

# *Thunderbird Owners' Club of Australia Inc.*



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## *JUDGING BOOKLET*

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This booklet has been produced by the National Committee of the Thunderbird Owners Club of Australia (TOCA) Inc. for the information of members. It is the official judging guidelines for the conduct of Concours and is designed to assist Members to show their cars at various events and be judged against their peers in a consistent and fair manner.

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# Preface

The purpose for these judging rules is to give Restorers a consistent standard to help maintain the Thunderbirds with authentic guidelines to keep their original likeness.

## Definitions

The definitions used for judging all relate to how the car was offered to the buying public when it was manufactured.

All Thunderbird were produced with a build sheet known as a ROT sheet to identify what the dealer's requirements were from the orders they received. Without this sheet a judge has no idea how the car was originally built and equipped, with/without genuine accessories. Any accessories fitted should be Ford approved and correct for the year of manufacture.

The only variations to this would be any Australian Design Rules, Australian Infrastructure Import regulations, State Registration or EPA requirements. Written proof is to be supplied of any modification to the manufactured specifications by a Federal or State Authority.

Up until recent times right drive vehicles were the only option for registration when compared to an original left-hand drive vehicle and should be judge on the quality of the conversion and not be penalised for being a right-hand drive, as required by the state/territory authority registering the vehicle.

If the parts are unobtainable then all vehicles in that year/s of manufacture are equal.

Originality must play a higher part in judging a Concours vehicle. As the vehicles become older equipment/parts such as batteries and tyres to mention a couple as well as many others become non-existent and a replacement must be judged on the closeness to originality as possible and then condition.

As the Statutory Authorities requirements and regulations change in each state over time i.e. Historic, Conditional and Classic Vehicle Registrations, we need to be cognizant of these requirements, but this should not dictate what we as a club want to include in each of the Judging Divisions.

# Qualifying

Knowing the division to enter your vehicle makes the organizing a lot easier. Please read below and decide what division you will enter your vehicle in.

## SENIOR DIVISION:

This is for owners who have scored 270 points or more at a previous Concours in the last 3 years. This may have been at a State or National event. This division requires all judging sheets.

## PRIMARY DIVISION:

This is for owners who would like to have their carts judged to find areas of where to improve the condition/quality of their cars and/or get an assessment. This division is judged under the same rules as the SENIOR DIVISION.

## DRIVER DIVISION:

This is for drivers who drive their Thunderbird vehicles often, but would still like to have their vehicles assessed and judged. This division is assessed and judged under a reduced schedule, being, SPECIAL OPERATIONS, EXTERIOR and INTERIOR.

## CUSTOM MODIFIED:

This is for owners who have made substantial modifications to their vehicles i.e. Body, Paint, Engine, Driveline, Wheels, Headers, Exhaust etc. Authenticity is not important in this type of judging, it's all about fit and finish, without making judgment on whether you like the choices made. Entrants in this division must be on full registration, although modified vehicles on Conditional Registration (D Plates) can be eligible. This Division is judged by the head judge requires no judging sheets

## SHOW and SHINE:

This is for owners who do not want a complete assessment of their vehicle This Division requires judging sheets for EXTERIOR & INTERIOR.

# Judging Protocol

Judging Registration Forms to be completed and received by the Secretary on or before the advertised date. All Registration Forms are to be completed and must include registration details and Insurance Policy Number with expiry date.

Unregistered and uninsured vehicles should not be driven in or around the Concours areas. Those that have permits are excepted.

Judging sheets specific to the division the vehicle is entered are to be placed with the vehicle prior to judging. When the last sheet has been removed from the vehicle the owner will then know that the judging for that vehicle has been completed.

The Concours Committee with the Head Judge have the right to change the entered division if found to be incorrect. The Head Judge is to notify the owner of the vehicle of any changes.

Prior to the Judging, the Head Judge will hold a Judges meeting to issue instructions or answer any questions. The Head Judge will also complete a Judges Information Sheet, which is to be retained for record purposes.

Judges are not experts on every model of vehicle being judged and mistakes may happen. To ensure vehicles are judged correctly, any questions that are raised during the judging should be discussed with the Head Judge without delay. If the Head Judge is unsure, they can raise this with other club delegates, to achieve a resolution.

If a Judge has entered a vehicle into the Concours, they should not judge their own vehicle. Another judge will be assigned for each Judging Sheet. The owner of each vehicle is to be available during the judging of each section. This allows the Judge to raise questions regarding the Operations and Functions of the vehicle. i.e. SPECIAL OPERATIONS Sheet.

