GUIDELINES FOR DISPLAY RULES AND REGULATIONS

The Guidelines for Display Rules and Regulations were established to use as a resource for creating consistent and fair exhibiting standards for SAE International events and to promote continuity and consistency among exhibitors.

These display rules and regulations provide exhibitors with all the information necessary to properly design and build exhibits, as well as to plan their booth layout and content. Compliance with fire, safety, disability and other current government requirements has also been addressed.

Exhibitors not conforming to these rules and regulations - or exhibits that in design, operation, or otherwise are objectionable in the opinion of management - will be prohibited.

The goal of SAE International is to assure all exhibitors, regardless of exhibit size or location, have an environment conducive to successful interaction with their audiences.

SAE International reserves the right to require any exhibitor to remove an exhibit or any part of an exhibit which, in the sole judgment of SAE, is misleading or deceptive, in poor taste, or unsuitable to or not in keeping with the character and objectives of the conference. SAE International also reserves the right to refuse space to any organization, individual, company, etc. that it deems inappropriate.

SAE reserves the right to interpret these regulations as it deems proper to insure the success of the Exhibition and to further the educational purposes of SAE. Exhibits are intended to supplement the information disseminated at the technical sessions.

SAE reserves the right to alter rules and regulations based on specific requirements of the contracted venue. Any changes will be communicated to the exhibitor prior to the event.

Some of the information in the following guidelines have been taken from the International Association of Exhibitions and Events 2011 Guidelines for Display Rules and Regulations.
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LINEAR BOOTH

**Definition**
Linear booths or In-Line booths consist of one or more standard units in a straight line and have neighboring exhibitors on the right and left with only the front of the booth exposed to the aisle.

**Dimensions**
Linear booths are most commonly 10 feet (3.05m) wide and 10 feet (3.05m) deep. There is a maximum back wall height limitation of 8 feet (2.44m).

**Use of Space**
Regardless of the number of linear booths utilized (10 feet (3.05m) by 20 feet (6.10m); 10 feet (3.05m) by 30 feet (9.14m) etc.) display materials must be arranged so as not to obstruct sight lines of neighboring exhibitors. The maximum height of 8 feet (2.44m) is allowed only in the rear half of the booth space, with a 4 foot (1.22m) height restriction imposed on all materials in the remaining space forward to the aisle. Note: When three or more linear booths are used in combination as a single exhibit space, the 4 foot (1.22m) height limitation is applied only to that portion of exhibit space which is within 10 feet (3.05m) of an adjoining booth.
**CORNER BOOTH**

**Definition**
A corner booth is a linear/in-line booth (one or more units in a straight line) exposed to aisles on two sides. All other guidelines for linear booths apply.
**PERIMETER BOOTH**

**Definition**
A perimeter booth is a linear/in-line booth (one or more standard units in a straight line) that backs to an outside wall of the exhibit facility rather than to another exhibit.

**Use of Space**
All guidelines for linear booths apply to perimeter booths except that the typical maximum back wall height is 12 feet (3.66m).
**ISLAND BOOTH**

**Definition**
An island booth is a booth consisting of four or more standard units with aisles on all four sides.

**Dimensions**
An island booth is typically 20 feet (6.10m) x 20 feet (6.10m) or larger, although it may be configured differently.

**Use of Space**
The entire cubic content of the space may be used to the maximum allowable height of 16 feet (4.88m) provided written approval is received from show management 90 days prior to the show. An exhibitor desiring to erect a solid walled-in structure over 4 feet (1.22m) in height, within the island must set the structure back at least 3 feet (.90m) from the aisle on any of the four sides. Because an island booth is automatically separated by the width of an aisle from all neighboring exhibits, full use of the floor plan is permitted if the structure is visually open for at least 75% of the length of the booth.

**Important**
*Solid “fortress” type displays built directly on aisles obstructs sightlines and are prohibited.*
**MULTI-STORY ISLAND BOOTH**

**Definition**
Exhibits with more than one display level in eight or more standard units with aisles on all four sides. Multi-story island booths are permitted where an exhibitor occupies booth space of 800 sq. ft. (72m) or more.

