

Sully 2017 Judging Guidelines for Model A Fords

Notify the Chief Judge or Show Chairman if you find any car leaking gasoline, or if you observe any other unsafe situation!

1. Be at judging tent at 10:30. I will release all other classes for judging first. We will review the Model A Judging Guidelines before releasing the Model A judges.
2. New judging form – no more subtracting on the form – award points up to the maximum in the judged area.
3. Appearance judging; “No Rust, No Dust, No Bust”.
4. Allow for road dust from the drive in; only deduct for excessive dirt, trash, excess grease, oil leaks & etc.
5. Antennas, if installed, can be up or down.
6. NOTEL Phillips head screws were first patented in 1936 – their use on a car earlier than 1936 is incorrect – deduct 5 points if a pre-1936 car has any visible Phillips or cross head screws. Square drive screws are acceptable.

Model A Ford Preliminary Judging Requirements

To be judged:

Car must have an all-steel body.

Car must have an original style 4 cylinder motor; bronze spark plug wires; generator or alternator; and two-blade fan (aluminum O.K.).

Car must have original size wheels and appropriate tires (21” metal spoked wheels for ’28 – ’29; 19” metal spoked wheels for ’30 – ’31).

Car should have bias ply tires.

Car should have original style Houdaille hydraulic shocks and tubular shock links

Car should have original style manual brake system.

Car should have original type top and upholstery materials. Top may be up or down.

Car should have original type “Ahooga” horn.

No Philips-head (“cross point) screws; all must be slotted or square head screws

HOWEVER

Some cars have variations on these basic Model A Preliminary judging requirements, so we have adjusted the points system to deal with these deviations.

MODEL A FORD JUDGING GUIDELINES

INTERIOR – 25 points

Upholstery and hardware

Upholstery intact (note if car is unrestored, and upholstery original); hardware should be clean and have a pleasing appearance – check rumble seat if one is present. All hardware should be present and have a good appearance.

Seat belts (if present) should appear to be clean and functional (e.g. not frayed or torn/cut); award 1 bonus point for seat belts (safety).

Floor coverings, glass, garnish moldings

Carpets or mats must be present and in good condition; glass should be clean and sound and the windshield should have the safety glass etching “bug”. Tilt windshield can be tilted or not; roll-down windows can be up or down; garnish moldings should be finished and in good condition. No trash!

Instrument Panel, pedals, steering column, and controls

Deduct 1 point for each non-stock instrument, with the exception of a clock. There will be no deduction for adding turn signals or a 3rd brake light. The steering wheel should be uncovered – deduct 1 point if it is covered.

Trunk, Tools

Trunk must be open, clean and neat if the car has one. If closed, deduct 5 points. This does not apply to trunks on a trunk rack. Tools should present a pleasing appearance and comprise these 13 items: original-type tool bag; appropriate instruction manual; jack & jack handle; screwdriver; Alemite or Bassick grease gun; 9 ¼” adjustable wrench; spark plug and cylinder head wrench; pliers; one 7/16” and ½” wrench; one 9/16 and 5/8” wrench; one tire pump; one tire iron. ADD 1 point EXTRA CREDIT for a Ford Script tire pressure gauge. DEDUCT 5 points if tools are not observed.

A fire extinguisher is optional (ADD 1 bonus point if one is present).

EXTERIOR – 35 Points

Paint, body, plating, rubber/plastic & lighting

Original style paint and stripe; deduct 5 points for non-Model A color or metal flake paint.

Look for chips, cracks and peeling of paint as well as for general cleanliness.

Look for original style lighting – no deduction for halogen or LED lights; deduct 2 points for sealed beam headlights.

No deduction for second rear light.

Deduct 5 points for each fiberglass or panel; see mechanical area, under body for deductions for fiberglass fenders.

No deduction for stainless bumpers (durability & safety).

Award 1 bonus point for year-of-manufacture license plate(s); do not deduct for “toppers”.

Do not deduct for step plates on running boards.

No deduction for a Quail or other period-correct radiator cap/topper.

Wheels, tires, hubcaps

Wheels – 21” wheels for ’28 & ’29 vehicles; 19” wheels for ’30 & ’31 vehicles. Either black wall or white wall tires acceptable – white wall tires need only be white walled on the outside of the tire. Award 1 bonus point for each double-white-walled tire on the vehicle.

Tires – should be original type bias-ply tires. Deduct 1 point for each radial tire. Check condition of tire and tread depth– if damaged or too worn, deduct 10 points and note on judging form.

Valve stems: should be appropriate metal stems with dust covers (2 13/16” tall for ’28 – ’29; and 1 1/16” for ’30 – ’31 cars); deduct 1 point per wheel (including spare) for incorrect valve stems.

Hub caps should have stock appearance (raised dome profile for ’28 & ’29; flatter silhouette for ’30 & ’31)

Top

Top should be of original type material; it may be up or down at owner’s discretion.

MECHANICAL – 40 Points

Engine Compartment

Hood must be fully open to judge engine and engine compartment– if closed, deduct 20 points.

Car must have an original style 4 cylinder motor; bronze spark plug wires; generator or alternator; and two-blade fan (aluminum O.K.). Deduct 2 points for non-standard fan.

Check for bronze spark plug wires. Add 1 point bonus point for 3X plugs.

Block should be painted Ford Green, be clean and free of rust or evidence of leaks; the engine compartment must be neat and clean.

Engine Splash pans should be present – deduct 2 points if they are missing.

Carb should be Zenith; if different, deduct 2 points (not authentic.)

Check for period-correct style radiator; overflow container O.K. (good for touring).

If there is a visible additional gas line filter, it must be metal or metal and glass for safety. If not, deduct 2 points; deduct 10 points if rubber gas line is used (safety issue).

Front Suspension

Original style manual brakes – deduct 10 points (5 points from front and 5 points from rear suspension areas) for hydraulic brakes (unnecessary modification).

Deduct 10 points for modern tube shocks – 5 from front suspension area and 5 from rear suspension area

Rear Suspension

Original style manual brakes – deduct 10 points (5 points from front and 5 points from rear suspension areas) for hydraulic brakes (unnecessary modification).

Deduct 10 points for modern tube shocks – 5 from front suspension area and 5 from rear suspension area.

Under Body (including fenders)

No deduction for undercoating under fenders (protects fenders from road damage); deduct 5 points from “Under Body” area for more undercoating than under fenders.

Deduct 5 points for each fiberglass fender.

Exhaust System

System must be sound – check for leaks at muffler clamp to exhaust manifold.

No deduction for stainless muffler (durability).

Check tailpipe clamp.