Prior to judging, the judges should look over the various vehicles to determine the standard and the level of quality. Time spent on each vehicle to be similar/the same. The time spent on each vehicle will relate to the number of vehicles to be judged.

When a Judging Sheet has been completed, it is to be returned to the Head Judge as soon as possible. Judging sheets will be checked by the Head Judge and the Tally Judging Sheet will be completed. This sheet is to be retained for record purposes.

In the event of a tie in a Division, the Head Judge will allocate a point to separate the vehicles.

# Awards

## BEST OUTRIGHT:

*High point vehicle from all qualifying entrants*

## SENIOR DIVISION:

*Best in Division or Best Convertible and Best Hardtop or 1<sup>ST</sup> 2<sup>ND</sup> 3<sup>RD</sup> placings across the entire Division*

All entrants in this division are also presented with a SENIOR DIVISION AWARD for achievement.

## PRIMARY DIVISION:

*Best in Division or Best Convertible and Best Hardtop or 1<sup>st</sup> 2<sup>nd</sup> 3<sup>rd</sup> placings across the entire Division or 1<sup>st</sup> 2<sup>nd</sup> 3<sup>rd</sup> placings across each Generation shown below:*

Generation 1. 55-57. Generation 2. 58-60. Generation 3. 61-63. Generation 4. 64-66.

Generation 5. 67-71. Generation 6. 72-76. Generation 7. 77-79. Generation 8. 80-82.

Generation 9. 83-88. Generation 10. 89-97. Generation 11. 2001-2005.

A vehicle entered in the Primary Division may be eligible for the best of show award if this is the first Concours at which it has scored 270 or more points.

## DRIVERS DIVISION:

*Best in Division or Best Convertible and Best Hardtop or 1<sup>ST</sup> 2<sup>ND</sup> 3<sup>RD</sup> placings across the entire Division*

Not eligible for the best of show

## CUSTOM MODIFIED DIVISION:

*Best in Division or Best Convertible and Best Hardtop or 1<sup>ST</sup> 2<sup>ND</sup> 3<sup>RD</sup> placings across the entire Division*

Not eligible for the best of show.

## SHOW AND SHINE:

*Best in Division or Best Convertible and Best Hardtop or 1<sup>ST</sup> 2<sup>ND</sup> 3<sup>RD</sup> placings across the entire Division*

Not eligible for the best of show.

**NOTE:** Examples of how Trophies could be awarded:



## THUNDERBIRD JUDGING FORM SENIOR AND PRIMARY DIVISION

### JUDGING SCORING GUIDELINES

The Concours scoring system is based on a negative points system with a slight twist. A Concours vehicle is assumed to be at 300 points when being judged, from which deductions are made. Now for the twist. As an example, when judging a baby bird for aircon (Sheet 1), and aircon is not fitted, maximum points are allocated with no points being deducted. Alternatively, if a baby bird has aircon fitted, it is scored on the quality of the installation and a point is deducted for non-originality.

#### **SHEET No. 1. ENGINE COMPARTMENT – VALUE 70 POINTS.**

**NOTE: OWNERS OF LATE MODEL CARS ARE REQUIRED TO REMOVE ENGINE COVERS ETC TO ALLOW JUDGING OF ENGINE ANCILLARIES / FUEL INJECTION / ELECTRONIC IGNITION etc.**

Numbers represent maximum possible points. Each line **MUST** have an entry.

**Example:** If the battery is not a Ford replacement i.e. (Not Original) enter 1 in deduction and then judge for quality

If the battery is of new car quality,	enter 2 points
If the battery has minor faults,	enter 1 points
If the battery quality has major faults,	enter 0 points

NOTE: Half points may be used

#### **SHEET No.2. BOOT - DOOR JAMS & UNDERCARRIAGE - VALUE 60 POINTS.**

Numbers represent maximum possible points. Each line **MUST** have an entry

**Example;** If tyres are not of original style (Not Original) i.e. steel belted not cross-ply enter 1 in deduction column and then judge the quality. See example below.

If tyres are of new car quality,	enter 5 points
If tyre quality has minor infractions,	enter 3 points
If tyre quality has major infractions,	enter 1 point

NOTE: Half points may be used.

#### **SHEET No.3. SPECIAL OPERATION- VALUE 30 POINTS**

Numbers represent maximum possible of points. Each line **MUST** have an entry. Example: If horns work properly enter 1, if horns do not work enter 0.

