

# BAYCON Judging Guidelines for Trucks and Automobiles

## **Introduction:**

The following guidelines have been developed to assist the judges of Truck and Automobile Categories. They are based on the IPMS/USA Competition Handbook and our own guidelines, placing stress on Basic Construction, that we have successfully used for many years. Please remember these are only guidelines and not hard and fast rules.

## **Basic Construction: Approx. 50%**

This includes the 'from the box' construction part of the model, as most of the models to be judged originate from commercially available kits. Some of the things to look for are;

- Flash, mold seams removed from parts, sink marks filled.

- Seams that are not found on the original vehicle filled.

- Detail restored where filling and flash removal have taken place.

- No visible glue or adhesive smears, puddles, or globs.

- Wheels aligned uniformly around the center line of the vehicle, and touching the ground.

- Windshield and clear parts are clear and free of crazing and glue smears.

- Gaps between windshield and body eliminated.

- Decals should be properly located, conform to the surface with no visible bubbles or silvering.

## **Advanced Details: Approx. 10%**

The following are some steps that can be taken to enhance the kit that go beyond basic modeling;

- Thinning of thick parts to more realistic appearance such as door edges, wheel wells, trunk lids, etc.

- Intakes, scoops, etc. blocked off to prevent "see through".

- Exhaust stacks, intakes, vents, etc., drilled out.

- Adding brake lines, tire treads, structural lightning holes, etc.

- Opening doors, trunks, etc.

- Working steering, wheels should be pointed in the same direction.

- Adding engine wiring.

- Custom body work.

### **Finish: Approx. 20%**

Once painted the model should.....

Show no signs of the construction process. [Glue , file or sanding marks.]

Finish should be even and smooth without orange peel, eggshell, or brush marks.

Finish should be of equal degree of gloss, semi-gloss, or matte finish throughout.

Only framing of clear parts should be painted. This is to be neat and not overlap the clear panels.

Weathering, if present, should be uniform throughout the model and appropriate for the operation and normal vehicle usage

Weathering should extend to decals.

Visible interior areas should be painted, and possibly shaded or weathered.

### **Additional Parts: Approx. 10%**

This would entail what are now called “after market parts” such as etched brass or resin, parts from the spares box, kit bashed from another kit, or scratch built, that have been added to the model to replace original parts or add additional details;

Parts should be in scale or as close to scale as possible.

Additional parts should be built to the same standards as the model.

These parts should be mounted to the model securely but without exposed globs of glue, etc.

### **Historical Accuracy: Approx. 10%**

This section is very subjective and much of this is interpretive.

Use common sense in applying this factor, judgement of ‘correct’ colors should not apply, color appears different to all of us.

Check for reference material for the models that seem questionable. The modeler may have a photo to prove his point. Also see benefit of doubt, below.

### **Scratchbuilding: Bonus Points**

Scratch building is the creating of a model or parts of a model from raw materials. One would expect that the goal would be to create a model of Accurate Miniatures quality without having a kit to start with. Additional points should be considered based on how close to this goal the modeler reached. The more scratch building the more bonus points to be considered. If the vehicle is ‘custom’, additional points should be awarded based on how radically different the vehicle is from the original vehicle.

### **Benefit of Doubt:**

The benefit of doubt goes to the modeler! Today, with a number of paint lines producing “accurate” colors, and a vast array of research material, a modeler's research and the

model he produces are only as good as his chosen sources. He places his trust in the authors and manufacture to produce products that meet their claims although we may know or believe the truth to be otherwise. Therefore any reasonable shade of paint or reasonable scheme should go unchallenged.