

# 2009 Concours de Saab Judges Scorecard and Entrant's Guidelines SCNA

April 2003:

Please note the following changes from the previous versions of this document as used at the Saab Owners Conventions 1999 through 2002.

- 1) The inspections are grouped logically. Previous versions of this document had the judges circling the car twice. This is eliminated. Judges will look simultaneously at condition and original specification.
- 2) The 'points' are now deductions, not additions. This change was made to ease the burden on the judges. It's a whole lot easier to deduct a few points than add a lot.
- 3) 'Curb appeal' is eliminated. This is too much of a subjective category for our purposes. For example: It is far too easy for someone to say that a Talladega Red SPG has more 'curb appeal' than a relatively plain early base 900 4-door which otherwise scored the same.
- 4) Due to making some items more even, the total possible points are now 560.
- 5) August 2004: A Year Formula Is added to help 'equalize' different years *in the same class*. The year of the car will be subtracted from the current year, and that figure doubled. The resulting figure will be added to the judged score.
- 6) July 2005: Judging categories are better grouped to save time. Slight changes in wording; #2, #7, #8 Judges Instructions to better serve judges *on the ground*. Some spelling errors were corrected.
- 7) March 2008. Starting at SOC08, a car cannot compete for a Concours Award for one year (but can still show) after two (2) consecutive First Place Concours finishes at SOCs. This same car may compete for any other Award including Peoples' Choice. Also, a car must be at least 10 years old to be eligible for the Concours (1998 or older for SOC08).

## **Judges Instructions:**

1. Philosophy. The philosophy of the Concours de Saab is to display Saab automobiles in the best possible light, and as close to original specifications as the car would have rolled off the assembly line. Care and maintenance of Saabs is paramount to scoring high in this competition. Restoration to original specifications will also score high.
2. Modifications. Many Saab owners desire to modify their rides beyond what the factory deemed appropriate or even legal at the time. Starting in 2003, these owners will have an outlet for their hard work and originality other than the Concours de Saab, *if the hosting club(s) desire.* Judges should feel free to suggest to owners that they may do better in these other categories, when available.
3. Original vs. Restored. The question of how to judge original vs. restored comes up frequently. This can be very difficult to decide. The best way to judge is to go through the list, *not comparing one car to the other.* If the points are different, the answer is plain. If the points are the same, more work may be required. It's not exactly fair to say that the original car is preferred over the restored car, nor it is necessarily fair to say that the restored car has had more work devoted to it by the current owner than the other. Since neither this writer, nor the entire committee can be in attendance at each such juncture, it will be left to the decision of the judges for that class at that event.
4. Genuine Saab Accessories. Accessories also engender considerable debate. The philosophy here is that Genuine Saab Accessories, as seen in a service manual, an accessories brochure, or car sales brochure, are acceptable in the same vein as the original specification equipment. An accessorized car gains no advantage in the judging, nor does it suffer a disadvantage vs. a non-accessorized car. For example, a dirty wheel is a dirty wheel, whether it is a factory-fitted 15 spoke, or an accessory 8-spoke.
5. Non-Saab Accessories. Non-Saab accessories are discouraged in the Concours de Saab. Owing to the fact that some of the cars in the Concours de Saab are daily drivers for their owners, certain 'quality of life' accessories are permitted (i.e. cell phone holders/antennae, cup holders, etc.). As long as said Items do not interfere with examining the condition of the vehicle, nor does their installation damage visible parts of the vehicle, no deduction for their installation shall be made.
6. Proof. Proof that a certain part or accessory is applicable to a particular car is up to the Entrant. The Entrant should be ready to supply appropriate documentation such as sales brochures, catalogs, service manuals or parts manuals.
7. Ties, questions for the committee. These judging sheets have been written in the hope that the judges can 'make the call' themselves. In the event there is a serious question involving one or more of the top four cars in any class, the judges may bring this to the attention of the committee chairman, who shall convene the committee or judging group as a whole at the earliest possible time to resolve the issue. Any committee members or judges who have vehicles entered in a disputed class must excuse themselves from the deliberations on that particular class.
8. Classes and Classification. The Concours committee, hosting club(s), or judging team reserves the right to re-classify entries and to split or combine classes in accordance with the number of entries.

