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CHANGES FOR 2012 ARE INDICATED IN RED.

THE FOLLOWING RULES ARE GUIDELINES FOR BUILDING AND OPERATING A RACECAR. THE RULES ARE DESIGNED TO PROMOTE FAIR AND COMPETITIVE RACING. BY ENTERING A RACING EVENT, OWNERS/DRIVERS HAVE “ACCEPTED”, “AGREE TO”, AND “WILL ABIDE BY” RULES ISSUED BY THOMPSON INTERNATIONAL SPEEDWAY. ALL EQUIPMENT AND PARTS ARE SUBJECT TO TRACK APPROVAL. NO EQUIPMENT WILL BE CONSIDERED AS HAVING BEEN APPROVED BY REASON OF HAVING PASSED THROUGH INSPECTION UNOBSERVED. OFFICIALS CAN ASSESS WEIGHT PENALTIES FOR CARS AND/OR PARTS THAT DO NOT MEET THE RULES. ANY CAR OR PART THAT DOES NOT MEET THOMPSON INTERNATIONAL SPEEDWAY RULES MAY BE DEEMED INELIGIBLE FOR APPROVAL AND/OR COMPETITION. NO EXPRESSED OR IMPLIED WARRANTY OF SAFETY SHALL RESULT FROM THE PUBLICATION OF OR COMPLIANCE WITH THESE RULES. THEY ARE IN NO WAY A GUARANTEE AGAINST INJURY OR DEATH TO PARTICIPANTS, SPECTATORS, OFFICIALS OR ANY OTHER PERSON INVOLVED. THOMPSON INTERNATIONAL SPEEDWAY RESERVES THE RIGHT TO AMEND THESE RULES IN THE INTEREST OF SAFETY AND/OR TO PROMOTE FAIR AND COMPETITIVE RACING.

POINTS: WILL BE AWARDED FOR ALL POINT RACES.

1 ST 50	6 TH 40	11 TH 30	16 TH 20	21 ST 10
2 ND 48	7 TH 38	12 TH 28	17 TH 18	22 ND 8
3 RD 46	8 TH 36	13 TH 26	18 TH 16	23 RD 6
4 TH 44	9 TH 34	14 TH 24	19 TH 14	24 TH 4
5 TH 42	10 TH ... 32	15 TH 22	20 TH 12	25 TH 2

CAR NUMBERS: ALL CAR NUMBERS MUST BE REGISTERED AND APPROVED BY THE SPEEDWAY. THOMPSON INTERNATIONAL SPEEDWAY RESERVES THE RIGHT TO CHANGE NUMBERS TO AVOID DUPLICATE NUMBERS AND CONFUSION IN SCORING. FAILURE TO COMPLY WITH THIS WILL RESULT IN EJECTION FROM THE RACE PROGRAM. ALL CAR NUMBERS MUST BE AT LEAST 18” TALL ON BOTH DOORS AND ON THE ROOF (FACING GRANDSTANDS FROM THE BACKSTRETCH). GOLD OR SILVER FOIL NUMBERS, OR ANY NUMBER(S) THAT IS DIFFICULT TO READ WILL NOT BE ACCEPTABLE. CAR NUMBER(S) MUST ALSO BE ON THE RIGHT UPPER CORNER OF THE WINDSHIELD, 4" TALL AND WHITE IN COLOR. THOMPSON MODIFIEDS MUST HAVE CAR NUMBER ON RIGHT REAR TAIL PANEL.

DECALS AND PATCHES: NASCAR WHELEN ALL-AMERICAN SERIES DECALS MUST BE PLACED ON THE TOP FRONT OF BOTH DOORS. THE NASCAR WHELEN ALL-AMERICAN SERIES PATCH MUST BE PLACED ON THE CHEST AREA OF THE DRIVERS UNIFORM. FAILURE TO DISPLAY THE DECAL AND/OR WEAR THE PATCH WILL RESULT IN A COMPETITORS’ LOSS OF ELIGIBILITY TO RECEIVE AWARDS.

