

# FULL SIZE PRO TRUCK DIVISION BUILDING RULES 2024

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## D.E.M.O - FULL-SIZE PRO TRUCK DIVISION

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**BELOW.\*\* SECTION I – GENERAL** 

- 1. All rules apply to fresh and pre-ran vehicles as described. NO EXCEPTIONS.
- 2. This is a FULL-SIZE TRUCK/SUV class ONLY.
- 3. NO straight rail, semi-truck, or other industrial/commercial/heavy duty truck type frames permitted.
  - \*IF THIS IS QUESTIONABLE, CONTACT LEAD INSPECTOR PRIOR TO BUILDING.\*
- 4. Frame/body swaps permitted.
- 5. 12x12 in. roof sign with driver number clearly marked is required.
- 6. MINIMUM SAFETY REQUIREMENTS TO COMPETE:
  - a. MUST REMOVE FACTORY: lights, glass, chrome, trim, door handles, wheel weights, interior components, dash components, fuel lines, brake lines, gas tanks.
  - b. Fuel lines must be cleanly installed. Rubber fuel lines must be shrouded by additional tubing.
  - c. Must have functioning brakes.
  - d. Must have/wear a functional seat belt or harness.
  - e. Helmets and eye protection are required.
  - f. Hard sole shoes, long sleeved outer garment and pants are required.

#### **SECTION II – FRAME**

- 1. Frame must be factory manufactured. NO fabricated frames permitted.
- 2. Frame must NOT be altered as described below:
  - a. No doubling, boxing, plating, seam welding, pinning, pre-bending, or tilting.
  - b. No hump plates.
- 3. Frame may be shortened to allow for body swap conversions.
  - a. Front frame must NOT be shortened past factory front core support mount locations.
  - b. NO fabricated cross members permitted except, (1) transmission crossmember. (See Sect. VI.)
- 4. Factory frame body mount pads ONLY. May be re-located for body swap conversions.
- 5. Frame repair
  - a. Frame repairs must be made with same dimension material.

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- i. Maximum ½ in. coverage around repaired area.
- b. Frame "stubbing" permitted. (Pre ran vehicles ONLY)
  - i. Repair stub must be factory manufactured frame sections, ONLY.
  - ii. Must be attached as described below:
    - 1. 2 in. max width on either side of connection point.
    - 2. Flat plate ONLY. Maximum thickness is ¼ in.
    - 3. Maximum weld diameter is ½ in. May be welded on all sides of frame.
- c. Re-stub connection plates will NOT count against fix-it plate allotment.
- 6. Fix-It-Plates
  - a. (6) 6x6 in. x ¼ in. plates permitted. Same square in. coverage Parallelogram plates permitted.
  - b. Must have a ½ in. gap between each plate.
  - c. Must be on the frame, ONLY. Maximum of 2 sides. (ex. top and outside)

## **SECTION III – ENGINE COMPARTMENT**

- 1. Engine swaps are permitted.
- 2. Full cradles are permitted.
  - a. Cradle components permitted: lower cradle, front plate, mid plate, oil pan protector, halo, distributor protector and pulley protector. (NO metal fan shrouds)
  - b. Distributor protectors must NOT connect to any cage or front dash components.
  - c. Cradle may be welded to the k-member ONLY. (In addition to engine mount pad).
    - i. Maximum of (1) 4x4 in. x ½ in. plate per side.
- 3. Header protectors are permitted.
- 4. Engine mounts may be solid or rubber factory style mounts.
- 5. Maximum of (1) 3x3 in. x ¼ in. piece of angle iron or c channel permitted between frame rails.
  - a. Must be in front of k-member. May be used in conjunction with the core support/radiator mount.
- 6. Core support can be homemade as follows:
  - a. Maximum of (2), 2x2 in. x ¼ in. square tubes. Maximum of (2) 1 ½ in. all thread rods. (1 each rail)
  - b. Must be vertically attached on TOP of frame rail ONLY.
  - c. Tubing must NOT run through hood.
  - d. All thread ONLY, may run through bottom of the frame rail.
  - e. Top of core support may include a maximum of (1) piece of 3x3 in. x ¼ in. angle iron OR c channel.
  - f. Factory headlight openings may be covered with a maximum of ¼ in. plate.
- 7. Radiators must be mounted in the factory location.
- 8. Radiator protectors/guards are permitted. Maximum material thickness of ¼ in.
- 9. Radiator guards MUST be mounted as follows:
  - a. On the front of the core support ONLY, no wider than the frame rails.
    - i. Maximum of (4) 1 in. stitch welds per side permitted. OR;
    - ii. Maximum of (5) ½ in. bolts per side.
- 10. Kickers permitted on coil sprung front suspension trucks, ONLY. (Firewall forward)
  - a. Maximum of 2x2 in. x ¼ in. square tubing. Maximum (1) per side.
  - b. Connections Front dash bar to the TOP of the frame rail, ONLY.
  - c. Must NOT extend past the center of factory coil pocket or upper a-arm location.
  - d. No gussets permitted.

