NATIONAL MEET REQUIREMENTS FOR FINAL JUDGING OF VEHICLES

1. Make sure a vehicle entry number card is mounted on the windshield. The proper completion of the entry number card is the responsibility of the individual entering a vehicle for judging.
Determining the date of assembly by using these Guidelines is the responsibility of the owner.

To avoid misunderstandings in judging accessories, owners shall list on the entry number card all items on the vehicle which they consider to be accessories and wish to be judged as such. The entry number card will be in the registration package.

2. All authorized variances must be displayed on the windshield. No additional notes or comments are allowed.

3. If drive-through judging is used, the vehicle must be driven through the judging area by the driver only; no passengers. The driver must leave the vehicle at judging stations, if requested.

4. If stationary judging in buildings is used, the vehicle must be secured to conform to local fire safety codes.

5. On all open models, the top must be up with the rear window secured.

6. Mount side curtains on right side of open vehicles (passenger side). Left side curtains, irons and top straps must be available for inspection and should be left in the back seat, rumble seat, trunk or bed of pickup box.

7. Unhook all hood clamps.

8. Remove pedal pads and all metal or fabric tire covers (if any).

9. All applicable ignition keys should be on a single individual key ring and left in the ignition switch. Door, trunk and accessory keys should be on an individual key ring (The rings should be attached together).

10. The owner's manual, tool bag and tools must be available for inspection and must be loosely displayed to allow a judge to examine or check forging or stamp markings. Tools will not be checked for function.
Do not mount securely on display board or case.

FINAL JUDGING

Depending upon the facilities, the number of vehicles and other factors, either a stationary or drive-through system may be used. The choice will be made by the Chief Judge and should be publicized well in advance. Any final judging requirements or instructions should be sent to registrants in advance or be available to owners in their registration packets. Such requirements should be consistent from year to year.

A partial drive-through system of judging can be used in connection with preliminary judging where the final score is assigned in such areas as Start and Idle, Horn, Windshield Wiper and Lamps, where working order can be more easily checked. Tools may also be judged at this point.

If stationary judging is used, the vehicles may be arranged by year and model to facilitate judging. Adequate space and lighting are important. The area must be such that owners and spectators can be kept out during the judging process.

Judging is an evaluation of a restoration and should address two broad aspects consisting of authenticity and quality. In addition to being original, the restoration should be correct for the year, month and body type. Judging should consider the following factors:

AUTHENTICITY

- Finishes: Paint - type and color; plating - nickel, chrome, cadmium, zinc, terne (lead), texture - bright, butler, dull, raven (black oxide), unfinished. *Make allowance for preservation efforts such as high temperature paint on the exhaust manifold or muffler and a clear finish on plain steel hardware.*
- Assembly: Sequence (overlapping parts), routing of wires, use of washers, lock washers, single chamfer nuts, cotter pins.
- Materials: Fabrics, welting, gaskets, steel, stainless, bronze, bakelite, hard rubber, soft rubber.
- Hardware: Correct parts for the year and body type, bolt heads, bolt threads, nuts, washers, lock washers, cotter pins.

QUALITY WORKMANSHIP:

- Sheet metal finish: smoothness, curvatures, fit of parts, proper riveting,
- Castings, forgings, hardware: lack of rust pits, over-restoration, nicks and cracks,
- Paint: runs, uneven coloring, finish quality,