HANDICAPPING: IS BASED ON THE DRIVER, NOT THE CAR, WITH THE EXCEPTION OF CERTAIN SPECIAL EVENTS, STARTING POSITIONS WILL BE DETERMINED BY THE DRIVERS HANDICAP. A DRIVERS HANDICAP IS BASED ON MONEY WON (BASED ON REGULAR EVENT), ACCUMULATED DURING THE LAST THREE EVENTS. ANY DRIVERS MISSING AN EVENT WILL BE CREDITED WITH A WIN FOR HANDICAPPING PURPOSES. ALL NEW DRIVERS AND DRIVERS MISSING THREE CONSECUTIVE RACES WILL START TO THE REAR. FEATURE WINNERS WILL NOT START CLOSER THAN FIFTH STARTING SPOT. AT THE DISCRETION OF THOMPSON SPEEDWAY, A DRIVER MAY BE DENIED AN “UP FRONT” STARTING SPOT, IF IT IS DETERMINED THAT IN THE BEST INTEREST OF SAFETY THE DRIVER IS NOT COMPETATIVE (UNABLE TO KEEP UP TO SPEED).

RACE STARTS: THE “STARTER” WILL CONTROL THE INITIAL GREEN FLAG START OUT OF TURN FOUR, NO PASSING BEFORE THE START/FINISH LINE. ALL RESTARTS WILL BE IN BETWEEN TURNS THREE & FOUR AT THE WHITE LINE, ANY PASSING BEFORE THE START/FINISH LINE WILL BE TO THE RIGHT ONLY.

CAUTION FLAG: ALL CARS MUST IMMEDIATELY SLOW AND FALL INTO SINGLE FILE. ANY CARS WANTING TO PIT MAY DROP TO THE BOTTOM OF THE TRACK, BUT MAY NOT PASS THE PACE CAR BEFORE ENTERING PIT ROAD. ANY CARS NOT IN SINGLE FILE OR PASS THE PACE CAR WILL BE PENALIZED.

INFIELD PITTING: WHEN INFIELD PITTING IS IN EFFECT, A TIME LIMIT WILL BE ESTABLISHED TO ALLOW TEAMS TO MOVE EQUIPMENT AS EFFICIENTLY AS POSSIBLE TO AND FROM THE INFIELD. NASCAR PIT RULES WILL BE IN EFFECT. MAXIMUM OF FIVE PEOPLE OVER PIT WALL. A STOP & GO OFFICIAL WILL BE AT THE EXIT OF PIT ROAD. PIT STALLS ARE DETERMINED BY THE STARTING LINE-UP. ABSOLUTELY NO FUELING OF CARS OR FUEL CONTAINERS ALLOWED ON PIT ROAD OR INFIELD. NO TOOLS, EQUIPMENT OR STANDING ON PIT ROAD WALL! CAR NUMBER MUST BE DISPLAYED ON PIT CART/TOOL BOX TO BE VISIBLE FOR PIT ROAD OFFICIALS. THE CAR “DRIVER” IS RESPONSIBLE FOR HIS/HER CREWMEMBERS ACTIONS ON PIT ROAD OR UPPER PIT AREA.

POST RACE INSPECTIONS: THE TOP FIVE FINISHERS IN ALL HEATS & FEATURE EVENTS MUST GO DIRECTLY TO THE SCALES (THE FEATURE WINNER GOES TO VICTORY LANE). DO NOT STOP AT YOUR PIT STALL OR ANYWHERE ELSE. NO CAR WILL BE CHECKED BY THE CREW UNTIL AFTER IT HAS BEEN ACROSS THE SCALES (FEATURE EVENTS ONLY), THE CAR MUST REMAIN AS IT FINISHED THE RACE. FAILURE TO COMPLY WITH THIS RULE WILL RESULT IN DISQUALIFICATION. ANY PART OR PARTS FOUND TO BE ILLEGAL DURING A POST RACE INSPECTION WILL BE CONFISCATED. THE DRIVER WILL BE ASSESSED A PENALTY AND/OR DISQUALIFICATION AS DETERMINED BY SPEEDWAY OFFICIALS. THE INSPECTION DECISIONS ARE FINAL, NON-APPEALABLE, NON-REVIEWABLE AND NON-LITIGABLE.