### SECTION IV – FRONT / REAR BUMPER

- 1. Front bumper:
  - a. Auto manufacturer, homemade or vendor bumper is permitted.

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- b. Must NOT exceed dimensional requirements below:
  - i. 8 in. tall from the top to the bottom of the bumper at any measurable point.
  - ii. 14 in. wide from the front to the back of the bumper at any measurable point.
  - iii. The front "point" of bumper must be tapered over 30 in. from center, minimum.
  - iv. No sharp points or jagged edges.
- c. May be seam welded, loaded, and capped.
- d. Front bumper attachment:
  - i. Must be welded, bolted, or wired directly to the frame. (All sides of frame permitted)
  - ii. Gussets are permitted. Maximum of 2x2 in. x ¼ in. square tube OR 4x4 in. x ½ in. plate.
    - 1. Maximum of (2) gussets per side. (4 total)
    - 2. Must not extend onto frame more than 4 in. from back of bumper.
  - iii. May use bumper shocks OR mounting plates. Must connect to back of bumper.
  - iv. Bumper shocks:
    - 1. Maximum of (2) 3x3 in. x ¼ in. square tube x 10 in. long. (1) per side.
    - 2. If inside frame rail, ½ in. inspection hole is required to inspect length.
  - v. Mounting plates:
    - 1. Maximum of (2) 4 in. tall x 10 in. long x ½ in. thick, FLAT plate. (1) per side.
  - vi. Front bumper MUST NOT connect to the core support or any other components.
- e. NO "anti-climber" configurations are permitted.

## 2. Rear bumper:

- a. Auto manufacturer, homemade or vendor bumper is permitted.
- b. Must NOT exceed dimensional requirements below:
  - i. 8 in. tall from the top to the bottom of the bumper at any measurable point.
  - ii. **8 in. wide** from the front to the back of the bumper at any measurable point.
  - iii. The center point of the bumper must be tapered over 16 in., minimum.
  - iv. NO sharp points or jagged edges.
- c. NO "wedged" or "slanted" rear bumper is permitted.
- d. May be seam welded, loaded, and capped.
- e. Rear bumper attachment:
  - i. Must be welded, bolted, or wired directly to the frame. (All sides permitted)
- f. Bumper shocks ONLY permitted: Maximum of (1) each frame rail.
  - i. Maximum of 3x5 in. x ¼ in. square tube x 10 in. long from back of bumper.
  - ii. Must be welded on the INNER side of frame ONLY.
- g. Gussets are permitted. Maximum of 2x2 in. x ¼ in. square tube OR 4x4 in. x ½ in plate.
  - i. Maximum of (2) gussets per side. (4 total)
  - ii. Must NOT extend onto frame more than 4 in. from back of bumper.
- h. Must be no wider than the rear bed sides OR fenders.
- i. May be welded to tailgate/rear doors. Maximum of 3 in.  $x \frac{1}{4}$  in. door strap material. (1 per seam).

#### SECTION V - SUSPENSION / AXLES / STEERING

- 1. ALL suspension components MUST BE factory. NO fabricated components unless specified.
- 2. Suspension height requirements (ON LEVEL GROUND):
  - a. Front suspension Maximum of 34 in. from ground to top of bumper.
  - b. Rear suspension Minimum of 16 in. from ground to bottom of bumper.
- 3. Leaf hangers:
  - a. Must be factory leaf hanger.
  - b. May be relocated from factory location. Must be mounted on the frame ONLY.

