
One of the most common golf course adaptations to enable play by persons with mobility impairments is the use of an adaptive golf car. These devices are commonly required by courts and administrative agencies. However, a golf course doesn’t need to wait for the complaint to get one. And now, these adaptive golf cars can pass an ANSI/RESNA safety test, very similar to the safety standard for standard two-person golf cars.

This standard specifies requirements and test methods for determining adaptive golf car performance. It also specifies requirements for the disclosure of the test results. These test methods may be used to verify manufacturers’ claims that a product exceeds the minimum requirements of this standard. The standard seeks to promote safety in the design, manufacture, maintenance and operation of adaptive golf cars. The standard may be used as a guide by regulatory authorities desiring to formulate safety rules and regulations. The standard is also intended for voluntary use by others associated with manufacturing, maintaining or utilizing adaptive golf cars.

RESNA ASE-2 specifies the safety and performance specifications relating to adaptive golf cars, driven by electric motors, specifically intended for and used on golf courses for transporting golfers and their equipment. The standard does not apply to Personal Transport Vehicles, (PTVs), which are covered by ANSI/NEMA Z135. Adaptive golf cars are designed so that they can be used by golfers with and without a mobility impairment.

ANSI/RESNA ASE-2 includes the following section:

Section 1: Adaptive Golf Cars Safety and Performance Specifications

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