

ASK THE JUDGE'S

Hello Allen,

I have a 1994 GT convertible that I am showing in an unrestored class. The convertible top is white with a little discoloration. The Mustang also has white leather seats that are showing some cracking on the driver side. I am working on my Grille Medallion.

My first question is how much of an impact would it be to have a new convertible top installed on the car and have the seats reupholstered in original materials, or should I stick with the original parts?

My second question has to do with the extra points that are awarded, more specifically the drive-off plate. I assume this is the paper sticker that goes on the rear window or a cardboard tag that is used before the metal one arrives. In Pennsylvania, they issue a metal plate on day one. I have the original plate that came with the car as noted on the sales invoice. There was no other temporary tag. Would this qualify for the one point? I did not get credit for it at the last show I attended.

Tom Dilworth

Tom,

Replacing the top on your 1994 GT convertible would cost you 25 points at an MCA show where your car is being shown in the Unrestored class. Likewise, putting in new seat covers would be a 25-point penalty. That would effectively take you out of contention for an award in this highly competitive class.

The dealer's drive-off tag is normally a cardboard temporary license plate. Inasmuch as Pennsylvania uses the real license plate from day one, it can be used to obtain the bonus point. Your car is eligible for this bonus point if you have the original plate. You should explain this to the judging team at

your next show as they may not understand your State's license issuance policy.

Allen

Dear Mr. Turner,

I have a 1977 Ghia Sport that I plan on entering in the Pensacola National Show in March. The car is driven to local shows, but we do use a trailer for shows in excess of 100 miles. We are from New Jersey, and will trailer the car to Florida. Which class should the car be entered in? Concours Trailered, Concours Driven, or Occasionally Driven.

Thank you in advance for your guidance.

Andrea Lucas

Hi Andrea,

The class your '77 should be entered in depends on the level of authenticity. If the car is all original, like it was new, then your car would most likely fall into one of the classes that are judged on Authenticity, which would be Concours, Unrestored or Thoroughbred. If the car is just a weekend cruiser that you aren't too concerned with it being show-correct, then it would go in Occasional or Daily Driven. If there are a lot of modifications to the car, it would go into the Modified Class. Any one of these classes has a specific class for Trailered cars.

Regards,

Charles

Allen,

I'm not sure what class to enter my Mustang in for the upcoming Pensacola show—Occasional driven, Daily driven, Modified.

It is a 2007 GT Convertible and not driven much because I work from home. I added a Kenne Bell supercharger, Roush Body kit,

new wheels and tires, light bar and other misc. items.

Bob Williams

Hi Bob,

The choice of class to put your 2007 GT convertible is basically yours to make. However, since your car is not driven daily I would narrow your choices to Occasional Driven or Modified. Your Mustang could go in one of two Occasional Driven classes; ODK for 2005-'08 cars driven to the show, or ODM for 1979-'08 cars trailered to the show. Three modified classes might fit; MB for 1994-2010 cars driven to the show excluding undercarriage, MC for 1964-1/2-2010 cars driven to the show including undercarriage, and MD for modified cars trailered to the show. You indicated a number of modifications have been made to the car, which makes it a better candidate for the proper modified class. Remember, whatever class you choose, workmanship and cleanliness are paramount. Check MCA's website for further clarification of classes and, lastly, when you bring your Mustang through the classification line at the Pensacola show, our Assistant Head Judge for Classification, Patsy Brown, can get you in the right class.

See you at the show.

Allen

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