- 4. Front suspension / axle:
  - a. Maximum of 8 lug front axles permitted.
  - b. Suspension may be welded solid as described:
    - i. Maximum of (2) 2x2 in. x ¼ in. square tubes from axle to frame. (1) per frame rail.
    - ii. Maximum of (2) 4x4 in. x ¼ in. straps from upper a-arm to the frame rail on each side.
  - c. A-arms may have a maximum of 1 in. all thread from lower to upper-arm inside of coil spring.
  - d. Leaf springs:
    - i. Must be factory FRONT leaf springs. (1 leaf pack per side permitted.)
    - ii. Maximum of (6) total per leaf pack.
    - iii. Must have a minimum 1 in. stagger between each leaf spring. (Top 2 springs excluded).
    - i. Maximum of (5) leaf clamps per side.
      - 1. Maximum of 3 in. wide x ¼ in. thick material.
  - e. Front suspension conversions permitted as described:
    - i. Leaf to coil factory leaf hangers/brackets must be removed.
    - ii. Coil to leaf factory coil pockets/radius arm brackets must be removed.
- 5. Rear suspension / Rear axle:
  - a. Maximum of 8 lug rear axles permitted.
  - b. Suspension may be welded solid as described: Chosen method must be vertically attached.
    - i. Maximum of (2) 2x2 in. x ¼ in. square tubes from axle to frame. (1) per frame rail. OR;
    - ii. Maximum of (4) 1 in. pieces of all thread from axle to frame. (2) per frame rail.
    - iii. No gussets permitted.
  - c. Leaf springs
    - i. Must be factory REAR leaf springs. (1 leaf pack per side permitted.)
    - ii. Maximum of (10) leaf springs per pack.
    - iii. Must have a minimum 1 in. stagger between each spring. (Top 2 springs excluded).
    - iv. Maximum of (5) leaf clamps per side.
    - v. Maximum of 3 in. wide x ¼ in. thick material.
  - d. Beds/rear passenger compartments must not connect to the rear axle.
  - e. Rear axle braces, pinon brakes and aftermarket yokes are permitted.
- 6. Steering
  - a. Factory, homemade, and vendor steering setups are permitted.
  - b. Steering / front suspension components must be connected by bolts/hardware ONLY.
  - c. Steering / front suspension components must NOT be connected to any other components.
  - d. NO skid plates or steering component protectors permitted.

#### **SECTION VI – TRANSMISSION**

- 1. Any automatic or manual transmission is permitted.
- 2. 4-wheel drive is NOT permitted.
- 3. Full transmission braces, protectors, coolers are permitted.
- 4. Aftermarket bellhousings are permitted.
  - a. Bellhousings may be bolted to the rear engine block/mid plate and transmission ONLY.
- 5. (1) Transmission cross member is permitted. Must run straight across.
  - a. Cross member must be factory OR a maximum of 3x3 in. x ¼ in. square tubing.
    - i. May be welded OR bolted to the inside of the frame at (1) location on each rail.
    - ii. Must NOT connect to any components other than transmission.
- 6. Aftermarket tail shafts / yokes are permitted.
- 7. Aftermarket / slider driveshafts are permitted.

#### SECTION VII – CAGE / PASSENGER COMPARTMENT

- 1. A 4-point cage is REQUIRED.
  - a. Maximum cage/down bar material dimensions: (2x2 in. x 1/4 tubing and smaller not permitted).
    - i. Front dash bar, rear bar(s), down bar(s), halo bar 2x6, 3x5 or 4x4 in. x ½ in. square tubing.
    - ii. Door bar(s) 2x8, 3x6 in.  $x \frac{1}{2}$  in. square tubing.
  - b. Cage design criteria:
    - i. Minimum of (1) front dash bar, (1) passenger door bar, (1) driver door bar, (1) rear bar.
    - ii. Maximum of (2) door bars on each side and (2) rear bars.
      - 1. Door bars must NOT extend past rear seam of SIDE passenger doors.
      - 2. Door bars must NOT connect to gas tank protector.
      - 3. Rear bars must NOT connect to door bars more than 8 in. behind driver's seat.
  - c. Cage down bars to frame:
    - i. Must be vertically attached. Maximum of (2) on each frame rail. (4) total permitted.
    - ii. Must NOT connect to cage/frame more than 8 in. behind driver's seat.
    - iii. No added material permitted.
  - d. Cage gussets are permitted.
- 2. Halo/Rollover bar REQUIRED.
  - a. Maximum of (1) per vehicle.
  - b. Must connect to the cage on each side of the vehicle in (1) location ONLY. (2 total)
  - c. May be connected to the gas tank protector at a maximum of (2) locations.
- 3. Cab/front body mounts. (4) maximum.
  - a. Maximum of 1 in. bolts and (2) standard washers per location.
  - b. Factory rubber body mounts may be removed.
  - c. Body mount spacers are permitted.
- 4. Doors may be welded completely shut.
  - a. Maximum of 3 in. x ¼ in. strapping material permitted. Maximum of (1) per seam.
  - b. Door skins may be welded together on the top of front driver/passenger doors.
  - c. Driver and front passenger door may be reinforced with:
    - i. Outer door plate/skin OR Inner door plate Maximum of ¼ in. plate material.
- 5. Firewall may be cut out to allow for engine cradle fitment.
- 6. Batteries must be securely fastened in the front passenger side of the vehicle.
- 7. Transmission tunnel must be covered.
- 8. Driver's seat must be secured in the factory location area. (May adjust slightly for driver)
- 9. Aftermarket pedals, hand brakes, and shifters are permitted.
- 10. Switch boxes, gauges, and fuel pump boxes are permitted.

