

Modified Classes Defined



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I am Rodney "Shorty" Brown—long-time member of MCA, Gulf Coast Regional Mustang Club, and fairly new member of Gate City Triad Mustang Club. I have been a Gold Card Modified Judge since 1991 and Head Judge for the Gulf Coast Club's shows since 1987. At the Gate City Club's 2005 show, I served as Head Judge. I have just been elected to the National Board of Directors and serve on the Judging, National Show, and Marketing committees. Having worked with other Gold Card Judges, I've been able to assist in molding and shaping the modified rules over the last few years.

The modified rules have been carefully structured to allow all levels of modified/restomod Mustangs to have an equal chance at earning awards. This includes cars that are with simple modifications (mostly bolt-ons). Our broad rules also cover heavily customized Mustangs that have been restored and updated with modern components or reworked as a clone of a special model. We cover the gamut, including Mustangs that are completely customized like what we have seen the Ring Brothers accomplish with one of their creations. All of these special Mustangs, each have an equal opportunity to earn an award. The MCA's philosophy for judging is based upon helping show participants improve their Mustang, even if it is being shown as modified or stock, so all will be able to reach the highest level of achievement!

The rules were designed so each participant competes against a standard and not in direct competition with other entries. As long as the participant scores the required points for a particular level of achievement, they will receive an award. The percentages for earning the awards are as follows: The driven classes must earn 85% of the total points for third, 90% for second, and 95% for first. The trailered classes must earn 91% for third, 94% for second, and 97% for first. The total points possible for the driven classes (excluding undercarriage) is 410. The points possible for the driven classes that judge the undercarriage and trailered classes are 500.

Current rules represent a major shift from awarding the majority of the points for modifications to an emphasis of awarding the majority of points for workmanship, condition, and cleanliness! We have determined this will level the playing field for all types of modified Mustangs. Out of the total points possible to earn, about 18% are set aside for modifications with about 22% for cleanliness and about 60% for workmanship and condition. As you can see, the majority of points are given for workmanship and condition—which is where it should be—because an entry with poor workmanship and condition should not be awarded a trophy at a National level show.

All modified entries can earn a quick 9 points by providing a list of modifications on a letter-size sheet, or in a three-ring binder, to assure all possible points for the modifications can be credited.

Our six classes are broken down by year model (driven or trailered) and whether the undercarriage is judged or not judged. The driven/excluding undercarriage classes are for entries that are driven regularly and the undercarriages are not in condition to be judged. There are only 16 points possible to be awarded for modifications in the undercarriage section, 52 points for workmanship and condition, and 22 points for cleanliness. So carefully consider if the modifications you have will earn enough points to offset any problems you have with cleanliness, workmanship, and condition if you choose to have your undercarriage judged. The driven/including undercarriage classes are for the entry that is driven occasionally or on weekends only. Therefore, its undercarriage should be clean enough condition, with high-quality workmanship, to be judged. Points awarded will be combined with the points earned for modifications. The trailered classes are for Mustangs not driven on either an occasional or regular basis. These Mustangs should be in excellent condition, extremely clean, and portray exceptional workmanship. The classes are further broken down by year models with the major groups being '64 1/2 to '73 and '74 to '05.

Points for modifications are awarded based upon the complexity of the modifications. Simple modifications are defined as minor bolt-on (continued on page 13)



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MUSTANG CALENDARS FOR 2007



The Wall calendar is a generous 12x12-inches and features a different full-color Mustang photo each month. Cost for the wall calendar is only \$9.00.

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The MCA office still has Mustang desk and wall calendars available for 2007. The desk calendar has a section for notes, and includes a bonus: a 1:64-scale diecast Mustang. Cost is only \$10.00.

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There are a few Pewter MCA ornaments in stock. First in a series and dated 2006, get yours today while supplies last. Gift boxed for easy giving, the ornaments are \$10.00.

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MUSTANG LOVERS' CRUISE

On page 31 you'll find an ad for a Mustang Lovers' Cruise which will take place in early 2008. On the schedule of events for the cruise are various seminars, one of which will be given by Arley Whitsell, Immediate Past President of the MCA. In case any of you are interested, here is the list of other seminar topics and leaders.

Arley Whitsell, Immediate Past president of MCA
History of the MCA
How the MCA Judges Cars

Kevin Marti, Owner of Marti Report
The Marti Report and How Our Services Can Save You Money, Time, and Headaches"
"Numbers Matching"
"Fraud and What You Can Do"
"Business Opportunities"

Mark Fletcher, Collector Car Appraiser
How to Establish the Best Appraisal for your Auto.
Using an Appraiser for a Pre-Purchase Vehicle Inspection.
What Adds Value (or subtracts value) to my Collector Car

Arnold Marks, Owner of Mustangs Etc.
Buying a Restored or Project Mustang. Which is better?
How to Purchase the Right Mustang for you
How to Find the Best Shop to Restore Your Mustang and Avoid Problems

Larry Jewett, Editor, *Mustang Enthusiast Magazine*
How to Get Your Car in a Magazine

Ed Terwillinger, Detailing and reconditioning instructor/consultant
How to Remove Swirl Marks/Detailing Tips
New Technology in Detailing Chemicals, Waxes, and Sealants

Rich Truesdell, former editor of *Car Audio & Electronics Magazine*
How to Put Modern Audio in Your Vintage Mustang

JUDGES CORNER

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items that required no extensive disassembly of components or systems, no cutting of metal, no splicing of wires, no drilling attachment holes, or any structural alteration. The modifications that fit this category are worth 3 points each. Some examples of this category are valve covers, simple bolt-on air-cleaner, non-factory wheels, chrome exhaust tips, simple bolt-on or snap-on chrome covers or plates under the hood, on the body, in the interior or trunk.

Minor modification's are defined as parts, accessories or components that require more disassembly, minor trimming of metal, minor wire splicing, drilling attachment holes, but no structural alteration. The modifications that fit this category are worth 5 points each. Some examples for this group are aftermarket intake manifolds, cold air kits, aftermarket headers, multiple carburetor setups, bolt-in custom instrument panels, stereos, speaker systems, bolt-on braces or bolt-on body parts.

Major modifications are defined as those that require extensive disassembly, extensive cutting and welding of metal, extensive wire splicing and or rerouting the wiring, structural alteration, custom fabricated parts, or parts or items that require welding for attachment. The modifications that fit this category are worth 8 points each. Examples of this type are molded body parts, welded roll cages, welded sub-frame connectors, and welded sheet metal and removed structural parts. Installing Mustang II or aftermarket custom suspensions in early mustangs, late model EFI drive trains in early, vintage mustangs or installing EFI components in non-EFI Fox bodies and installing supercharger systems.

In closing, all modified/restomod Mustangs are welcome at MCA-sanctioned shows. The rules are structured to allow all to compete and be able to earn National recognition for their efforts. Mustangers that plan on entering Modified Classes are strongly encouraged to download the rules posted on our MCA website: www.mustang.org

Mustangs in the six modified classes attaining the highest points at the show year's end will earn a special Pinnacle Award. This award is sponsored by Mustangs Plus. **MT**