

Sample Judge's Score Sheet

Usage

Typically a judged show will have a number of categories that each vehicle is measured against. These can include body, paint, engine, chassis, interior and safety among a number of others. Some shows start with a maximum possible score and deduct points as imperfections are found. Others start with zero points and increase when scores are given. This sample sheet will give you a good starting point for evaluating your own vehicle. Assume each item is worth 5 points. Remember that a 5 point score means that the aspect being scored is perfect in every way.

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Body

- Body Condition and Detail
- Panel Fit
- Accessories
- Grille
- Trim
- Hood (bonnet)
- Fenders
- Trunk (boot)
- Headlights
- Taillights
- Brightwork
- Body Sub-Total

Paint

- Factory/Custom Graphics
- Authenticity/Originality/Creativity
- Condition and Detail
- Hidden Areas
- Paint Sub-Total

Engine

- Authenticity/Originality/Creativity
- Engineering
- Factory Equipment
- Wiring
- Plumbing (brake, fuel, heating/cooling)
- Plating, Finishes, and Brightwork
- Detail
- Engine Sub-Total

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Chassis

- ___ Frame / Underside
- ___ Engineering
- ___ Front Suspension/Steering, Brakes, etc.
- ___ Rear Suspension/Rear End, Brakes, etc.
- ___ Driveline
- ___ Brightwork
- ___ Exhaust System
- ___ Factory/Custom Finish and Detail including Hidden Areas
- ___ Wheels and Tires – Indexed and Detailed
- ___ Chassis Sub-Total

Interior

- ___ Seating, Panels, and Headliner
- ___ Dash and Console
- ___ Floor Coverings
- ___ Brightwork
- ___ Convertible Top
- ___ Windows, Trim, and Weatherstripping
- ___ Trunk (boot) or Bed
- ___ Condition and Detail
- ___ Interior Sub-Total

Safety

- ___ Factory or Custom Equipment
- ___ Condition and Detail
- ___ Safety Sub-Total

Display

- ___ Judge's Book
- ___ Story Board
- ___ Is there a Display
- ___ Display Sub-Total
- ___ Total Points

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Pointers

Clean, polish, dust, remove bugs, clean windows, clean weatherstripping, clean cats whiskers, and detail all nooks and crannies. Open hood, open a door, open trunk, put the top up if convertible, detail the whole body, detail emblems, search for missed dirt, and clean all polishing residue. Engine should be dirt and grease free, all finishes cleaned and polished, wiring and plumbing should be clean and routed appropriately. Chassis should have no leaks, oil or dirt. The tires should be fully cleaned including tread and the wheels cleaned even on the back side and don't forget to index. Detail the trunk and remove everything from the vehicle that didn't come with it such as fuzzy dice or cleaning supplies. Have a judge's book that highlights the details of your vehicle or history. A simple display sends the message that completes the package.

If you attend to all the details, you'll position yourself ahead of most everyone else. Very few go this far.

More Information

For more detailed information on show preparation, get your copy of [Prepare to be Judged – How to Get Your Car Ready for Show](#) by Ron Peters.