SCALES: ARE OPEN FOR COMPETITORS USE THROUGH OUT THE DAY. CARS MUST BE PUSHED ON & OFF SCALE PADS. SCALES WILL BE CLOSED ONCE HEATS/ FEATURES START FOR USE BY THE OFFICIALS.

PROTESTS: SEE SECTION 13-1,13-2. ALL PROTESTS MUST BE SPECIFIC, ONE SPECIFIC ITEM. MAY NOT BE A VISUAL ITEM. THE VEHICLE BEING PROTESTED MUST HAVE FINISHED AHEAD OF YOU. CHIEF STEWART HAS THE RIGHT TO REFUSE ANY PROTEST. ALL DECISIONS BY THE CHIEF STEWART ARE FINAL, NON-APPEALABLE, NON-REVIEWABLE AND NON-LITIGABLE

GENERAL SAFETY RULES: ALL DIVISIONS WILL FOLLOW THE NASCAR RULES AS LISTED UNDER “PERSONAL SAFETY EQUIPMENT”, PARAGRAPHS 6-4 TO 6-4-3 AS PUBLISHED IN THE NASCAR WEEKLY RACING SERIES RULE BOOK. THESE RULES EXPLAIN GENERAL SAFETY ITEMS. ANY DISCREPANCY BETWEEN NASCAR RULES AND THOMPSON INTERNATIONAL SPEEDWAY RULES, THEN THOMPSON INTERNATIONAL SPEEDWAY RULES SHALL PREVAIL AS PUBLISHED IN THESE RULES.

FIRESUIT AND HELMET: A NASCAR APPROVED FIRESUIT AND HELMET. ALL HELMETS MUST MEET OR EXCEED SNELL SA2000 APPROVAL. RACING GLOVES & SHOES ARE HIGHLY RECOMMENDED. FACE SHIELD OR ACCEPTABLE EYE PROTECTION MUST BE WORN. THE USE OF A HEAD AND NECK RESTRAINT SYSTEM IS STRONGLY RECOMMENDED.

SEAT: A COMMERCIALY MANUFACTURED ALUMINUM RACING SEAT MUST BE USED. A FULL CONTAINMENT TYPE SEAT IS STRONGLY RECOMMENDED. MINIMUM 3/8” BOLTS AND 1/2” WASHERS MUST BE USED TO SECURE THE SEAT TO THE FRAME. SEAT FRAMES MUST BE WELDED TO THE ROLL CAGE. HEADRESTS MUST BE PADDED.

SEAT BELTS: SEE RULE 6-4-2. SEAT BELTS MUST BE BOLTED TO THE ROLL CAGE WITH MINIMUM 3/8” HIGH QUALITY BOLTS. NO Y-TYPE SHOULDER BELTS. SHOULDER BELTS MUST BE MOUNTED TO BAR # 7 OR 7B. IN ALL DIVISIONS, SEAT BELTS MUST BE REPLACED AFTER 3 YEARS. DATE STAMP MAY NOT BE REMOVED. NO DATE, THEN BELTS MUST BE REPLACED. ANY BELT THAT IS FRAYED OR SHOWING SIGNS OF WEAR MUST BE REPLACED REGARDLESS OF AGE.

FIRE EXTINGUISHER: SEE RULE 6-4C. EXTINGUISHER MUST BE FULLY CHARGED.

WINDOW NET: SEE RULE 20J-3.2.3. NASCAR APPROVED WINDOW NET IS MANDATORY. WINDOW NET SUPPORTS MUST USE MINIMUM 3/8” STEEL ROD (NO THREADED ROD). A SEAT BELT LATCH MUST BE USED TO SECURE THE WINDOW NET AT THE TOP. MESH TYPE NET ALLOWED.

