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Policy Statement

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Track Classification Policy

1. What is the 4WD Track Classification?





- a) A uniformed classification process to identify and advertise to others the classification of tracks, for use by 4 Wheel Drivers, within QLD. A uniformed track classification should make it easier for all recreational 4 wheel drivers to be able to access the track prior to them attempting the track. A uniformed track classification should be standardised throughout Queensland not only within affiliated 4 Wheel Drive Clubs but also with private and public land holders.
- b) The system should be both a National and state standardised classification system, and aligned with other systems nationally.

2. Who should be using this Track Classification.?

- a) FWDQLD encourages all recreational 4 wheel drive bodies in Queensland & Australia to adopt the simple standardised track classification system. All 4 wheel drivers should be strongly encouraging all organisations to adopt the same system of track classification.

3. Looks Similar to another system?

- a) Yes, this is again to standardise the system with other 'Track Classification' systems in other industries and recreation activities. The colours in the bush may not be as easily recognised, they may fade, or drivers may be colour blind, as a result the system should not rely on colour alone. Therefore the 'Track Classification' system needs to be two prong with both symbols and colours. Symbols are a very important part with the colour only emphasising the symbol.

	Easy	Medium	Difficult	Very Difficult
Overview Description	All-Wheel Drive and High Range 4WD. Novice Drivers.	Mainly High Range 4WD but Low Range required. Some 4WD experience recommended.	Significant Low Range 4WD with standard 4WD ground clearance. Should have accredited 4WD driver training, qualifications..	Low Range 4WD with High ground clearance. Experienced Drivers. Should have accredited 4WD driver training, qualifications, and extensive 4WD experience, with a well set up 4 wheel drive vehicle.
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Expected terrain and track conditions	Mostly unsealed roads with no obstacles and minor gradients.	Tracks with some steep and/or rocky/slippery/sandy sections. May have shallow water crossings.	Tracks with frequent steep and/or rocky/slippery/sandy sections. Possible water crossings.	Tracks with frequent very steep and/or rocky/slippery/sandy sections. May have difficult river crossings.
Vehicle Suitability	All-Wheel Drive and High Range 4WD. Can be low clearance with single range and road tyres.	Suitable for medium clearance vehicles with dual range and all terrain or road tyres.	Suitable for medium to high clearance vehicles with dual range and all terrain tyres.	Suitable for high clearance vehicles with dual range and tyres suitable for the terrain (Mud Terrain Tyres).
Recovery Equipment	Minimum Snatch – strap and recovery points.	Minimum Club Recovery Equipment required	Minimum Club Recovery Equipment required	Minimum Club Recovery Equipment required as well as Winch/Recovery Equipment required
Driver Training / Experience	Suitable for novice drivers.	Recommended that drivers have experience or 4WD training. Recommended to be done in groups of vehicles, not less than 2.	Recommended for drivers with a minimum of an accredited driver training qualification and reasonable experience. To be undertaken in groups of vehicles, not less than 3.	Drivers with extensive experience and advanced training should only attempt as there are several technical challenges. Recommended to be done in groups of four or more vehicles.

Weather	May more be difficult in wet conditions.	Will be more difficult in wet conditions.	Will be more difficult in wet conditions.	Will be more difficult in wet conditions.
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Advisory Sign	Green Circle	Blue Square	Black Diamond	Double Black Diamond

Above is 4WDQLD “Track Classification system” in detail.

- It is 4WDQLD policy that all 4WD clubs should commence using this standardised system –

- It is 4WDQLD Policy that all we encourage and permit all public and private land owners the use of the Standardised Track Classification system.