



## General Terms and Conditions for Driving on the Nürburgring

### General information

The Nürburg Ring is open for public use on days where there are no events or test drives taking place. The terms of the German Road Traffic Regulations (*StVO*) apply to these drives provided it is not otherwise stipulated in the following.

### § 1 – Driving licences

- 1) Only vehicles that conform to the 'Regulations Authorizing the Use of Vehicles for Road Traffic' (*StVZO*) may be driven at the Nürburg Ring. Vehicles that due to their design type or technical condition have a maximum speed limit of 60 km/h are excluded from taking part in drives.
- 2) All vehicle drivers must be in possession of a valid ticket from Nürburgring GmbH and a valid driving licence.
- 3) Vehicles with transportation plates (red ones), and those with temporary registration plates are not allowed at all; an exception to this regulation are vehicles with vintage car registration plates (which can be used for more than one vehicle), but this will no longer apply after 31.12.2005.

### § 3 - Utilisation of the Nürburgring

- 1) Drivers are only allowed to enter and exit the Nürburg Ring at the places clearly marked for these purposes.
- 2) The Nürburg Ring is a one way track and signposted accordingly. Drivers must drive in a clockwise direction.
- 3) Vehicle drivers are only allowed to use the track, and must drive on the right hand side. They may only overtake on the left.
- 4) It is absolutely forbidden for drivers to stop on any part of the Nürburg Ring, including the sidelines. Likewise, turning and reversing on the racing track are also strictly forbidden.
- 5) Should a vehicle come to a halt on the racing track itself or the side areas, because of an accident or technical failure, the Nürburg Ring user has the duty to secure the resulting danger areas properly, and as quickly as possible. Furthermore, following the more exact instructions of the racing track surveillance team, the vehicle is to be towed off the track area by a breakdown service authorised to do so by Nürburg Ring. The charges thus incurred are to be settled by the vehicle owner. Private towages are not allowed.

- 6) The use of snow chains and spiked tyres are not permitted. Racing tyres (e.g. Slicks) are also not permitted for use. The racing track is not gritted in the winter.
- 7) Motor cyclists must wear full protective clothing.
- 8) Seatbelts have to be worn both by the driver and any persons sitting on the rear seat. Children must be secured with appropriate restraining systems.
- 9) Overtaking is strictly forbidden in areas where there has been an accident. These must be passed at walking pace. Signals raised by the track's security staff must be heeded at all costs. Disregard of these will lead to a complete ban from the track.
- 10) Closures of the track resulting from an accident etc., will be indicated with a red light signal. In the event of a red phase, driving must continue slowly, and the track must be left at the next available exit.

### **§ 3 – Speed**

- 1) The basic regulations on driving speeds, in accordance with § 3, para. 1 of the German Road Traffic Regulations (*StVO*) must be followed; (see excerpt from these regulations below).
- 2) Racing with motor vehicles, as described in § 29, para. 1 of the German Road Traffic Regulations (*StVO*), is not permitted. This expressly includes attempts at breaking speed records by individual vehicle drivers.
- 3) Signals raised by the track security vehicles on duty when the track is open to the public, must be heeded at all costs. Drivers are not allowed to overtake track security vehicles when their rotating lights are switched on.
- 4) All visitors to the Nürburg Ring must respect the speed limits in force on the track.
- 5) The areas of the Nürburg Ring marked as 'road works' must be driven past slowly. The given speed limit must not be exceeded.

### **§ 4 – Liability and damages**

- 1) Nürburgring GmbH and persons hired by it are not liable for drivers using the track on open days. This exclusion does not extend to damages to life, physical injury or damages to health directly related to the intentional or negligent breach of duty, be that by a legal representative, or vicarious agent of the liable group of persons; neither does this apply to other damages caused by the intentional or negligent breach of duty, be that by a legal representative, or vicarious agent of the liable group of persons.
- 2) Accidents as well as damage to the racing track, stands, enclosures, crash barriers and other fixtures of the Nürburg Ring are to be reported to the staff of Nürburgring GmbH immediately. These will be treated as 'hit-and-run' offences (unlawfully leaving the scene of an accident in which the person was involved). The damage caused will be recorded in a damages report which is to be signed by the person who caused the damage. The cost of removing or repairing such damage is borne by the person who caused it; this includes the cost involved in employing the track security staff and using the track security vehicles, but in particular, the costs incurred in having to close the track and, therefore, any related losses. The hourly rates which apply for staff and the use of vehicles in the case of the track being closed because of damage, can be requested and viewed at the main entrance. The assertion of greater damages to be proved in individual cases, remain unaffected by this regulation.
- 3) Nürburgring GmbH has the right to demand a down payment in cash on all damages caused by the user, in accordance with para. 2.

### **§ 5 - Taxi Rides**

- 1) It is prohibited to carry out paid taxi rides within the scope of tourist rides. In particular, the auctioning of opportunities to take part in a taxi ride in exchange for remuneration, such as by using "eBay," Internet sites, newspaper ads, etc, is expressly forbidden.
- 2) Violation of paragraph 1 will result in an immediate order to leave the grounds.
- 3) Exceptions to paragraph 1 require the expressed written consent of the Nürburgring GmbH management.

### **§ 6 – Noise / Environment**

- 1) Any damage to the environment must be reported to the control staff without delay.
- 2) Vehicles with registration documents showing that they cannot keep below registered standing and driving noise thresholds are prohibited from driving on the course. Additionally, the noise thresholds, set by the near-field measuring method (95 dB(A)), as well as maximum acoustic capacity restrictions set by the Nürburgring GmbH (measured using the DMSB method during drive-bys) may not be exceeded. The Nürburgring GmbH conducts acoustic capacity measurements on the course and reserves the right to exclude vehicles that exceed the aforementioned noise restrictions from tourist rides; this applies even when the registered noise thresholds keep to what is shown in registration documents. Vehicles with faulty or inadmissibly altered exhaust systems are also not permitted.

### **§ 7 – Other provisions**

- 1) It is prohibited to drive on the steep track, the escape roads, and the supply roads.
- 2) Instructions issued by the staff of Nürburgring GmbH are to be followed at all times.
- 3) Photographs are not to be taken when the track is open to the public and driving is in progress; filming or videoing these events is also strictly forbidden.

### **§ 8 – Contractual penalty**

It is agreed that a contractual penalty of at least € 250 (in words: two hundred and fifty euros) is to be paid to Nürburgring GmbH for any sort of negligent violation of the general terms and conditions for driving on the Nürburg Ring. An assertion of greater damages cannot be excluded through the deduction of the due contractual penalty. The customer has the right to prove that damage was not incurred at all, or was considerably lower in value than the amount of the flat charge. Nürburg Ring GmbH reserves the right to ban the user from the premises in the event of their violating these terms in any way.

**German Road Traffic Regulations (StVO) § 3, para.1**

Drivers are only allowed to drive at a speed where they are always in control of their vehicle. This speed must be suitable for the road, traffic, vision and weather conditions at the time of driving, as well as being within the range of the personal abilities of the driver and appropriate to the capacity of the vehicle and its load. If vision is restricted to less than 50 metres, be that because of fog, snow, or rain, then the driver should not drive faster than 50 km/h, and even slower if this is required. The driver has to be able to assess the road ahead and be able to stop if necessary; this means driving at an appropriate speed. On roadways that are so narrow they are a danger to oncoming vehicles, the driver has to drive at a speed that enables them to be able to stop within the first half of the visible stretch of road.