GLASS: WINDSHIELD AND BACKGLASS (IF ALLOWED) MUST BE MINIMUM 1/8" CLEAR POLYCARBONATE MATERIAL. NO HOLES IN REAR GLASS EXCEPT FOR JACKING BOLT ACCESS. NO DECALS ON BACKGLASS. INSTALLATION MUST INCLUDE TWO METAL MINIMUM 1/8" X 1" STRAPS OR BRACES MOUNTED BOTH INSIDE AND OUTSIDE OF GLASS.

FUEL CELL: SEE RULE 20J-16.1 THRU 20J-16.6. MINI STOCKS MAXIMUM EIGHT (8) GALLON FUEL CELL. FUEL CELL SUPPORT FRAME MUST BE MADE OF MINIMUM 1" X 1" X .065" STEEL TUBING. SUPPORT FRAME MUST HAVE THREE (3) FRONT TO REAR SUPPORT TUBES AND TWO (2) SIDE TO SIDE SUPPORT TUBES. THE TOP OF THE FUEL CELL MUST HAVE 2 MINIMUM 1/8" X 1" STEEL STRAPS. FUEL CELL MUST BE CENTERED IN THE CHASSIS AND AS FAR FORWARD AS POSSIBLE IN THE TRUNK AREA.

FUEL CELL VENT: SEE RULE 20J-16.4.2.

FUEL LINES: SEE RULE 20J-16.5.1.

FUEL SHUT OFF / BATTERY KILL SWITCH: THE FUEL SHUT OFF MUST BE ABLE TO COMPLETELY STOP THE FLOW OF FUEL. EITHER A MANUAL VALVE OR A VACUUMED CONTROL VALVE IS ALLOWED. THE BATTERY KILL SWITCH MUST COMPLETELY DISABLE THE BATTERY FROM ALL ELECTRICAL ITEMS. BOTH SWITCHES/VALVES MUST BE CLEARLY MARKED AND WITHIN THE DRIVERS REACH. SWITCHES/VALVES MUST ALSO BE ACCESSIBLE BY TRACK EMERGENCY CREW IN THE EVENT OF AN ACCIDENT OR FIRE. THE USE OF GLASS OR PLASTIC FUEL FILTERS WILL NOT BE ALLOWED.

MIRRORS: ONE MIRROR MOUNTED IN THE UPPER CENTER OF THE WINDSHIELD/ROLLCAGE. 4" LEFT SIDE SPOT MIRROR ALLOWED.

STEERING WHEEL: A NASCAR APPROVED QUICK RELEASE STEEL COUPLING ON THE STEERING WHEEL IS MANDATORY. THE CENTER OF THE WHEEL MUST BE PADDED.

DRIVESHAFT / HOOPS: DRIVESHAFT MUST BE PAINTED WHITE AND MUST BE ENCLOSED BY TWO 360 DEGREE 2" WIDE BY 1/4" THICK STEEL HOOPS. FWD CARS MUST PAINT THE AXLE SHAFTS WHITE.

ROLL CAGE: SEE RULE 20M-17.4. PER NASCAR DESIGN. ALL ROLLCAGE TUBING MUST BE MINIMUM 1 3/4" X .090" ROUND MAGNETIC STEEL TUBING, UNLESS NOTED IN THE RULES. RIGHT SIDE DOOR BARS DO NOT HAVE TO BE CONVEXED. MIDDLE WINDSHIELD BAR MUST BE A MINIMUM OF 1-3/4" X .083". MUST HAVE A REAR CRASH BAR. ALL BARS WITHIN THE DRIVERS REACH MUST BE PADDED. SEE ROLLCAGE DIAGRAMS ON PAGES 5 AND 6. THOMPSON MODIFIEDS MUST USE AND MAINTAIN A SPEC CHASSIS & ROLLCAGE THROUGH SPEEDWAY MOTORS.

***** **POSITIVLY NO OFFSET ROLLCAGES** *****

ANY ROLLCAGE AND/OR ROLLBARS THAT ARE POORLY CONSTRUCTED, POORLY WELDED, HAVE INCOMPLETE WELDS OR IS RUSTED, WILL NOT BE ALLOWED TO RACE (OR PRACTICE) UNTIL THE CAR MEETS THE APPROVAL OF THOMPSON INTERNATIONAL SPEEDWAY OFFICIALS.

