

# **Panoz** **RACING SCHOOL**

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## **TRACK DAYS @ TEXAS MOTOR SPEEDWAY**

### **What is a Track Day?**

*A Track Day allows a licensed driver to bring his/her street car out to Texas Motor Speedway (TMS) and drive their car at speed around the full 2.4 oval and road course. The full oval and road course includes the 1.5 mile oval and the .9 mile infield road course which are connected. Track Days are organized by the Panoz Racing School at Texas Motor Speedway. Each driver will receive four 30 minute sessions on TMS race track. The professional staff of instructors will evaluate and give feedback to all drivers after each session throughout the day to maximize safety and driving ability. The underlining goal is **SAFE** FAST FUN! Besides our staff of professionally licensed Panoz instructors, we will have a full staff of fire and EMS crews.*

### **Why TMS?**

*Texas Motor Speedway (TMS) has the best facilities in the Southwest. The Speedway Club, the Doral Hotel are both located at the speedway. TMS being located in the DFW area makes for the perfect day at the track. And of course the TMS high bank turns that you can actually drive on. There is no more impressive site than to drive through the tunnel at TMS and see this magnificent facility. Think about your favorite IRL, CART, NASCAR, ALMS, IMSA, SCCA race car drivers that race on the same track that you will be driving on. Texas Motor Speedway is always in excellent condition with no patches or rough pavement to damage your car. TMS is always improving the track and has an impressive safety record.*

### **How is it organized?**

*Drivers are grouped together based on past driving experiences (ie. racing schools, D E or car club events, race history, etc.). No experience is required to take part in a Track Day, but you must be 18 years of age. All drivers will be grouped in the following groups; Novice (no experience), Intermediate (previous D E or Track Day events), Advanced (experience such as attended racing school, racing license, instructor). Each group will be on track with cars and drivers of like speed and ability. This means you don't have to worry about somebody passing you at a high rate of speed, **safety first** at all times. This is a fun educational event not a competition.*

*Racing or unsafe driving will not be tolerated. All cars must have a current completed Technical Inspection performed by a qualified technician. The morning of the event Panoz staff will do a Safety Check of vehicle. Immediately after registration you will put in a van and driven around track for several laps. Following the van around there is a drivers meeting for all drivers, passengers, and instructors.*

*Each group will get four 30 minute sessions. The first session in the morning will consist of a short on track introduction using a lead follow format. Under lead follow, the group is lead around the track by an instructor so that everyone can learn the correct racing line around the track. The remaining three sessions are open. After each session, all drivers will have an opportunity to consult with the Panoz instructors as to how they were doing in each area of the track.*

### **Will there be an instructor driving or riding in my car?**

*No, we will not drive your car (we know how special your car is to you). So relax you can stop worrying about some “instructor” abusing your car. We have also found our students drive much more relaxed and safer without someone else in the car, yelling instructions while at speed. However, our professional licensed instructors will be watching you very closely. The instructors are all equipped with flags & radios for communications and safety. The Panoz Racing School instructors will closely monitor your progress from several positions around the race track. After each session you will be given feedback and suggestions if needed to improve and hone your car handling skills. If anyone is not being safe and courtesy to other drivers he or she will be BLACK FLAGGED and brought into the pits for a consultation.*

### **What can I expect to get out of it?**

*Safe, fast, fun – that’s our motto. Our Panoz Racing School instructors at Texas Motor Speedway, which all race professionally, will provide you thorough feedback throughout the day to help make you a safer, faster driver. You will learn how to drive faster, have more confidence and control of your car because you will be working with the very best instructors in the DFW area. They will help you understand your vehicle’s dynamics and limits and ways to improve you and your car. The Panoz Racing School will provide lunch along with refreshments and snacks throughout the day. Finally, driving fast is hard work; you can expect to be physically and mentally drained by the end of the day.*

### **What do I need to do to get ready?**

*You will need an auto helmet, motorcycle helmets are not acceptable. If you do not have one, the Panoz Racing School can rent you one for \$10. If you have access to a race car driver’s suit I would use it, but it’s not required. Long pants and cotton shirts are acceptable while on track or in the pits. We welcome you bringing a friend or guest, but no shorts for your guests while in the hot pits. Can my friend or guest ride while I drive? Yes, that’s your decision. No charge for guests. Driving shoes are the best choice for footwear, but any thin soled tennis shoes will work. Large thick soled cross trainer type shoes or boots are not a good choice.*