CAR # \_\_\_\_\_ CLASS \_\_\_\_\_ POINTS \_\_\_\_\_ JUDGES \_\_\_\_\_

OWNER'S NAME \_\_\_\_\_

**1: Body & Exterior - Quality & Condition/OEM -140 Points**

\_\_\_\_ (20) **Paint Color** -OEM paint, or as close to original Saab color if repainted. Correct color for year. If repainted, is there over spray in engine compartment, door & trunk jambs? Are jambs painted & clean? Are tapelines visible?

\_\_\_\_ (30) **Body & Paint** - Clean, quality paint, no visible rust, no dings/dents, etc.

\_\_\_\_ (10) **Sheet metal (Body)** - No modification from factory designs

\_\_\_\_ (10) **Exterior Trim & Bright work** - OEM trim, side moldings only, lenses, grill.  
All parts correct for year

\_\_\_\_ (10) **Exterior Trim & Bright work** - Complete with no fading, no pits in chrome, no cracks in lenses. Handles, window trim, moldings intact & not faded, etc.

\_\_\_\_ (10) **Badges & Emblems** - OEM in correct positions. Correct for model year.

\_\_\_\_ (10) **Badges & Emblems** - Complete with no fading, flaking, oxidation, etc.

\_\_\_\_ (10) **Glass & Seals** - OEM as far as is possible.

\_\_\_\_ (10) **Glass & Seals** - Clean with no cracks or excessive pitting. Seals on doors & glass not shrunken. Windshield moldings not faded or discolored.

\_\_\_\_ (10) **Bumpers** - Correct for model year with all pieces and parts.

\_\_\_\_ (10) **Bumpers** - Clean and straight with moldings in good condition, no paint over spray, no fading or peeling of finish, etc.

\_\_\_\_\_/140 **1. Total Points for Exterior**

Convertible note: Convertibles should be available for inspection with the top in the lowered or open position, and the OEM plastic or Accessory Vinyl cover over the top mechanism. In the event of a tie in points between two convertibles, the condition of the raised top and rear window shall be used as tiebreaker. A missing cover over the top mechanism is a 50 point deduction (see deductions page).

**2: Engine Compartment / Drive train - Quality & Condition/OEM - 100 Points**

\_\_\_\_\_(20) **Engine & Drive train** - Correct engine/Trans for model (no conversions). No chrome or polished valve covers, original style bolts, factory paint colors, with correct Intake & exhaust manifolds, air cleaner. Correct color for engine compartment.

\_\_\_\_\_(20) **Condition of Engine/Gearbox Assy. & Compartment** - Clean, no obvious leaks, painted engine.

\_\_\_\_\_(10) **Radiator, Hoses & Clamps** - OEM as far as is possible.

\_\_\_\_\_(10) **Radiator, Hoses & Clamps** - Clean, not leaking, no corrosion, no rust, no cracked hoses, position of hose clamps as per factory.

\_\_\_\_\_(10) **Wiring & Elect Components** - OEM. Plug wires, harnesses, with no add-on components

\_\_\_\_\_(10) **Wiring & Electrical Components** - Clean harness, wiring, accessories, No visible add-on harnesses, OEM style wire ties.

\_\_\_\_\_(10) **Stickers & Decals** - OEM or reproduction and installed in correct positions.

\_\_\_\_\_(10) **Stickers & Decals** - Not faded, cracked or smeared.

\_\_\_\_\_/100 **2. Total Points for Engine Compartment**

### **3: Wheels & Undercarriage - Quality & Condition/OEM - 120 Points**

\_\_\_\_\_(20) **Authenticity of Wheels** - OEM or Saab accessory OK. Must be correct for model and year.\*

\_\_\_\_\_(20) **Condition of Wheels** - Factory style paint or polish quality, no excessive brake dust, corrosion, curb dings, etc.

\_\_\_\_\_(20) **Tires** - Correct size, where possible, or reasonable equivalent.\*\*

\_\_\_\_\_(20) **Condition of Tires** - Clean, not too worn, all four matching.

\_\_\_\_\_(10) **Suspension Front & Rear** - OEM or SAAB accessories. No excessive modifications.

\_\_\_\_\_(10) **Condition of Front & Rear Suspension** - Clean including wheelhouse area.

\_\_\_\_\_(10) **Exhaust System** - OEM or equivalent. Saab Accessory O.K.

\_\_\_\_\_(10) **Condition of Exhaust System** - Not rusted, bent or leaking (mostly tailpipe & visible areas).