**Use of Space**
Exhibit, fixtures, components and identification signs are permitted to be a maximum height of 16 feet (4.88m) provided written approval is received from SAE Show Management 90 days prior to the show.

Because an island booth is automatically separated by the width of the aisle from all neighboring exhibits, full use of the plan is permitted if the structure is visually open for at least 75% of the length of the booth.

An exhibit booth that does not meet the “visibility” regulation and is a structure that is over 4 feet (1.22m) must be erected back least 3 feet (0.90m) from any aisle or any of the four sides. Solid/opaque “fortress” type displays built directly on aisles obstruct sightlines and are prohibited.

**Important — Structural Integrity**
All multi-story exhibits, regardless of whether people will occupy the upper area or not, and all exhibit fixtures and components must submit engineering drawings for inspection to SAE Show Management, the installation and dismantling contractor, the exhibitor and the governmental authority 90 days prior to the exposition. Engineering drawings for multi-story displays must specify load weights, tension strengths, types of fastenings, maximum capacities — in short detailed engineering plans which the safety officer and/or fire marshall of the facility can approve.

All two-level or two-tiered booths must have smoke detectors on the first level ceilings. All enclosed areas with ceilings must have smoke detectors. Please contact SAE Show Management if you are planning to erect a two-story display.
**END CAP BOOTH**

*For use in Country Pavilions Only*

**Definition**
An end-cap booth is exposed to aisles on three sides and composed of two booths.

**Dimensions**
End-cap Booths are generally 10 feet (3.05m) deep by 20 feet (6.10m) wide.

**Use of Space**
The maximum backwall height of 8 feet (2.44m) is allowed only in the rear half of the booth space and within 5 feet (1.52m) of the two side aisles with a 4 feet (1.22m) height restriction imposed on all materials in the remaining space forward to the aisle.

**Important**
SAE does not permit the use of end cap booths unless used in country pavillons.
**PENINSULA BOOTH**

For use in Country Pavilions only

**Definition**
A peninsula booth is exposed to aisles on three sides and composed of a minimum of four booths. There are two types of peninsula booths:

- one which backs up to linear booths,
- one which backs to another peninsula booth and is referred to as a “split island booth.”

**Dimensions**
A peninsula booth is usually 20 feet (6.10m) x 20 feet (6.10m) or larger.

**Use of Space**
When a Peninsula Booth backs up to two Linear Booths, the backwall is restricted to 4 feet (1.22m) high within 5 feet (1.52m) of each aisle, permitting adequate line of sight for the adjoining linear booths.

**Important**
Peninsula booths are normally faced towards the cross aisle. Any portion of the exhibit bordering another exhibitor’s booth must have the back side of that portion finished and may not carry identification signs or other copy that would detract from the adjoining exhibit.

SAE does not permit the use of peninsula booths unless used in country pavilions.
**SPLIT ISLAND BOOTH**

*For Use in Country Pavilions Only*

**Definition**
A split island booth is a peninsula booth which shares a common back wall with another peninsula booth. The entire cubic content of this booth may be used, up to the maximum allowable height, without any back wall line of sight restrictions. Sixteen feet is the maximum height allowance, including signage.

**Important**
SAE does not permit the use of split island booths unless used in country pavilions. Both parties must agree to a uniform height on the shared wall. If a split island booth is planned, please contact SAE Show Management.
OTHER IMPORTANT REGULATIONS/CONSIDERATIONS

Hanging Signs & Graphics
Signs may be suspended or tethered above perimeter-wall or island exhibits if the facility permits. The highest point for a hanging sign above a perimeter-wall exhibit is 12 feet (3.66m). Hanging signs are permitted in island booths at a maximum height of 20 feet (6.10m). All signs must be set back at least 25% of booth depth and width from perimeters. Approval for the use of hanging signs and graphics is required and should be received from the exhibition organizer at least 90 days prior to installation. Drawings indicating size, placement and suspension method for this type of component must be submitted to SAE Show Management for inspection at least 90 days before the opening of the exposition. Unless approval has been granted by the facility and SAE Show Management, hanging signs may not be permitted to be hung.

