

# S and Driving Tips

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- Speed and flotation are the keys to success. High ratio is best, if possible.
- Lower the tyre pressure to 140kpa or 20psi. You may need to go lower (lower tyre pressure = lower speed). Remember to reinflate your tyres as soon as you're back on hard ground.
- Stick to any existing wheel tracks - it's a lot easier.
- Avoid sudden changes in direction or acceleration. Coast to a stop if at all possible.
- Tackle dunes head on.
- Avoid braking at all costs when descending a dune, Keep the nose of the vehicle pointing downhill. Don't go fast, but not so slow that the wheels stop rolling, or the vehicle begins to slide sideways. A touch on the throttle will keep the wheels moving and the vehicle pointing in the right direction.
- Keep your thumbs pointing out from the steering wheel.
- Don't follow other vehicles too closely.
- If traveling up a dune and you do not get to the top, reverse down the dune in gear, NEVER coast down the dune and NEVER attempt a U turn.
- Ensure wheels are pointing straight ahead when taking off
- Avoid the soft sand at the base of dunes and gullies

# C onvoy Guidelines

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You will be positioned in the convoy according to your skill. The leader will issue you a number or description as to where you are in the convoy, DO NOT swap or exchange your position unless you get permission to do so. Never pass the vehicle in front of you.

The reason your position in the convoy is so important because you are responsible for the car behind you. Keep a regular eye on the car behind you though your rear vision mirror. If you do not see him STOP and wait for him, while flashing your headlights at the vehicle in front of you, as a signal that the convoy has been broken and stopped.

Keep at least 20m distance between you and the vehicle in front of you

If an obstacle is longer than 20m such as an uphill climb or high desert dune. DO NOT follow the vehicle in front of you unless they make the run successfully

If you need assistance or need to stop, immediately turn on your hazard lights /flash your headlights

The convoy leader is also the pathfinder. If he encounters a hard obstacle to late, he will ad-vise second lead to find an alternative around the obstacle.



## UAE Offroaders Commitment

UAEOFFROADERS will provide you with hands-on technical and instructional training and information of how to drive safely in the sand, raising your confidence level and your confidence in your vehicle's capabilities.

Most of all, UAEOFFROADERS will introduce you to the fun factor of being in the desert with the best 4WD offroading club in the region.

# UAE Offroaders

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On behalf of [www.uaeoffroaders.com](http://www.uaeoffroaders.com) I would like to welcome all our new members.

UAEOFFROADERS was formed in September 2009 with the purpose of promoting four wheel driving, dune bashing and exploring the gorgeous desert, mountains, wadis and landscapes of the UAE.

UAEOFFROADERS is a rapidly growing family orientated 4WD club with many activities and offroading trips ranging from mild to wild. Trips are run by very experienced trip leaders who can advise and assist you in safe driving techniques.

Our members range from 'Rookie' off-roaders, to the very experienced. To cater for our members a variety of trips are organised and posted on the website on a weekly basis to suit all levels of competence, starting from 'rookie-runs' to advanced trips, as well as organised camping and wadi/mountain exploration trips.

Being a member in UAEOFFROADERS is very rewarding. You will meet new people from different backgrounds, nationalities, cultures, and religions that you might not get the opportunity to meet in your everyday life.

All types of 4 wheel drive vehicles are welcomed, great fun is guaranteed and you will take home wonderful memories of the day. New members who join UAEOFFROADERS are surprised to find out that some of the best times are spent not in the confines of their car, but after all the driving is done and we are relaxing around the campfire sharing experiences and jokes and reflecting on the day.

The desert is a place which commands tremendous respect, the Bedouin Nomads have survived and endured life in it for centuries.

Now we are captivated by it's mystical charms and UAEOFFROADERS invite you to join us for your own Nomadic experience and an evening of enjoyment under the stars.

# Code of Conduct

All UAEOFFROADERS members and guest are kindly requested to follow the club's Code of Conduct without any exceptions

These guidelines are introduced for your safety. Please respect and follow them.

- Please listen to the instructions and guidelines provided by Marshals and organizers. They work hard to make UAEOFFROADERS events enjoyable for you.
- Alcohol consumption is NOT ALLOWED during trip events.
- Guests accompanying UAEOFFROADERS members to UAEOFFROADERS trips and events are the responsibility of the inviting members.
- Members are expected to show respect to nature. Please show consideration to the environment and wildlife. Avoid littering and bring along with you garbage bags to clean up after camping or lunch stops.
- Firearms, slingshots, bow & arrows or any other form of weaponry (even if licensed) are not permitted during UAEOFFROADERS trips and events. Camping knives are the only exception and confined to camping or emergency purposes only.
- Enjoyment of events can only be achieved through mutual respect of each other. Please avoid the use of foul language or obscene gestures.
- Food & Drinks are your responsibility unless otherwise stated in the event/trip notification.
- Every UAEOFFROADERS member is responsible for his own fuel cost
- Members join trips at their own risk.

# Club Indemnity

We all enjoy going to the desert without a doubt, we also care for ourselves and for the safety of others.

Please know by participating in [uaeoffroaders.com](http://uaeoffroaders.com) trips you declare and agree on the following:

- I wish to voluntarily participate in the trips, or any event, which has been organized by [uaeoffroaders.com](http://uaeoffroaders.com).
- I understand that offroading is hazardous and an extreme sport and that I am voluntarily exposing myself to the risk of personal injury or death by participating in the event.
- I understand that challenging and timing is prohibited and that the purpose of the day is to improve my driving skills off-road whilst having due consideration for the safety of others.
- I understand that other members will also participate in the event at the same time.
- I understand that I must comply by rules and safety standards as requested on the day.
- I understand that [uaeoffroaders.com](http://uaeoffroaders.com) may not carry insurance in respect of any liability, which might arise out of an event, and that my own vehicle, third party and public liability insurance (if any), is unlikely to cover me for my losses or liabilities but that such insurance is available from specialist brokers.
- I am competent and able to take part and that my eyesight (with lenses if worn) is adequate for off-road events use.
- I do not suffer from any medical condition or disability that may make it unsafe for me to participate in the event, or safely operate a vehicle. I am not taking any drugs that will impair my ability to take part.
- Any vehicle for which I am responsible and/or which I will use during the event is safe and in good condition and of suitable mechanical condition.
- I hold the correct license for the size and type of vehicle being used on the event. This license enables me to ride on the public roads in the UAE, and is issued by a competent authority
- I will not participate in the event whilst under the influence of alcohol or intoxicating drugs.

- I (including myself, my personal representatives, heirs, next of kin, executors, administrators, legal representatives and successors) agree to make no claim, sue, or hold liable UAEOFFROADERS.COM, its founders, marshals, members, or any one involved in the event including supporting individuals, companies and agents in respect of any loss or injury suffered by me during the event and to indemnify them against their costs and losses arising out of any claim made against them or any of them by anyone to the extent that such costs and losses are attributable directly or indirectly to my participation in the event.
- I, the undersigned acknowledge that the information provided in this form is true.
- I did register my name with an offroading recovery service (i.e. IATC)
- I have read, understood and will comply with all regulations, any supplemental regulations and final instructions given by the UAEOFFROADERS.COM and this form is valid and shall remain in full legal force unless notified and signed by both parties involved.

We wish you all the best and always drive safe on and offroad, on behalf of UAEOFFROADERS



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