



HANDY HINTS FROM THE WORKSHOP

For vehicle advice when preparing your TasBash vehicle, please call the Variety Office on (03) 6248 4888

TASBASH BREAKDOWNS

Flat tyres, fuel problems and electrical faults cause the most common breakdowns on the TasBash.

The idea of the TasBash is that you should be able to do some of the basic things yourself (such as changing a flat tyre), however, don't be too distressed if you can't. Where we are able to help is with the more complicated and/or larger jobs. As you may have to wait a while until OV2 comes along, (we will be there as soon as we can but please remember there is only one OV2 and occasionally a big job rears its head) it helps us if some of the initial preparation is done while you are waiting, such as jacking the vehicle up or getting the spares out etc.

IN THE ENGINE BAY

As the going is likely to be dusty on the TasBash, it is a good idea to get a good quality air cleaner element along with a couple of spares. They should be changed regularly on the TasBash. Sand and dust getting into an engine through the air cleaner can do a very rapid job of reboring your engine, and without the necessary larger pistons and rings, can turn your lovely motor into a pile of junk.

The way to avoid fuel problems on the TasBash is to ensure your fuel system is top notch. Fit fuel filters before and after the fuel pump. Take along spare filters.

Cooling systems should be thoroughly checked, radiators cleaned, hoses, thermostats and belts replaced if necessary. Thematic fans should be checked to ensure the correct direction of rotation. Radiator stone guards should be of a material that causes minimal disruption to air flow.

ELECTRICAL PROBLEMS

To reduce the chances of problems it is wise to get your car looked over by an auto electrician. Frayed wiring should be taped up and the generator, alternator and starter checked over.

Take along basic spares such as points, plugs, condenser, even a rotor, coil and distributor cap.

Make sure the battery is very secure and the battery holder is not rusted away.

Take along a spare fan belt and power steering belt if fitted.

TOOL KIT

Nothing too large, an assortment of screwdrivers, shifter, small ring and open end spanners, pliers, side cutters, pocket knife, racer tape, electrical tape, some small and medium size cable ties, a pair of multi-grips, and some insulated wire of the size used in cars.



FIRST AID KIT

The St John Ambulance kit is a good choice with the addition of some aspirin and some Berocca's. Check the Variety Tasmania minimum standard for first aid kits and make sure yours exceeds that spec. A \$10 first aid kit just isn't going to cut it.

SAFETY EQUIPMENT (compulsory)

A safety reflective triangle is required plus a hi-visibility jacket.

WATER

You must carry four litres of water. It can be in one container or in a number of containers.

JACK

A jack is needed together with a jack plate to prevent the jack sinking into soft ground. A piece of solid wood is ideal. Don't forget the wheel brace.

YOUR VEHICLE IS YOUR RESPONSIBILITY. We will not be doing vehicle checks prior to the start. However, we reserve the right to check your vehicle at any time. If the Sweeps or Bash Director are in any doubt they can postpone or cancel your start.

REMEMBER TO ROAD TEST YOUR VEHICLE IN ITS FULLY LOADED STATE BEFORE TASBASH!