Towers
A tower is a free-standing exhibit component separate from the main exhibit fixture that is used for identification and display purposes only. The height restriction is the same as that which applies to the appropriate exhibit configuration being used. That is, towers that are part of an island exhibit should not exceed 16 feet (4.88m) in height. Towers must be placed at least 3 feet (.90m) from the aisle line to avoid blocking the sightline from the aisle to the neighboring booths. Drawings of towers in excess of 12 feet (3.66m) must be submitted to show management, the installation and dismantling contractor, the exhibitor and governmental authority 90 days prior to the exhibition for inspection and approval. Fire and safety regulations in many facilities strictly govern the use of towers. A building permit may be required.
OTHER IMPORTANT REGULATIONS/CONSIDERATIONS

Canopies and Ceilings

Canopies, including ceilings, umbrellas and canopy frames, may be either decorative or functional (such as to shade computer monitors from ambient light or for hanging products). Canopies for linear or perimeter booths should comply with line of sight requirements (see “Use of Space for Linear or Perimeter Booths”).

The bottom of the canopy may not be lower than 7 feet (2.13m) from the floor within 5 feet (1.52m) of any aisle. Canopy supports may be no wider than three inches. This applies to any booth configuration that has a sightline restriction, such as a linear booth. Fire and safety regulations in many facilities strictly govern the use of canopies, ceilings and other similar coverings. Check with the appropriate local agencies prior to determining specific exhibition rules. Plans that are different than specified herein must be submitted to SAE Show Management for approval.
ISSUES COMMON TO ALL BOOTH TYPES

Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA)
All exhibiting companies are required to be in compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), and are encouraged to be sensitive, and as reasonably accommodating as possible, to attendees with disabilities. Information regarding ADA compliance is available from the U.S. Department of Justice ADA Information Line (800)514-0301, and from the ADA website at www.ada.gov. Some examples of how to design an exhibit for ADA compliance:

- Make exhibit wheelchair accessible by ramping raised exhibit flooring without extending a ramp into the aisle. Note: a standard wheelchair ramp should have a grade no steeper than 1:12. This means that for every inch of rise (change in height), there should be 12 inches of run (change in length).
- Ramp the entry or use hydraulic lifts to trailer exhibits
- Avoid double-padded plush carpet to ease mobility device navigation
- Provide the same attendee experience on both levels of a two-story exhibit
- Offer a signer or other auxiliary hearing-impaired apparatus for sound presentations or have a printed copy of the presentation available
- Run an audio presentation for people with sight problems
- Arrange touch screen displays at a height to accommodate person sitting in a wheelchair

To avoid heavy fines by the U.S. Department of Justice, exhibitors must adhere to the ADA rules. Exhibits are not exempt from ADA compliance.

Structural Integrity
All exhibit displays must be designed and erected to withstand normal contact or vibration caused by neighboring exhibitors, hall laborers or installation/dismantling equipment such as fork lifts. Displays must also be able to withstand moderate wind effects that may occur in the exhibit hall when freight doors are open. Refer to local building codes that regulate temporary structures.

It is recommended that all 20 ft by 20 ft (6.10m by 6.10m) and over exhibits require a drawing, plan or renderings, preferably digital, to be submitted to SAE Show Management, and to the Show’s general service contractor. Exhibitors must ensure that display fixtures such as tables, racks or shelves are designed and installed properly to support the product or marketing materials displayed upon them.

Flammable and Toxic Materials
All materials used in display construction or decorating must be made of fire retardant materials and be certified as flame retardant. Samples must also be available for testing. Materials that cannot be treated to meet the requirements may not be used. A flameproofing certificate must be available for inspection.

