

Ferrari preparation before driving on open roads

Fuel – It is expected all cars are full before the drive.

Tyres – Maintain correct sufficient pressure (or add 5 PSI) for open roads with potholes, rough road edges, and dips. Bring a spare wheel or puncture repair kit.

Battery – Still maintaining a good charge? Will it start ok tomorrow morning? Batteries need replacing every 4-5 years.

General – Clean car, in good working order, with good tyres, and all fluids checked. Bring spares, tools as appropriate, and owner's manual.

Wrap paintwork, and film on windscreen – This avoids stone chips.

CB radio & baby aerial – Law allows these to be hand-held anytime. Ideal for targa runs, or multi day excursions. Select Channel 13, DTS Subchannel 13.

Rego valid? – You must be registered. NSW owners can check online:
<https://www.service.nsw.gov.au/transaction/check-vehicle-registration>

Insurance valid? - Your need comprehensive insurance and third party CTP insurance. Usually targa runs and track events are not covered.

Roadside Service Assist? – Do you have a policy? For NRMA you'll need the Premium Care outside of the city. First Aid Kit on-board for you and your car?

Update your phone contacts – e.g. NRMA, Ferrari Sydney, drive organizer.

Maps & GPS – Bring maps, GPS, and mobile phone charger. Pen & paper.

Camera – Yes take photos and video, but be conscious of what is posted in public forums for privacy implications for yourself and others.

Bring a good sense of fun and humour!

Ferrari Club Australia – NSW & ACT

Information Sheet

Drives on open roads

The NSW Government Road Rules will apply to these drives with no exceptions.

Your safety – The organiser and Ferrari Club Australia Inc (“FCA”) are not responsible for participants safety. Drivers, passengers and spectators participate at their own risk and are responsible for their own safety and compliance with all speed limits and road rules, and are travelling on public roads open to general traffic. This social drive is not a speed trial, not timed, and is not competitive.

Participants acknowledge driving on any roads can be dangerous and that accidents can happen, and agree as a condition of entry the organiser and FCA shall not be liable for death or bodily injury, loss or damage, whether to person or property, however that may be sustained or incurred by anyone as a result of participation in, or being present at this drive, event or any of associated social activities, or in any way whatsoever due to the negligent act, breach of duty, default or omission on the part of the organizer or FCA.



Preserving your Ferrari on open roads

Paint stone chips - Avoid by keeping a longer distance from the car in front. Clear wrap the front and lower sides of the car and leading edges.

Windscreen chips - Avoid by keeping a longer distance from the car in front. ClearPlex film for windscreen recommended on targa tours or track.

New tar seal – Loose stones will cause chips. Slow down and keep a large distance from other cars. Later remove tar with some kerosene on a cloth.

Dips – Slow down as your car may bottom out and get damaged.

Pot holes / road edges - Avoid as they can burst tyre walls and bend rims. Low profile tyres, especially with low pressure, are particularly prone.

Gravel sections – Be careful where there are small patches of gravel. Slow down, keep the steering straight and avoid braking on gravel corners.

Kangaroos - Don't drive at dawn, dusk, or night. Headlights attract animals head-on. Sonic whistles or ShuRoos can help but are not foolproof. If you hit an animal at speed then for safety keep a straight line, do not swerve.

Brakes – Carbon ceramic brakes need to be warm to work best, so give yourself plenty of time and distance when brakes are cold.



Drive etiquette on open roads

Common sense, courtesy, safety – Your Ferrari is judged by your behaviour.

Speed limits – Obey road rules. Cars speeding together may result in that cluster of cars ALL being fined, and/or ALL impounded, under the NSW Anti-Hoon Laws.

Don't tailgate – Longer distances (200m-300m) avoids stone chips, collisions and clusters of cars. Avoid gravel/debris in the centre of the road if a car is behind.

Overtaking – Let faster drivers overtake. Be safe. Observe no overtaking lines, especially on corners. If the car in front is in the club, flash headlights and use indicators to signal your intent, then wait for the "Okay" hand signal.

Hand signals – Only when safe, wave forwards to signal it is "Okay" for the car behind to now overtake, or wave downwards to slow down the car behind.

Keep left on all corners - Using the full road width leaves no margin for error. It also attracts unwanted complaints from oncoming vehicles.

Blind corners and crests - Be ready to stop at any time. On country roads, there may be farmers and obstacles just around a corner or over a crest.

Break downs – Pull over in a safe place, completely off the road. Only offer assistance if safe. Fatalities occur when people stand/wait on the road.

Wet weather - Drive according to the conditions. Wet and damp roads are very slippery after long dry periods. Set the Manettino to "Wet".

Directions at intersection turns - Wait for the car behind to see which direction you are going so they don't get lost.

Don't drink and drive. Only use mobiles if hands-free.