

Vehicle “A” Framing – Safety Procedures

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Description & Application of Equipment

An “A” frame can be used in conjunction with most of our Tracking Vehicles and enables the Driver/Actor to simulate Driving scenes without having to physically control the *In-Vision Vehicle*. It is attached to the front suspension of the *In-Vision vehicle* to be tracked and then attached to the rear of the Tracking Vehicle.

Most cars are compatible with one of our universal “A” frames however for larger or abnormally sized vehicles i.e. small buses or lorries we can manufacture specific frames. These would have to be towed by a larger tracking vehicle and thoroughly tested before use.

Procedures of Safe Correct use

1. Prior to Date of Shoot, Bickers Action must be informed of Manufacturer, Model & Year of the *In Vision Vehicle* so that a compatibility check can be made – in today’s modern era, fewer cars are “A” Frame compatible. – If this scenario occurs, Bickers Action have an additional Rig “The Tracking Tow Dolly” which works in a similar way to the” A” Frame but does not directly attach to car suspension and steering is controlled by wheels on Tow Dolly or a Full “A” Frame test is carried out before the shoot day. Automatic vehicles can be a problem as towing may cause damage to the transmission – **this must be cleared with Vehicle Supplier or manufacturer.**
2. The In-vision Vehicle must to structurally sound and good condition and have a current MOT – This is the Responsibility of Action Vehicle supplier, Bickers has the right to refuse working with substandard In vision Vehicles.
3. Prior to commencement of Shoot, the Route must be reced by Bickers Action Driver/Tech for approval Under NO circumstances must there be any reversing manoeuvres. The Route must not be too tight.
- 4.The “A” Frame must be attached to the **In-Vision Vehicle & Tacking Vehicle**, in accordance with the Manufacturer’s Instructions, by Bickers Action Driver/Technicians always.
- 5.The 1st A.D. must always be in position on the rear of the Tracking Vehicle to oversee the Actor & In Vision Vehicle.
6. We must be informed prior to shoot if more than 4 persons (Crew or Artists) are to travel within the vehicle being “A” Framed, this an Insurance and weight issue.

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Actors / Drivers - Safety Precautions

**All Artist at the wheel of the car being pulled on the "A" Frame must hold a current driving License –
If not the Tow Dolly or the Low Loader must be used.**

Driver/Actor may simulate controls of the Vehicle but **Must Not Action them at any time unless in an Emergency situation I.E. Apply Foot brake under instruction from 1st A.D. or Bickers Driver/Tech.** Steering Wheel to pass through the Fingers, NO hands or thumbs inside the Wheel at any times.

Ignition should be in Position 1 to allow the steering lock to be released, and all brakes to be released at all times – Parking and Foot Brake and gearbox to be in Neutral at all times. It may be necessary for the engine to be running in some circumstances – Steering implications.

Please remember it is very easy to forget to leave controls alone whilst acting – This could be Potentially Dangerous in extreme circumstances. For example, if the brake is applied by the artist in the In vision car, this could cause the tracking vehicle to stop sharply and upset crew & equipment on the tracking vehicle. Same applies for operating the steering wheel. If a problem does occur the Actors must let 1st A.D. know as soon as possible. Via the communication system, the nature of the problem - if not obvious, for the 1st A.D. to evaluate. The Tracking Vehicle and "A" Frame must pull over safety immediately for Bickers Driver / Tech to evaluate the problem.

Safety of the Crew and other Road Users takes precedence over all other factors.



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