Exhibitors should dispose of any waste products they generate during the exhibition in accordance with guidelines established by the Environmental Protection Agency and the facility.
ISSUES COMMON TO ALL BOOTH TYPES

Electrical
Every exhibit facility has different electrical requirements; however, minimum guidelines are suggested:

- All 110-volt wiring must be grounded three-wire.
- Wiring that touches the floor should be “SO” cord (minimum 14-guage/three-wire) flat cord, which is insulated to qualify for “extra hard usage.”
- Cord wiring above floor level may be “SJ” which is rated for “hard usage.”

Using zip cords, two-wire cords, latex cords, plastic cords, lamp cords, open clip sockets and two-wire clamp-on fixtures is not recommended and is often prohibited. Cube taps are prohibited.

Power strips (multi-plug connectors) should be UL approved, with built-in over-load protectors.

Lighting
Exhibitors must adhere to the following minimum guidelines when determining booth lighting.

- No lighting, fixtures, lighting trusses or overhead lighting are permitted outside the boundaries of the exhibit space. Exhibitors intending to use hanging light systems must submit drawings to SAE Show Management for approval.
- Lighting must be directed to the inner confines of the booth space. Lighting may not project onto other exhibits or show aisles.
- Lighting which is potentially harmful, such as lasers or ultraviolet lights or flashing strobe lights that can trigger photosensitive epilepsy should comply with facility rules and be approved in writing by SAE Show Management.
- Lighting that spins, rotates, pulsates and other specialized lighting effects must be in good taste and must not interfere with neighboring exhibitors or otherwise detract from the general atmosphere of the event.
- LED lights can be very bright yet generally generate less heat.
- Reduced lighting for theater areas should be approved by SAE Show Management, the utility provider, and the facility.
- Some facilities do not allow quartz halogen lighting fixtures in exhibits due to potential fire hazards.

Storage
Fire regulations in exhibit facilities prohibit storing product, literature, empty packing containers or packing materials behind back drapes or under draped tables. In most cases, however, exhibitors may store a limited supply of literature of product appropriately within the booth area, so long as these items do not impede access to utility services, create a safety problem or look unsightly.
ISSUES COMMON TO ALL BOOTH TYPES

Demonstrations
As a matter of safety and courtesy to others, exhibitors must conduct sales presentations and product demonstrations in a manner which assures that all booth personnel and attendees are within the contracted exhibit space and are not encroaching on the aisle or neighboring exhibits. It is the responsibility of each exhibitor to arrange displays, product presentation and demonstration areas, and audio visual presentations to ensure compliance. Sample or demonstration tables must be placed a minimum of 2 feet (0.60m) from the aisle line. Special caution should be taken when demonstrating machinery or equipment that has moving parts, or any product that is otherwise potentially dangerous. Exhibitors must establish a minimum setback of 3 feet (0.90m) and/or install hazard barriers as necessary to prevent accidental injury to spectators. Additionally, demonstrations may be conducted by qualified personnel only. All demonstrations involving potentially hazardous by-products must be approved in writing by SAE Show Management 60 days prior to the show. No equipment or tools may be operated without prior written permission of SAE. SAE reserves the right to make sole determination of whether or not the operation of any tool or equipment creates a potential hazard, produces excessive noise, generates dirt, odor, waste, heat or creates a disruptive condition and to require that such operation be immediately ceased.

Staffing
Booths must be staffed by technical specialists who are qualified to discuss engineering details of the development and products/applications of their company. Competitive products/applications may not be displayed, referenced or otherwise employed for comparative purposes. All booth personnel must be conservatively clothed in acceptable attire and must confine their activities to the booth space of the exhibitor by whom employed.

