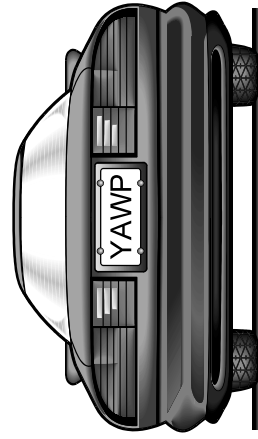


SHOTGUN IN A NUTSHELL

The front passenger seat of a car is often known as Shotgun. This seat is frequently viewed as the most desirable place to sit since there is more leg room available and more control over the window and stereo in this position. Some people seem to think that their sitting in shotgun position confers upon them high social status, while some actually seem to prefer sitting in the back. Because of the high demand for this seat certain ground rules must be set to avoid undesirable conflicts.



~It is considered very bad protocol to sit in the back seat if there is no one "riding shotgun" and most drivers will not allow this situation to happen.~

SHOTGUN RULES

The rules listed below apply to the calling of Shotgun in an automobile. These rules are definitive and binding.

Section I-The Basic Rules

1. The driver has final say in all ties and disputes. The driver has the right to suspend or remove all shotgun privileges from one or more persons and is the final authority in all matters of the vehicle.
2. In order to call Shotgun, the caller must pronounce the word "Shotgun" in a clear voice. This call must be heard and acknowledged by the driver. The other occupants of the vehicle need not hear the call as long as the driver verifies the call.
3. Shotgun may only be called if all occupants are outside of said vehicle. It is not necessary for riders to be on the way to the car.
4. Early calls are strictly prohibited. Shotgun may only be called once everyone is out side of the car and only applies to the drive immediately forthcoming. Shotgun can never be called while inside a vehicle or still technically on the way to the first location. However one may, once out of the vehicle, call Shotgun for the return journey.
5. One cannot call Shotgun for an entire day/night with a single call, however the number of times a passenger may call it in a row is not limited.
6. Shotgun may change hands in any stop if all passengers exit the car.

Please follow the above rules to the best of your ability. If there are any arguments or exceptions not covered in these rules, please refer to rule I-1.

Section II-Special Cases

These special exceptions to the rules above should be considered in the order presented; the case listed first will take precedence over any of the cases beneath it, when applicable.

1. In the instance that the normal driver of a vehicle is unable to perform their duties as driver or the person who actually owns the vehicle is not driving, then he/she is automatically given Shotgun, unless they decline.
2. In the instance the the driver's spouse or partner, current or prospective, is going to accompany the group he/she is automatically given Shotgun unless they decline.
- 3 In the instance that only one person knows how to get to a given location and this person is not the driver, then as the designated navigator for the group they automatically get Shotgun, unless they decline.
4. In the instance that one of the occupants is too wide or tall to fit comfortably in the back seat, then the driver may show mercy and award Shotgun to the genetic misfit. Alternatively, the driver and other passengers may continually taunt the poor fellow as they make the trip crammed in the back.

Section III-The Survival of the Fittest Rule

1. If the driver so wishes, he/she may institute the Survival of the Fittest Rule on the process of calling Shotgun. In this case all rules, excepting I-1, are suspended and the passenger seat is occupied by whoever can take it by force.
2. The driver must announce the institution of the Survival of the Fittest Rule with reasonable warning to all passengers. This clause reduces the amount of blood lost by passengers and damage done to the vehicle.

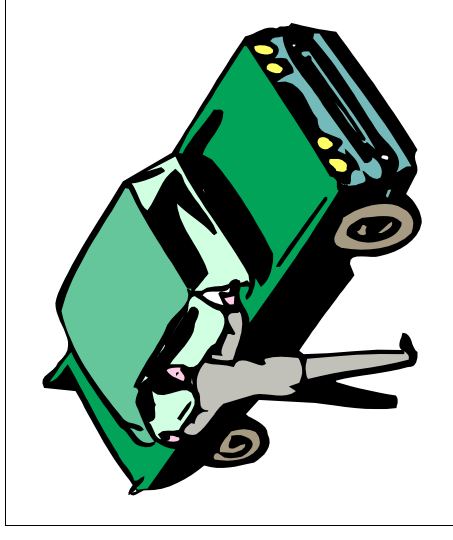
History

The term "shotgun" dates back to the days of stage coaches when the passenger had to be a fast and accurate gunslinger should bloodthirsty highwaymen suddenly spring out of the woods.



Shotgun Martyr- passenger who never calls "shotgun" and doesn't care if he ends up in the back seat or not.

The material provided in this pamphlet applies to the rights, rules, and calling of Shotgun in an automobile.



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Everything you need to know about **Shotgun**