



What equipment do I need to race at Spa?

- A Motorsport UK 'Race National' licence as a minimum.
- Fuel capacity for ~40mins (30 min race, **plus any out/in-laps**)

For the below, see accompanying pdf. Safety Appendix K 2022 GB

- An in-date FIA seat, for all cars, except if using the original seats in period-defined FIA Appendix K cars.
- In date FIA Hans, Helmet & Harness: - Any MSUK Post-Brexit extensions DO NOT Apply at Spa, such as seatbelt expiry dates...So they must be in date.
- FIA padding on the roll cage around the driver's head.
- FIA overalls from 2013. FIA underwear, socks, **gloves and boots**.
- If you have an FIA bag/fuel tank, it must be in date.
If your car has a custom-made fuel tank it must be foam-filled.
A standard, production fuel tank is ok and does not require foam filling.
- FIA Fire extinguisher
- Battery cut-off and tow eyes.

Additional RACB safety regulations are usually published for each event in advance.

- **Book accommodation and Channel crossing early to secure the best prices**
- An International Driving Permit. Available from most Post Offices for £5.50

Carnet

What actually is a Carnet? To quote the .gov website 'ATA Carnets are international customs documents used for the suspension of duties where goods will be re-exported within a year.' Also described as a passport for goods. They are designed for commercial operations (goods), not private individuals with their own possessions. You don't need a Carnet if you are driving your own car to Belgium and back, nor if you are towing your own caravan to the EU and back. Where this changes is when you are dealing with 'goods', commercial activities etc. The majority of members are attending an amateur sporting event, with no financial reward, then bringing your possessions back into the UK within a week. As we've already stated, a Carnet should not be needed by most members.

There's no cast iron guarantees on whether or not you will need a Carnet. As always, we are at the mercy of overseas officials and customs, as has always been the case. A definition of what a Carnet is, can be found further down this page.

We believe:

1. You **won't** need a Carnet if:

- a) You are non-professional (not making money from these races)
- b) Your race car is road legal, and you have paperwork to prove it
- c) You are towing your race car yourself, with a private car/motorhome (with paperwork)
- d) The boot is not full of equipment to sell (or gives that appearance)!
- e) Paperwork showing your return crossing, race entry and a letter from us that explains you are invited by the Belgian RACB, to an amateur sporting event, with no prize money or reward.

2. You almost certainly **won't** need a Carnet, if all the above apply, with these differences:

- a) Your race car is not road legal. Produce a bill of sale, showing you are the owner. Any other useful documentation for the race car may help, such as FIA papers and/or Motorsport UK vehicle passport.
- b) Your tow vehicle is a van or truck. If it is unmarked (not plastered with race team stickers), you are the registered owner (with paperwork) and you are not carrying 'goods for hire or reward' you 'should' be fine. It becomes a grey area as the size of the vehicle increases (giving an impression of a commercial enterprise), or if it appears this could be a motorsport business vehicle, e.g. VW T5 with four mechanics on board, in team regalia!

3. You almost certainly **will** need a Carnet if:

- a) Your race car is being transported by a team.
- b) You are racing for financial or business gain.
- c) If the amount of spares and tools is excessively large in quantity and value, so it appears you could be trying to conduct business, or sell goods and avoid paying EU taxes.
- d) An example of this may be that your car is looked after by a team, who might transport your car and spares in a team truck, together with paid mechanics, whilst you drive your own car separately. If you fall in to this category, please refer to government advice.
- e) Whilst the two are not strictly linked, the chances are that if you require a Carnet you will also need a standard international goods vehicle operator licence, from 21st May 2022, if you are transporting goods for hire or reward, this can even include cars towing trailers.