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# **JUDGING GUIDES**

# EXTERIOR JUDGING GUIDE

# COACHWORK

- **Judges will be looking for:**
  - Body panels general condition.
  - Uniformity of gaps between body panels.
  - Alignment between adjacent panels.
  - Dents and creases.
  
- Exterior Paint
  - Unrepaired paint chips.
  - Poor paint matches.
  - Dirt, wax smudges and residue.
  - Any general paint defects.

# GLASS SURFACES

**All exterior glass and other optical surfaces, including lights, mirrors and reflectors. Judges may look for:**

- Smudges and fingerprints on glass.
- Smudges on mirrors.
- Insects and road debris on headlights.
- Exhaust residue on rear reflectors and tail light lenses.

# TRIM

## **Metal and plastic trim, Judges may look for;**

- Pitting or defects in metal and plastic.
- Exhaust residue on rear bumper trim.
- Loose trim.
- Dirt in corners at junctions between different materials and structures such as metal, or plastic trim, and rubber trim, painted body panels or glass.
- Dirt in exterior door handles and locks.
- Dirt and exhaust residue on the outside of tailpipe and trim pieces.
- Inside of tailpipe is not considered.

# RUBBER & BUMPERS

- **Rubber trim excluding bumpers**
  - Streaks, surface dirt and plasticizer
  - Loose trim
  - Dirt and insects in wiper blades or their mechanisms
  - Dust and gravel between edges of rubber trim and body panels
- **Bumper assemblies**
  - Exhaust residue around mounting holes for rear bumper guards and on rubber and plastic trim
  - Dust and gravel between edges of rubber trim and bumper panels
  - Plastic or rubber trim cracks, fading and streaks

# HUBCAPS & WHEELS

## Hubcaps and outer surface of wheels and tires

- Dirt around edges of rim and tire sidewall
- Dirt around valve stem and balancing weights
- Dirt and brake dust around lug nuts or bolts
- Dirt, tire dressing residue or excess rubber conditioner on outside tire sidewall
- Dirt or smudges on wheel rim surface



# **INTERIOR JUDGING GUIDE**

# SEATS

Seat, mechanism of seat and seatbelts

- Dirty seatbelts
- Dirt and grease in seatbelt latches, hinges and seat rails
- Paint or finish flaws on seat hinges
- Dirt and debris in seat upholstery folds
- Dirt and dust inside covers over seatbelt reels
- Flaws and stains in seat upholstery (except age appropriate wear).

# UPHOLSTERY

Upholstery of door panels, side panels and headliners

- Headliner stains, dirt and tears
- Dirt around door handles and window cranks
- Flaws or stains on door and side panels
- Sun visor dirt or defects

# CARPETING

Carpeting and floor coverings, including the surfaces under floor mats.

- Dirt, stains and lint on carpeting
- Dirt or lint on floor panels under carpets and dirt on piping around carpet edges.

# DOOR AND STORAGE COMPARTMENTS

Interior of door compartments and pockets

- Storage compartments such as glove box, along with factory supplied documentation
- Any objects, such as pencils, pens or registration certificates, other than those supplied with the vehicle should be removed.
- Dirt and lint inside storage areas
- Dirt in exterior door handles and locks

# DASHBOARD

Dashboard including steering wheel, instruments and underside of dashboard down to floor, center console and driver's controls.

- Dirt and dust around instrument bezels
- Smudges on instrument glass
- Dirt and ashes on cigarette lighter element and in ashtray
- Dirt on clutch, brake and accelerator pedals and linkage, including the back surface of pedals
- Dirt, dust or other flaws on center console
- Dirt or flaws on shift tower, handbrake lever, or any other console, or floor mounted driver's controls, along with their boots
- Dust around the steering column
- Dirt and dust around turn signal and wiper switches
- Dirt and dust on and around air vents

# Interior Glass

Interior glass, lights and mirrors

- Smudges on interior surfaces of windows
- Smudges on interior mirror surfaces
- Lint on window frame liners

# DOOR JAMBS

Door jambs, door hinges and stops, rubber chases and fresh air vents if present

- Grease and dirt in door hinges, door latches and door stops
- Dirt and dust on and around air vents
- Dirt streaks and other defects in weather stripping

# **STORAGE JUDGING GUIDE**



# STORAGE (TRUNK)

Storage compartment(s) walls, including condition of paint and side covering.