### **What do I need to do to my car to get ready?**

*Prior to the Track Day event, we suggest you check the condition of your brake fluid (change fluid if over 6 months old), brake pads (if worn .... replace don't take a chance), tires ( good rubber and properly inflated, you will probably need a couple of extra pounds of pressure, depending on your type of car), engine coolant (full), check all hoses and belts for wear, transmission fluid (full), suspension components (tight), air cleaner (clean), and service any greased fittings. All wheels need to be torqued to manufacturer's specifications. Before going on track you will have to remove all unnecessary items from car and trunk such as: floor mats, flashlights, cleaning supplies, etc, anything that is not bolted down. While we will do a Safety Check of your car, the ultimate responsibility of your car's safety and mechanical condition belongs to you the owner/driver.*

**What should I bring to the track?**

*Bring a tire pressure gauge, brake fluid, engine oil, power steering fluid, transmission fluid (if you drive an automatic), water for you and car (Panoz provides water and snacks but not Evian). Also consider bringing sun block, cleaning supplies, torque wrench, (we will supply if you don't have a torque wrench).*

**What time do I need to be at track?**

*We start at 7:00am, don't be late we need to get everyone through Safety Check, registration, and a van around the track before the 8:30am drivers meeting. Remember before coming to the event you must have your car inspected by a qualified technician, if you are not a gear head yourself, so there are no problems. If your car doesn't pass Safety Check you cannot go on the track. Any car leaking or smoking will not be allowed on track.*

**Note:** *If you bring your car to the Panoz Racing School race shop at Texas Motor Speedway anytime 30 days prior 8-5 M-F to the event, we will do your inspection and you can bypass the Safety Check on the morning of the event. Call for an appointment. 817-430-2102*

**Track Days at Texas Motor Speedway**

October 24, 2003

Friday

November 14, 2003

Friday

December 12, 2003

Friday

*Track day schedule is current as of June 1, 2003, pricing is \$185 per day.*

*Our web site [panozracingschool.com](http://panozracingschool.com) contains all of the school information. If you want to sign up or need any additional information contact Don Barnes at 817-430-2102 or [don@panoztx.com](mailto:don@panoztx.com).*





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## ***Track Days Schedule***

7:00 am            *Gates Open*

7:00 – 8:30        *Registration and Safety Check*  
*(All cars must go thru tech inspection before going on track so please*  
*allow enough time upon your planned arrival.)*

7:15- 8:30        *Van around all drivers after registration & Safety Check*

8:30 – 9:00        *Drivers Meeting – Required for all Drivers*

9:00 – 9:45        *Classroom Sessions for Intermediate Group*

9:00 – 10:00      *Classroom Sessions for Novice Group*

9:15 – 9:45        *Session 1, Advance Group (Inst. tour 15 minutes, lead/follow 15 minutes)*

9:45 – 10:15      *Session 1, Intermediate Group (Inst. tour 15 minutes, lead/follow 15 minutes)*

10:15 – 10:45     *Session 1, Novice Group (Inst. tour 15 minutes, lead/follow 15 minutes)*

10:45 – 11:15     *Session 2, Advance Group*  
*Instructor Consultations      Panoz Trailer*

11:25 – 11:55     *Session 2, Intermediate Group*  
*Instructor Consultations      Panoz Trailer*

12:05 – 12:35     *Session 2, Novice Group*  
*Instructor Consultations      Panoz Trailer*

12:00 – 1:45      *LUNCH at Panoz Race Shop outside track behind Turn Three*  
*Instructor Consultations      Panoz Race Shop*

1:00 – 1:30        *Session 3, Advance Group*  
*Instructor Consultations      Panoz Trailer*

1:40 – 2:10        *Session 3, Intermediate Group*  
*Instructor Consultations      Panoz Trailer*

2:20 – 2:50        *Session 3, Novice Group*  
*Instructor Consultations      Panoz Trailer*

3:00 – 3:30        *Session 4, Advance Group*  
*Instructor Consultations      Panoz Trailer*

3:40 – 4:10        *Session 4, Intermediate Group*  
*Instructor Consultations      Panoz Trailer*

4:20 – 4:50        *Session 4, Novice Group*  
*Instructor Consultations      Panoz Trailer*

