

Sully 2018 Judging Guidelines for Model A Fords

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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 a.m.** I will release judges for all other classes first. We will review the Model A Judging Guidelines before releasing the Model A judges. **Return all forms by 1:00 p.m.**
2. New judging form – no more subtracting on the form – award points up to the maximum in the judged area. **NO PARTIAL POINTS – WHOLE NUMBERS ONLY!** A minimum of 55 points needed to place.
3. Appearance, safety & authenticity judging. Our objective is to encourage safe Model A Fords with “No Rust, No Dust, and No Bust”.
4. Allow for road dust from the drive in; only deduct for excessive dirt, trash, excess grease, oil leaks & etc.
5. **AN OPERABLE FIRE EXTINGUISHER IS MANDATORY. DO NOT JUDGE A CAR WITHOUT ONE PRESENT.**

Model A Ford Preliminary Judging Requirements

To be judged:

- Car must have an all-steel body. (Car with fiberglass panels or fenders can be judged; see guidance below).
- Car must have an original style 4 cylinder motor; bronze spark plug wires; 6 Volt generator or alternator; and two-blade fan (aluminum O.K.). (Car with 12 Volt conversion can be judged; see guidance below)
- 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 with radial tires can be judged: see guidance below).
- Car should have original style Houdaille hydraulic shocks and tubular shock links. (Car with tube shocks can be judged; see guidance below).
- Car should have original style mechanical brake system. (Car with hydraulic brakes can be judged; see guidance below).
- Car should have original type top and upholstery materials. Top may be up or down.
- Car should have original type “Ahooga” horn.
- Only slotted or square head screws. (Car with Phillips style screw may be judged; see guidance below).

HOWEVER

Some cars have deviations from these basic Model A Preliminary judging requirements, which in many cases make the car safer at modern speeds on modern roads. We have adjusted the points system to deal with these deviations, while still encouraging authenticity.

MODEL A FORD JUDGING GUIDELINES

1. INTERIOR – 25 points

a. 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. **Deduct 1 point for non-authentic upholstery materials.** All hardware should be present and have a good appearance.

Seat belts (if present) should be clean and appear to be functional (e.g. not frayed or torn/cut). **Award 1 bonus point for each seat belt set (SAFETY).**

b. Floor coverings, glass, garnish moldings

Carpets or mats must be present and in good condition. **Deduct 5 points for trash.**

Glass should be clean and sound. **Award 1 bonus point for 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.

Deduct 2 points for Phillips head screws.

c. 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 added turn signals or hazard flashers.

The steering wheel should be uncovered – deduct 1 point if covered.

Deduct 2 points for Phillips head screws.

d. Trunk, Tools

Trunk must be open, clean and neat if the car has one. If car trunk is closed, award 0 points. (Does not apply to an accessory trunk). Tools should be shown and present a pleasing appearance, and may be marked “Ford” or not. A full set comprises 13 items. **Award 10 points for a complete set; 7 points for an incomplete set; 0 points if tools are not observed. Award 1 bonus point for the optional Ford Script tire pressure gauge.**

- 1) Original-type tool bag;
- 2) Appropriate instruction manual;
- 3) Jack;
- 4) Jack handle;
- 5) Screwdriver;
- 6) Alemite or Bassick grease gun;
- 7) 9 ¼” adjustable wrench;
- 8) Spark plug and cylinder head wrench;
- 9) Pliers
- 10) 7/16” X 1/2” wrench;

11) 9/16" X 5/8" wrench;

12) Tire pump;

13) Tire iron.

2. EXTERIOR – 35 Points

a. Paint, body, plating, rubber/plastic & lighting

Original style paint and stripe; deduct 5 points for non-Model A color or metal flake paint. **NOTE: cars sold after June 4, 1931 could be painted non-Ford colors in accordance with Ford's letter with that date sent to all dealers, subject: "Special Colors on Cars and Trucks".**

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 (SAFETY); **deduct 1 point for sealed beam headlights.**

No deduction for second rear light.

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

No deduction for stainless steel bumpers (durability & SAFETY).

Deduct 2 points for Phillips head screws.

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.

b. 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** (SAFETY) and note on form as a safety concern.

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: look for stock appearance (raised dome profile for '28 & '29; flatter silhouette for '30 & '31)

c. Top

Top should be of original type material; it may be up or down.

Deduct 2 points for Phillips head screws.

3. MECHANICAL – 40 Points

a. Engine Compartment

Check for the mandatory fire extinguisher; ensure that the needle is in the green.

Both sides of hood must be fully open to judge engine and engine compartment– **deduct 5 points per closed side.**

Deduct 2 points for Phillips head screws.

Car must have an original style 4 cylinder Ford motor; bronze spark plug wires; generator or alternator; and two-blade fan (aluminum O.K.). **Deduct 1 point for non-standard (e.g. 4-blade) fan.**

Deduct 2 points for 12 Volt conversion (not authentic).

Check for bronze spark plug wires. **Award 1 bonus point for set of four 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 and painted black – **deduct 2 points if they are missing.**

Carb should be original Zenith style (Ford, Holly or Zenith); if different, deduct 1 point (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. Deduct 10 points if rubber gas line is used (SAFETY) and note on form as a safety concern.

b. Front Suspension

Original style mechanical brakes – deduct 4 points for front hydraulic brakes (not authentic).

Deduct 2 points for modern tube shocks in front (not authentic).

Deduct 2 points for Phillips head screws.

c. Rear Suspension

Original style mechanical brakes – deduct 4 points for rear hydraulic brakes (not authentic).

Deduct 2 points for modern tube shocks in rear (not authentic).

Deduct 2 points for Phillips head screws.

d. Under Body (including fenders)

Deduct 5 points for each fiberglass fender.

No deduction for undercoating under fenders (protects fenders from road damage)

Deduct 2 points from “Under Body” area for undercoating areas other than the fenders.

Deduct 2 points for Phillips head screws.

e. Exhaust System

System must be sound – check for leaks at muffler clamp to exhaust manifold (**SAFETY**). If leaks are apparent, note on form as a safety concern.

No deduction for stainless muffler (durability).

Check tailpipe clamp (**SAFETY**). If loose, report on form as a safety concern.

Deduct 2 points for Phillips head screws.