- Significant damage to paint on floor and side walls of compartment (making allowances for the fact that the finish of this area as supplied by the factory may not be up to the standards set by the exposed painted surfaces elsewhere on the car).
- Lint and dirt on side wall carpeting.
- Tears and defects in side wall carpeting.

# UNDERSIDE OF COMPARTMENT LID

Underside of compartment lid(s) including latches, hinges and rubber molding, along with its (their) mating surfaces.

- Scratches, chips and defects on paint on underside of deck lid.
- Dirt and grease in hinges and latch mechanism
- Dirt around weather stripping
- Defects in weather stripping

# STORAGE COMPARTMENT FLOOR COVERING

Carpeting and floor covering, including surfaces under floor mats

- Dirt, stains and lint on carpets
- Significant damage to the surface under the carpets and floor mats
- Dirt or lint on floor panels under carpets and dirt on piping around carpet edges

# WINDSHIELD WASHER EQUIPMENT

Windshield washer container and pump and battery, regardless of their physical location on car

- Dirt and corrosion around washer container and pump
- Dirt around outside of battery
- Dirt and corrosion on battery terminal

# Toolkit and tools, jack, spare tire

Toolkit and tools, jack, spare tire and mount if present, air pump if present

- Presence of tool kit
- Dirt and corrosion on tools
- Dirt or discoloration of tool kit pouch.
- Dirt, grease or corrosion in jack
- Dirt or plasticizer residue on spare tire (all surfaces).
- Dirt and smudges on spare tire rim.
- Dirt in spare tire pump (this must be present if the car has a space saver spare).

# **ENGINE JUDGING GUIDE**

# Engine

## **Engine, engine driven devices and all belts**

- Dirt, oil and grease on engine, especially around thermostats, pressure and temperature senders and around fittings for line and hoses
- Grease or dirt on throttle linkage
- Dirt around air cleaner housing, in air intake and around fuel injection components
- Dirt on fan, alternator, pump and compressor pulleys, including back surface
- Dirt on belts
- Oil and dirt around cam chain covers
- Oil and dirt around distributor drive

# ENGINE SHEET METAL

Sheet metal, heat shields, splash pan and radiators as applicable

- Dirt on any sheet metal pan around engine
- Dirt around any engine sheet metal mounting brackets
- Dirt and insects in radiator, intercooler or air conditioner condenser

# COMPARTMENT WALLS

Engine compartment walls including firewall and interior side panels, oil filler cap and neck

- Dirt on sidewalls and firewall
- Condition of any sound insulating pad
- Oil on filter, oil filler neck and cap
- Dirt around the fuel filter housing if mounted on sidewall



# UNDERSIDE OF ENGINE COMPARTMENT LID

Underside of engine compartment lid and its mating surfaces

- Dirt underneath deck lid and inside any open lips around the underside edges
- Dirt, insects and debris inside any grill in deck lid
- Grease and dirt in hinges and gas struts
- Grease and dirt in latch pin and in latch mechanism
- Dirt and grease in retractable spoiler mechanism
- Dirt in depression around engine compartment into which the deck lid fits
- Dirt or defects in any weather stripping or rubber trim around edges of compartment or underside of lid

# WIRING & ELECTRICAL

Wiring and other electrical components, excluding the battery

- Dirt and grease on electrical and relay panels and fuse blocks in engine compartment
- Dirt and grease on wiring harness and ignition wires
- Dirt and grease on generator or alternator



# Agenda

- Welcome & Overview
- Judges Guidelines
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- Storage