\_\_\_\_\_/120 **3. Total Points for Wheels & Undercarriage**

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Wheel note: Metric size tires and wheels were OEM on 5-door 900 turbo in 1979 & 1980, and all 900 'S' and turbo in 1981. Due to the scarcity of tires that fit these wheels, it is permissible to make a minimal deduction of 1 point each for wheel and tire, provided OEM or Saab Accessory wheels are fitted in 15" size and using 195/60-15 tires.

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Tire note: some sizes of tires, notably the 99 EMS size of 175/70-15 , 155/15 for early cars and the TRX metric sizes, are becoming increasingly more difficult and expensive to find. In the case where these tires are the OEM size, a deduction must be made if any other size tire is fitted so that there is room for the entrant who takes the time and effort to locate the proper sizes.

**4: Interior - Quality & Condition/OEM - 120 Points**

\_\_\_\_\_ (10) **Seats** - Correct for model & year. Covering as close to OEM as possible

\_\_\_\_\_ (10) **Seats** - Clean, complete, no wear, quality of (re-)upholstery satisfactory.

\_\_\_\_\_ (10) **Carpet & Mats** - Authenticity, correct for model & year, factory color.

\_\_\_\_\_ (10) **Carpets/Mats** - Clean and in good condition.

\_\_\_\_\_ (20) **Dash, Console & Other Interior Eqp.** - OEM, correct for model & year

\_\_\_\_\_ (20) **Dash, Console & Other Interior Eqp.** - Cleanliness of switches, gauges, instruments, sun-visors, steering wheel, etc. & condition of painted markings on switches. No dash cracks.

\_\_\_\_\_ (10) **Door Panels** - OEM, No excessive modifications.

\_\_\_\_\_ (10) **Door / Side Panels** - Clean, good condition, not faded.

\_\_\_\_\_ (10) **Headliner & C-pillars**- OEM or proper replacements.

\_\_\_\_\_ (10) **Headliner & C-pillars** - Clean, not worn, ripped or falling down, with good sun-roof liner.

\_\_\_\_\_ /120 **6. Total Points Interior**

Interior note: Covers are not permitted on seats. Dash covers, which are readily (re-)moveable for inspection of the dash itself, are permitted, as are floor mats.

**5: Trunk/Hatch - Quality & Condition/OEM - 80 Points\*\*\***

\_\_\_\_\_ **(10) Jack & Tools** – Correct for year and model

\_\_\_\_\_ **(10) Jack & Tools** - Clean, neat, no missing pieces, not rusted or bent, etc.

\_\_\_\_\_ **(10) Spare Wheel & Tire** – OEM color on wheel, *label intact\*\*\*\**

\_\_\_\_\_ **(10) Spare Wheel & Tire** - Clean & usable, correct for car.

\_\_\_\_\_ **(20) Owners Manual** - Condition & completeness of service pouch if fitted & manual(s).

\_\_\_\_\_ **(10) Trunk linings and accessories** – Lining appropriate to year and model, convertible boot cover bag OEM.

\_\_\_\_\_ **(10) Trunk lining and accessories** - Carpet, tool area clean & neat, paint clean, convertible boot cover bag clean & complete.

\_\_\_\_\_ **/80 3. Total Points for Trunk/Hatch**

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Trunk note: Trunk liners and trunk accessories are permitted, however, the owner must be present to (re-)move said liner or accessory such that access to the spare tire and lower 'trunk' is permitted for the judges.

\*\*\*\*Label fitted to steel spare wheels on cars with four factory alloy wheels & space-saver spares.

**6. Deductions** - Deduct maximum in individual above categories if unable to access.

**-100 Unable to Access Interior** - Locked doors

**-100 Unable to Access Engine Compartment**- Hood latch broken or unable to open hood or unable to access latch because of locked doors.

**-100 Unable to Access Trunk Compartment** - Trunk/hatch locked or handle broken.

**-50 Missing convertible boot cover** – *Convertibles only*, must be displayed for judges.

- \_\_\_\_\_ **6. Deductions**

**TOTAL JUDGED POINTS** \_\_\_\_\_

**TOTAL YEAR FORMULA POINTS** \_\_\_\_\_ +

+ Subtract the year of the car from 2009 times 2 and **add** to Judged Points  
(*Example: A 1989 car would be 20 X 2=40 points.*)

**GRAND TOTAL** \_\_\_\_\_ **CAR#** \_\_\_\_\_ **PLACE** \_\_\_\_\_

**Thanks for participating!**