

Mutant Vehicle Policy

An Art Car, or Mutant Vehicle, is a vehicle that has been radically and safely modified. Modifications should be decorative and achieve an aesthetic. A vehicle that has NOT been radically mutated is NOT a Mutant Vehicle. Street vehicles with minimal changes and temporary decorations are not Mutant Vehicles. Low riders, classic cars, monster trucks, dune buggies and hot rods are not Mutant Vehicles, even if you've attached LED lights to them. If you bring these types of vehicles, they must remain in a designated parking area like any other non-mutated vehicle. A vehicle that has been stripped down to the frame and engine is not a mutant vehicle. The Element 11 EMV department has the final say-so in these matters. Mutant vehicles are not permitted to leave the event venue for the duration of their stay.

Mutant Vehicles should register prior to the event. This pre-registration process allows us to prepare for the on-site inspection process. Inspection will occur on site, or may be arranged prior to the event, and must be approved by the EMV department before operating at Element 11. You will receive an inspection decal, which must be displayed in plain sight on your Mutant Vehicle before it can be operated. To receive a Mutant Vehicle permit, the vehicle must meet the below guidelines:

Your Mutant Vehicle must not be inherently dangerous to riders or passerby. Moving mechanical parts must be covered, including the use of chain guards if your vehicle is chain-driven. Hot pipes should be covered or reasonably difficult to reach unintentionally, and sharp metal shall be blunted. A headlight is required to drive at night, and your headlights must sufficiently illuminate the ground at least 20 feet in front of the vehicle. The rear and sides of your vehicle shall also be illuminated. If your vehicle involves a hitch, the hitch area must be illuminated. Vehicle must not be leaking fluids, or generate MOOP (Matter Out Of Place).

When you are ready to operate your mutant vehicle, an official member of the EMV department will inspect your vehicle then expect to go for a fun-filled ride with you! Element 11 EMV reserves the right to board your Mutant Vehicle at any time during the festival, for any reason. You will also be asked to sign an acceptance form stating that you understand the guidelines and accept the liability before a Mutant Vehicle permit is issued.

People with legitimate mobility issues may use non-Mutant Vehicles for getting around the festival, but still need to register their vehicle with the EMV. Failure to follow guidelines may result in the temporary or permanent revocation of your permit to drive your Mutant Vehicle at the event, the temporary or permanent suspension of a driver, and/or the expulsion of driver and/or vehicle from the event. This is at the sole discretion of the EMV, Rangers, or Element 11 Board. Safety violations are counted towards the vehicle, not the driver. Please be sure that the person(s) operating your Mutant Vehicle abide by all safety guidelines.

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