ANTI-INTRUSION PLATE : CARS MUST HAVE A MAGNETIC STEEL ANTI-INTRUSION PLATE, MINIMUM 0.090 INCH THICK, INSTALLED ON THE OUTBOARD SIDE OF THE LEFT SIDE DOOR BARS AND WELDED OR BOLTED IN PLACE. THE ANTI-INTRUSION PLATE, IF BOLTED, MUST BE ATTACHED WITH NOT THAN LESS THAN FOUR (4) MINIMUM 1/2 INCH DIAMETER BOLTS BOLTED TO TABS OF NOT LESS THAN 1/8 INCH THICK THAT ARE WELDED TO THE DOOR BARS. DOOR BARS MUST NOT TO BE DRILLED WHEN ATTACHING THE ANTI-INTRUSION PLATE BY BOLTS. THIS ANTI-INTRUSION PLATE MUST FILL THE AREA BETWEEN THE HORIZONTAL CENTERLINES OF THE TOP AND BOTTOM DOOR BARS, AND THE VETICAL CENTERLINES OF THE MAIN ROLL BAR (#1) , AND THE LEFT FRONT ROLL BAR LEG (#2) . INDIVIDUAL PLATES WELDED IN THE OPENINGS BETWEEN EACH DOOR BAR WILL BE PERMITTED. SEE NASCAR RULE BOOK FOR PROPER INSTALATION & LOCATION OF EMERGENCY HOLE LOCATIONS.

WEIGHTS & MEASUREMENTS: ALL MINIMUM HEIGHT & WEIGHT MEASUREMENTS ARE WITH DRIVER IN CAR.

CAR WEIGHT: MINIMUM WEIGHT MUST BE MAINTAINED AT ALL TIMES AND WILL BE TAKEN WITH THE DRIVER IN SEAT, BOTH HANDS ON THE STEERING WHEEL, FEET ON THE PEDALS (LEGS UNCROSSED) AND HELMET MUST BE ON DRIVER'S HEAD OR IN DRIVER'S LAP. LIQUIDS (GAS, OIL, ETC) OR DISLODGED PARTS OR BALLAST WEIGHTS MAY NOT BE ADDED TO THE CAR AFTER A RACE TO MAKE MINIMUM WEIGHT.

GROUND CLEARANCE: (CHASSIS, BODY & ENGINE HEIGHTS) WILL BE CHECKED WITH DRIVER IN CAR. NO PART OF THE CAR INCLUDING BALLAST (EXCEPT MINI STOCK), BODY OR FRAME MAY BE LOWER THAN THE MINIMUM HEIGHT ALLOWED (THOMPSON MODIFIEDS SEE SIDE SKIRT RULE). VEHICLE MUST REMAIN AS IT WAS ON THE TRACK, IT MAY NOT BE LIFTED TO MAKE RIDE HEIGHT.

TREADWIDTH: ALL DIVISIONS EXCEPT SUNOCO MODIFIEDS, MAXIMUM TREADWIDTH IS MEASURED FROM OUTSIDE BULGE TO OUTSIDE BULGE AT HUB HEIGHT. SUNOCO MODIFIEDS TREADWITH IS MEASURED FROM OUTSIDE BEAD SEAT TO OUTSIDE BEAD SEAT AT HUB HEIGHT.

TIRES: ALL TIRES MUST BE PURCHASED THROUGH AUTHORIZED TRACK VENDOR ONLY (DAVE LIND RACING TIRES). TIRES WILL CARRY A SERIAL # BAR CODE. TIRES FOUND NOT PURCHASED THROUGH TRACK VENDOR WILL BE DEEMED ILLEGAL AND CAUSE FOR DISQUALIFICATION FROM EVENT & LOSS OF EARNED POINTS.