Insurance
The exhibitor must, at own expense, obtain and maintain Comprehensive General Liability insurance, on an occurrence based policy, with a limit of not less than $1,000,000 per occurrence/$2,000,000 aggregate combined single limit bodily injury/property damage (including products and completed operations coverage and host liquor liability), Automobile Liability insurance no less than $1,000,000 combined single limit and Workers’ Compensation (statutory limits) coverage. Exhibitor agrees to add SAE International as an additional insured on its General Liability policy.
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Exhibit Security
Every reasonable precaution will be taken to protect property during non-exhibition hours. No unauthorized personnel will be permitted in the exhibit area before or after exhibition hours. SAE may choose to secure guard service during non-show hours on a per event basis. However, it is unwise to leave small items of value such as laptop computers, briefcases, cameras, giveaways, etc., in displays or booths while it is not staffed. It is suggested that all small items of value be removed from your display area each night. Advise SAE of any valuable shipment which can be specially handled and moved to the security room. Thefts or misplacement of materials should be reported immediately to SAE Show Management so that appropriate reports are filed with security. SAE assumes no liability for thefts at the show site.

Sound/Music & Copyrighted Materials
In general, exhibitors may use sound equipment in their booths so long as the noise level is kept to a minimum and does not disrupt the activities of neighboring exhibitors. Speakers and other sound devices must be positioned so as to direct sound into the booth rather than into the aisle. SAE Show Management reserves the right to determine at what point sound constitutes interference with others and must be discontinued. Exhibitors shall not play or permit the playing or performance of or distribution of any copyrighted materials at the exhibition unless it has obtained all necessary rights and paid all required royalties, fees or other payment. ASCAP, BMI, and SESAC are three authorized licensing organizations that collect copyright fees for composers and publishers.

Selling on Exhibit Floor
Without exception, no selling or order-taking may occur in the exhibition or within other convention facilities.

Recruitment
Recruitment activities on the exhibit show floor will be limited to SAE Career Fair and SAE career-related activities unless otherwise approved by SAE show management in advance.

Installation and Dismantling of Exhibits
Installation and dismantling of exhibits will only be permitted and completed during the designated times, unless alternative arrangements have been made directly with SAE. Dismantling exhibits prior to the close of the exhibition may result in monetary penalties or inability to participate in future events. Exhibitors must be present to man their booths for the entirety of the meeting.

Cameras/Videos/Media
Photo or video or audio recording of sessions, materials presented in sessions, or technical exhibits without written permission from SAE are prohibited. Exhibitors are permitted to take photographs, videos, etc., of their own booth provided they request a camera pass from SAE. Credentialed media may take photographs providing they have the exhibitor’s permission and are displaying the appropriate media badge. Please note that photographs and video taken by or on behalf of SAE of event activities and attendees shall be the property of SAE.
ISSUES COMMON TO ALL BOOTH TYPES

Contractor Services
SAE International has contracted with official contractors to provide both exclusive and non-exclusive services at each event. While exhibitors may utilize exhibitor-appointed contractors (EAC) for non-exclusive services within certain guidelines, vendors other than official contractors may not solicit exhibitors to provide products or services. A special badge will be needed for any exhibitor-appointed contractor (EAC).

Food and Beverage
Food and beverage may be available within the exhibit booth. However, all food and beverage must be obtained through the exclusive SAE preferred vendor.

Drawings, Contests, Raffles
All drawings, contests, and raffles must have the prior written approval of SAE Show Management.

Age Requirement
No one under the age of 16 is permitted on the exhibition floor unless part of an SAE/AWIM sponsored school tour planned and pre-arranged by SAE.

Smoking
Smoking is prohibited at all SAE events.

Miscellaneous
• Any distribution of literature or samples shall be limited to the exhibitor’s booth, technology salon or hospitality suite.
• Exhibitors shall not schedule, foster or conduct outside activities that would take qualified attendees from the exhibit during exhibit hours.

Terms and Conditions
Please refer to the “SAE Terms and Conditions” included in this manual for additional information.

Vehicle Regulations
Display vehicles must have less than one quarter (1/4) of a tank of fuel and a taped or locked gas cap. The battery must be disconnected, and a fire extinguisher is recommended to be near the car at all times. External chargers are usually recommended for demonstration purposes.