

TESTING 2009

Testing, MSA/ARDS Test & Circuit Tuition

Test days at Castle Combe Circuit are very popular, partly because the number of days are limited. Therefore, whichever kind of day you are interested in it pays to book early.

Nevertheless, our testing gives more opportunities than at some other circuits and most driver's requirements can normally be accommodated.

If you've never been to Castle Combe Circuit before you will find testing runs differently from other circuits. This is mainly because we are restricted in the number of cars on circuit at the same time. The plus side is lots of track space.

PRE RACE DAY TESTING/PRACTICE

SOUND LIMIT 108dB(A) @ 3/4 max revs

These are the only days at Castle Combe Circuit to test cars silenced to MSA Section B, i.e. Car Race, Single Seaters and Sports Racing Cars.

TRACK TIME: 0900 to 1700, limited to 15 minute sessions and six cars at a time, operating from the pit lane. All cars must undergo a sound test and may be subject to a simple scrutineering check before drivers sign on. Where possible we will group cars into type and performance sessions.

Dates

		Half Day	Full Day
9th April	Pre Race 108 dB(A)	£175	£275
30th April	Pre Race 108 dB(A)	£175	£275
21st May	Pre Race 108 dB(A)	£175	£275
11th June	Pre Race 108 dB(A)	£175	£275
16th July	Pre Race 108 dB(A)	£175	£275
6th August	Pre Race 108 dB(A)	£175	£275
27th August	Pre Race 108 dB(A)	£175	£275
1st October*	Pre Race 108 dB(A)	£175	£275

*Subject to booking levels this day may run in 20 minute sessions with drivers able to book set times throughout the day.

ARDS RACE LICENCE COURSE

All first time applicants for a Race Licence must complete an approved course at a MSA/ARDS School. Castle Combe Racing School is pleased to offer this novice drivers' scheme. We will provide the tuition, the cars and at the end of the day your written test. ARDS courses are also available on Silenced Testing days.

Dates

	ARDS Fee
5th February	ARDS £275
19th February	ARDS £275

SILENCED TESTING

SOUND LIMIT 105dB(A) @ 3/4 max revs

These days are restricted to cars silenced to MSA Section A, i.e. Car Race Saloon & Sports Car specification suitable for most sports cars and saloons or single seaters with extra silencing.

TRACK TIME: 0900 to 1230 or 1330 to 1700, limited to 15 minute sessions and three cars at a time, operating a queuing system from the Avon Bridge.

All cars must undergo a sound test and may be subject to a simple scrutineering check before drivers sign on.

Dates

		Half Day	Full Day
19th March	Silenced 105 dB(A)	£125	£210
2nd April	Silenced 105 dB(A)	£125	£210
23rd April	Silenced 105 dB(A)	£125	£210
14th May	Silenced 105 dB(A)	£125	£210
4th June	Silenced 105 dB(A)	£125	£210
9th July	Silenced 105 dB(A)	£125	£210
30th July	Silenced 105 dB(A)	£125	£210
20th August	Silenced 105 dB(A)	£125	£210
24th September	Silenced 105 dB(A)	£125	£210

"New to Castle Combe"

For those drivers new to Castle Combe, we offer a service to provide a few sighting laps in one of the Racing School saloons alongside an experienced Castle Combe racing driver / instructor. There is no charge for this additional service which is offered subject to availability on the day. The instruction laps will take place from 08.30 on either type of day or at 12.45 on "Silenced" days.

Cancellations

Up to 14 days prior to Testing date 75% refund. Less than 14 days, no refunds will be given. Written confirmation is required.

Sound Limits

All vehicles using the circuit and circuit property are subject to a static sound check at any time. In accordance with MSA regulations, sound is measured using a sound meter. Measurements are made at 0.5m from the end of the exhaust pipe with the microphone at exhaust outlet level at an angle of 45 degrees with the exhaust outlet. Sound is also monitored continuously at the trackside. Please see MSA competitors yearbook 2009 for full details.



FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Why is testing always on Thursdays?

It is well known that Castle Combe operates under probably the toughest environmental / sound regulations of any circuit in the country. Under local planning regulations, the circuit is only permitted to run race cars silenced to MSA limits on Thursdays.

Can we arrive the evening before?

Teams are able to set up the Wednesday afternoon but please do not arrive before 17.00 unless you have received permission from the circuit office. If you are then staying on site until the race meeting please check with the circuit office and ensure that you park up in your correct position as per the final instructions and please, no running of race engines before 09.00 or after 18.00 on week days or before 08.30 or after 18.30 on race days.

Where do I sign in?

Signing on takes place in the circuit administration office, this is situated close to the Sunoco scrutineering bay. **Drivers must have their car sound checked prior to signing on.** At signing on, drivers will be given their track passes and wristbands.

Why so few cars on the circuit at any one time?

Again this condition is controlled by our local authorities but the positive side is that it gives each driver considerable track space to find the optimum lap.

What if I fail the noise check?

We cannot allow you on to the track, or offer a refund. A noisy car could jeopardise the day for everybody else, Merlin Motorsport can usually supply additional silencing to bring the car down within our requirements.

Driver & Circuit Instruction

(Available on Silenced Test Days only)

Personal Tuition is available either in a Castle Combe Racing School Saloon or your own car. This invaluable instruction caters for those drivers wishing to familiarise themselves with the circuit or just improve their circuit skills.

FEES: Using your car £180 per hour, using School car £130 per 1/2 hour, School cars are subject to £750.00 damage excess.

Discounts for local championship drivers

To support those drivers who are members of the Castle Combe Racing Club the Circuit offer a discount on Testing fees.

Where to Stay

Our 2009 Fixture Guide lists many local Hotels and B&B's. Please ask for a copy.

Fuel

Circuit Motors adjacent to the circuit offer diesel, unleaded and super unleaded.

2009 Car Race Dates

Monday 13th April

Monday 4th May

Monday 25th May

Saturday 13th / Sunday 14th June

Saturday 18th / Sunday 19th July

Saturday 8th / Sunday 9th August

Monday 31st August

Saturday 3rd October

All Testing and ARDS days are organised by Castle Combe Racing School Limited.

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