

Death Valley National Park has issued special use permits to the automobile industry for a number of years to allow heat testing in its unique climate. **All applications must be submitted at least 30 days in advance of testing.** If you would like to apply for a permit to test vehicles you must submit an [application](#) along with the following materials:

An application package must be submitted by any company planning to send trip leaders into Death Valley National Park to test vehicles. The resultant permit will cover all trip leaders with bond and liability insurance. It will be valid for one year

For Company Umbrella Permit please submit:

1. An [application](#).
2. An application processing fee of \$300.00. Please make checks payable to:
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE
3. A \$5,000.00 bond. The bond should be issued by a bonding company and valid through 12/31/2013. The original signed bond will be held on file in the Death Office of Special Park Uses. A list of eligible bonding companies may be found on [Treasury Circular 570](#)
4. [Liability insurance certificate](#) listing as "Additional Insured" with a minimum of \$1,000,000 of liability coverage:

Death Valley National Park
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

5. Please mail the complete application package to:

Death Valley National Park
ATTN: Office of Special Park Uses
PO Box 579 (or 271 Highway 190 for courier services)
Death Valley, CA 92328

An application package must also be submitted directly by each trip leader. The resultant permit will cover only the trips that individual leads into the park during the testing season. It will be valid for one year.

For Individual Trip Leader Permit please submit:

1. An [application](#)
2. An application processing fee of \$100.00. Please make checks payable to:
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE
3. A copy of the company's insurance certificate
4. A copy of the company's performance bond.
5. [Test Trip Data Sheet](#): Each trip leader must email a test trip data sheet to the Office of Special Park Uses **at least 7 days in advance** of a scheduled trip. This will ensure that your test trip is included in the weekly law enforcement update and that the visitor center will be prepared for your arrival when you check in.

Email test trip data sheets directly to Debbie Wehmeyer at
debbie_wehmeyer@nps.gov

Faxed test trip data sheets will no longer be accepted.

6. **Visitor Center/Fee Sticker:** Teams are required to get a colored window sticker for each vehicle at a visitor center when they arrive in the park.
7. Each test vehicle must have a **paper copy of the signed permit, a copy of the test trip data sheet, and a window sticker.** If vehicles do not have these items in each car, they will not be permitted to test. The Visitor Center will not make copies of these documents. Trip leaders may have to travel as far as 60 miles one way to make necessary copies of these are not printed in advance.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact the Office of Special Park Uses at:

760-786-3241 or email at Debbie_Wehmeyer@nps.gov.

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Office of Special Park Uses
PO Box 579
Death Valley, CA 92328

FedEx and UPS address:

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Park Headquarters, 271 HWY 190
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