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### JUDGING: WHAT'S IT ALL ABOUT?

In the past, many people have asked "How do you judge cars at the British Car Fest and how can you do it so fast?"

Over the past eight years, we have developed a judging system that we feel is most equitable for our type of car show. This isn't a "Pebble Beach" concours, but our judges take their task seriously and the positive feedback we have received from people throughout the country who have attended other shows has reinforced our commitment to this type of system.

**Each car is judged in 10 categories:**

- 1) body panels
- 2) paint
- 3) glass/rubber seals
- 4) interior and trunk
- 5) dashboard and instruments
- 6) engine compartment
- 7) chrome
- 8) chassis/suspension
- 9) wheels and tires
- 10) originality

Each category is worth up to 10 points if it has no deductions by that judge. Thus, a "perfect" car according to the judges would have 100 points. An additional factor is included in the final scoring that is used as a "tie breaker". That is the age factor. For example, if two cars in the same class have identical scores, the older of the two cars will be awarded that class position. If the two cars have identical scores after the age factor has been added, a tie is declared and both cars are awarded that position in class.

Judges are selected from both local volunteers and out of town people. This year more than one third of our judges are from out of town.

We are able to judge the cars quickly because each judge is looking only at his category on that car during the drive through. Usually each judge is concentrating so hard on his individual category that he doesn't even remember what the individual car as a whole looked like. The way each judge scores his category may vary, however, the key factor is consistency.

Classes are made up of only the cars that drive through the judging. Cars must be driven through the judging area or they will not be judged. It takes a minimum of 3 cars to make up a class. In a case where there are not enough cars to make a class, those cars are combined with other similar non-class cars to make up a class.

Cars that have won two or more first place trophies in our show are placed in a "seniors" class, and are judged for first, second and third place against other seniors cars. Best of Show is awarded to the car scoring the highest points. Peoples' Choice Awards are by participant balloting; the car with the most votes wins. The car winning "Fest Favorite" will not be eligible to win a class or any other Peoples' Choice Award (best paint, engine, etc.).

As you can see, the whole process is somewhat complicated and is labor intensive during the show, but we feel it is the best system of judging at any of the British Car Shows.

Hopefully, this sheet has answered your questions about the judging process. If you need more information regarding this process, please feel free to ask any of the judges before or after the show.