*****RADIOS:** SUNOCO MODIFIEDS, LITE MODIFIEDS, THOMPSON MODIFIEDS, SUPER LATE MODELS & LATE MODELS- IT IS MANDATORY THAT AT LEAST ONE CREW MEMBER OR SPOTTER MONITOR THE TRACK FREQUENCY AND HAVE TWO-WAY COMMUNICATION WITH THE DRIVER FOR IMPORTANT INFORMATION FROM "OFFICIALS".

LIMITED SPORTSMAN & MINI STOCKS- THE USE OF A SCANNER TO MONITOR THE TRACK FREQUENCY AND RECEIVE INFORMATION FROM TRACK "OFFICIALS" ONLY IS MANDATORY. ANY DRIVER CAUGHT RECEIVING INFORMATION FROM ANYONE OTHER THAN AN "OFFICIAL", WILL BE DISQUALIFIED FROM THE RACING EVENT.

TRACK FREQUENCY: 464.500

TRACTION CONTROL: OF ANY TYPE ARE NOT ALLOWED. ANYONE CAUGHT WITH A TRACTION CONTROL DEVICE, OPERATIVE OR NOT, WILL BE SUSPENDED INDEFINITELY AND LOSE ALL POINTS.

RECORDING DEVICES: CARS AND DRIVERS WILL NOT BE PERMITTED TO CARRY ANY TYPE OF ONBOARD COMPUTERS, MICRO-CONTROLLERS, PROCESSORS, RECORDING DEVICES, ELECTRONIC MEMORY CHIPS, TRACTION CONTROL DEVICES, OR DIGITAL READOUT GAUGES.

ILLEGAL ITEMS: ABSOLUTELY NO REMOVAL, ALTERATIONS, COVERING, AND ETC OF ANY CASTING, LOGO OR PART NUMBERS FROM ANY PART ON THE RACECAR. TO DO SO MAKES THE PART IN QUESTION ILLEGAL. ALL ILLEGAL PARTS ARE SUBJECT TO CONFISCATION AND DISQUALIFICATION. FAILURE TO SURRENDER AN ILLEGAL ITEM WILL RESULT IN INDEFINITE SUSPENSION.

RULE CHANGES: THESE RULES MAY BE ADDED TO, DELETED OR CHANGED AT ANY TIME WITH THE ONLY NOTICE TO BE GIVEN AT THE EVENTS "DRIVERS MEETING". ANYONE GETTING PERMISSION TO USE A PART OR CHANGE A RULE FROM AN "OFFICIAL" MUST GET IT IN WRITING FROM THOMPSON INTERNATIONAL SPEEDWAY. VERBAL PERMISSION IS NOT ACCEPTABLE. **RULE INTERPRETATION:** RULES ARE WRITTEN AS COMPLETE & CLEARLY AS POSSIBLE. IF YOU COME UP WITH SOMETHING NOT COVERED OR UNCLEAR ABOUT A RULE, PLEASE CALL THE CHIEF INSPECTOR - MIKE KUN AT 401-766-0566.

DIAGRAM # 1 - TYPICAL NASCAR FRAME (PLAN VIEW)

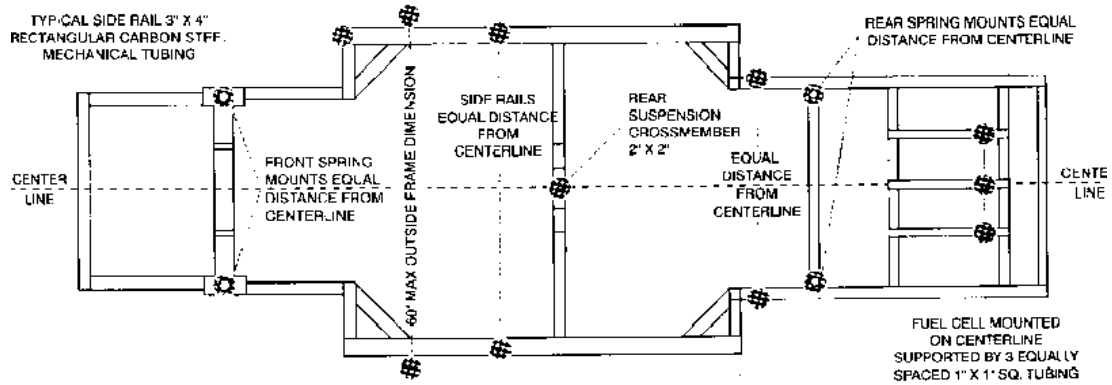


DIAGRAM # 2 - TYPICAL ROLL CAGE AND FRAME CONSTRUCTION (PLAN VIEW)

