the vehicle within the driver's reach while the seat belt is in use. The minimum size required is two and a half pounds (2 ½ lb.) ABC type.

Working Brakes – All vehicles must have four (4) wheel working brakes. All brake components must be in good working order.

Steering – All steering system components must be in good working order. No loose ball joints, tie rod ends, and the steering box must be securely fastened to the frame.

Overall Body Condition – We are not looking for show-quality vehicles, but the body and body panels must be securely mounted to the frame. Firewalls and floorboards must be intact to protect the occupants of the vehicle.

OHV Sticker – All club member vehicles are required to display an OHV sticker that is for the current year in use (the only event that this does not pertain to is The Toys for Tots Trail Ride). Information for OHV stickers can be obtained from the MN DNR Website: <https://www.dnr.state.mn.us/licenses/ohv/index.html>.

Exhaust – All vehicles must meet the MN DNR's maximum decibel reading of ninety-nine decibels (99dB); this will be measured in the same manner as the DNR uses.