## **SECTION VIII – GAS TANK / PROTECTOR**

- 1. Gas tank MUST be constructed of aluminum or steel.
- 2. Must be mounted securely behind driver seat in the front center of bed or rear compartment.
- 3. Gas tank protectors are permitted as follows:
  - a. Maximum material dimensions are the same as rear cage bar dimensions.
  - b. May ONLY be connected to the halo/rollover bar and rear cage bar (2) locations each.
  - c. May be connected vertically to each frame rail in (1) location ONLY. No added material permitted.
  - d. Must NOT be wider than frame rails.
  - e. Must NOT extend rearward any further than:
    - i. 24 in. behind cab into truck bed OR;
    - ii. 24 in. behind rear cage bar in SUV's.

#### **SECTION IX – BODY SHEET METAL**

- 1. Creasing, forming, and molding permitted.
- 2. NO doubling of body panels permitted.
- 3. NO welding/bolting or wiring doors, fenders, or bed sides directly to the frame permitted.
- 4. Rust repair is permitted. (Maximum of 14 ga. sheet metal permitted)
  - a. Maximum of 2 in. coverage on all sides of repair.
- 5. Wheel wells may be bolted together. Maximum (6) locations and ½ in. hardware, each.
- 6. Fuel doors may be welded shut.
- 7. Hoods will be inspected as follows:
  - a. Must have a minimum 10x10 in. hole cut out above engine intake.
  - b. Maximum of (1) 3x3 in. x ¼ in. washer may be welded on hood at each attachment location.
  - c. Maximum of (6) attachment locations permitted. (Includes core support locations)
    - i. Maximum of 3x3 in. x ¼ in. plate OR 3x3 in. x ¼ in. angle iron on hood AND front fenders.
    - ii. Maximum of (4) locations. (Hood and fenders each).

## <u>SECTION X – BED / REAR COMPARTMENT</u>

- 1. Bed must connect to the cab as described below:
  - b. MUST be welded to the cab behind the doors. Maximum of 3x \( \frac{1}{3} \) in. strapping material AND;
  - c. May be welded OR bolted to the back of the cab.
- 2. Bed/rear compartment body mounts. (8) maximum.
  - d. Bolts/all thread ONLY may be welded to the frame. Maximum hardware size is 1 in.
  - e. Maximum of (1) 4x4 in. x ¼ in. washer permitted at each body mount.
- 3. Bed/rear compartment floor ONLY seam welding is permitted.
- 4. Bed sides/rear fenders may be rolled/formed inwards.
  - f. Sheet metal must remain a minimum of 6 in. above the bed/rear compartment floor.
  - g. NO WEDGING PERMITTED.
- 5. SUV rear compartment roof may be "sedagoned".
- 6. Bed sides/rear fenders may be 9 wired together in (2) locations each side.
  - h. Must ONLY attach to body sheet metal.

#### **SECTION XI – WHEELS / TIRES**

- 1. Tires may consist of the following:
  - a. Any DOT, industrial, off-road, or solid rubber tire is permitted.
  - b. May be doubled and tubed.
- 2. Wheels may consist of the following:
  - a. Lip/valve stem protectors, full centers, bead locks.
- 3. NO foam filled tires, dual wheels, or split rims.