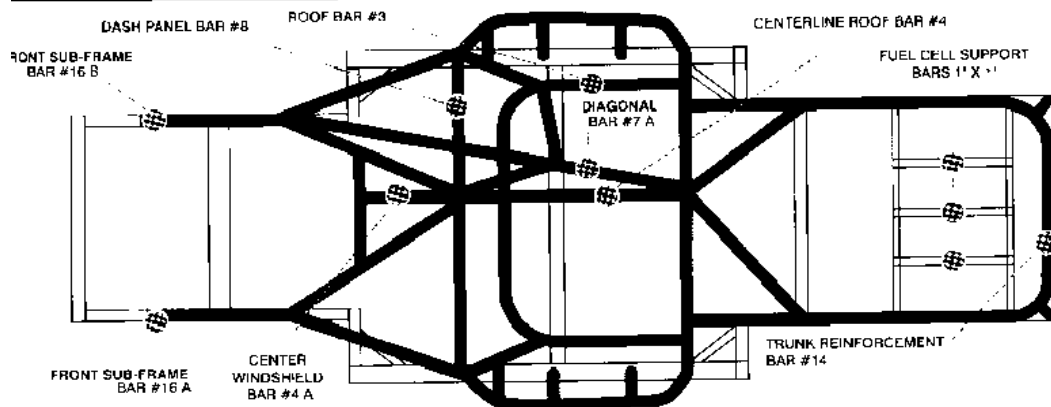


DIAGRAM #6 ANTI-INTRUSION PLATE HOLE LOCATION

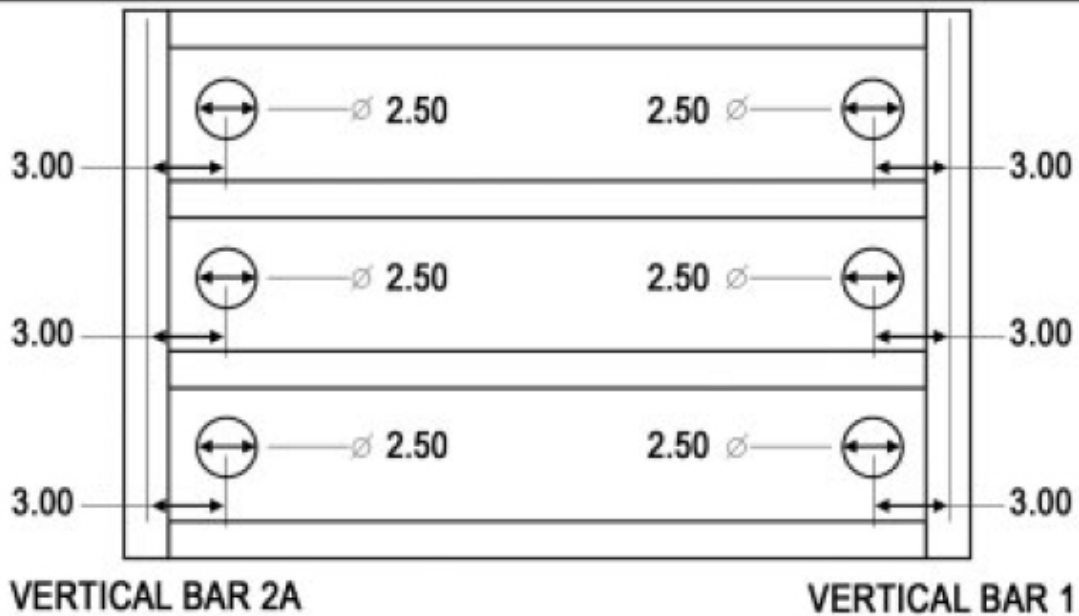


DIAGRAM #3 - TYPICAL ROLL CAGE AND FRAME CONSTRUCTION (SIDE VIEW)

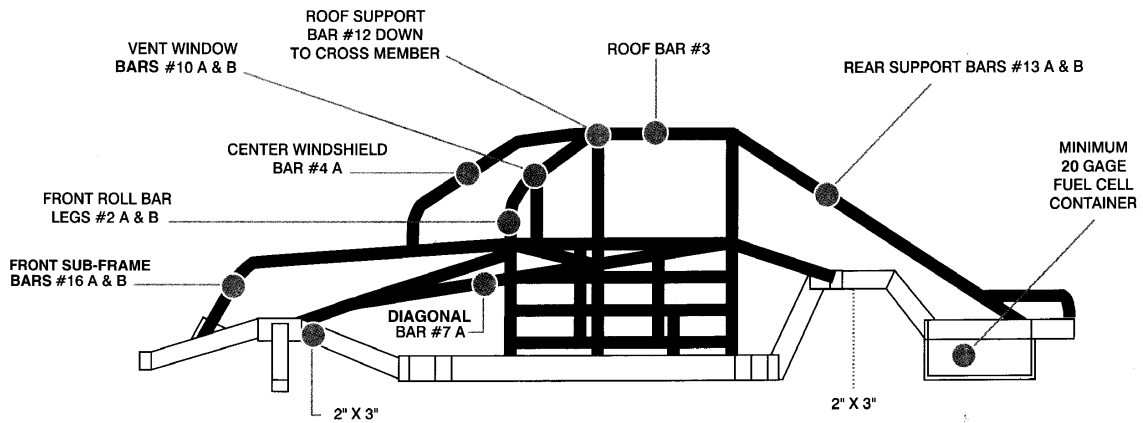


DIAGRAM #4 - EXPLODED VIEW OF BASIC ROLL CAGE (SOME BARS REMOVED FOR CLARITY)

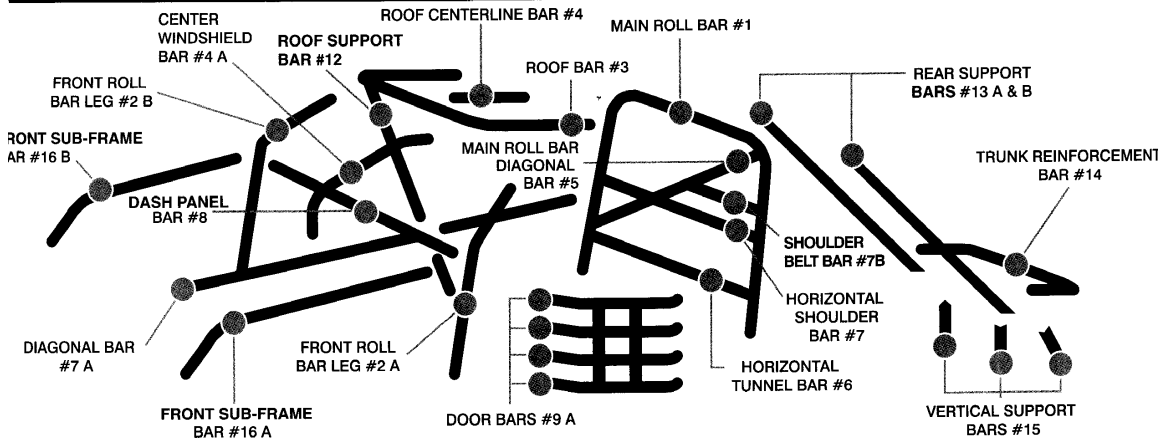


DIAGRAM #5 - BASIC NASCAR ROLL CAGE STRUCTURE (SOME BARS REMOVED FOR CLARITY)