NOTE: Half points may be used.



**THUNDERBIRD JUDGING FORM**  
**SENIOR AND PRIMARY DIVISION**

**JUDGING SCORING GUIDELINES(Continued)**

**SHEET No.4. EXTERIOR - VALUE 80 POINTS**

Numbers represent maximum possible points. Each line **MUST** have an entry

NOTE: Half points may be used.

**SHEET No.5. INTERIOR - VALUE 60 POINTS.**

Numbers represent maximum possible points. Each line **MUST** have an entry.

**Example:** If door panels are not of original style i.e. (Not Original) enter 1 in deduction column and then judge for quality.

If door panels are of new car quality,	Enter 4 points
If door panels quality has minor infractions,	Enter 3 points
If door panels quality has major infractions,	Enter 1 point

NOTE: Half points may be used.



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# THUNDERBIRD JUDGING FORM

## COVER SHEET

OWNER ..... REGISTERED No. OF CAR.....  
 EVENT..... DATE.....  
 ENTRY DIVISION.....YEAR.....BODY.....  
 AWARD.....

### TOTALS FROM ALL SECTIONS:

- No. 1 ENGINE COMPARTMENT.....Max. 70.....
- No. 2 BOOT, DOOR JAMBS & UNDERCARRIAGE .. Max. 60.....
- No. 3 SPECIAL OPERATIONS.....Max. 30.....
- No. 4 EXTERIOR .....Max. 80.....
- No. 5 INTERIOR .....Max 60.....

### GRAND TOTAL \_\_\_\_\_

SENIOR DIVISION { ALL SHEETS } MAX. 300 POINTS  
 PRIMARY DIVISION { ALL SHEETS } MAX. 300 POINTS  
 DRIVERS DIVISION { SHEETS 3,4 & 5 } MAX. 170 POINTS  
 SHOW 'N' SHINE { SHEETS 4 & 5 } MAX. 140 POINTS  
 CUSTOM MODIFIED AS AWARDED

**THE TALLY SHEETS ARE TO BE KEPT BY THE CLUB FOR FUTURE REFERENCE AS A GUIDE FOR THE ALLOCATION OF CONCOURS DIVISIONS**

**EACH ENTRANT TO BE GIVEN THE ORIGINAL SCORE SHEETS AT THE CONCLUSION OF THE CONCOURS PRESENTATION.**



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### SENIOR AND PRIMARY DIVISION ONLY

OWNER..... REGISTERED No. OF CAR.....

**No. 1 ENGINE COMPARTMENT CONDITION – VALUE 70 POINTS.**

a ENGINE	Max Points	Score	Non-Original Deduction	Comments
No visible oil or water leaks	4		N/A	
Starter	1			
Generator/ Alternator	1			
Distributor/Cap/Coil/Plug leads/Electronic Ignition	4			
Decals & Placement	2			
Carburettor/Injectors	2			
Fuel lines & filters	1			
Belts	2			
Block, Heads, Intake manifold Timing Case Cover	5			
Fan &/or Clutch	1			
Air cleaner	2			
Rocker/Head covers	2			
Oil filler cap	1			
Power steering/ reservoir & pump	3			
Skirts/towers, hood underside Sills and lips	5			
Fire wall	3			
Hood hinges/ Struts	2			
Hood sound pads	2			
Brake master cylinder and booster	3			
Heater/ Radiator hoses	3			
Washer bag	2			
Battery and hold down bracket	2			
Transmission	1			
All wiring	3			
Band straps & hose clamps	2			
Radiator	2			
Surge tank	2			
Rubber parts	3			
A/C system (post57) Heat/demister system (55-57)	4			
<b>Totals</b>	<b>70</b>			

SHEET No.1 SUB TOTAL SCORES: ..... MINUS DEDUCTIONS: ..... = .....

SHEET No. 1 TOTAL SCORE (MAX 70): .....



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## THUNDERBIRD JUDGING FORM

### SENIOR AND PRIMARY DIVISIONS ONLY

OWNER..... REGISTERED No. OF CAR.....

No.2 BOOT - DOOR JAMS &amp; UNDERCARRIAGE CONDITION - VALUE 60 POINTS.

<b>b. BOOT</b>	<b>Max Points</b>	<b>Score</b>	<b>Non-Original Deduction</b>	<b>Comments</b>
Mat	4			
Side panels & trim	4			
Jack, stored correctly	2			
Paint underside of boot lid	3			
Paint on boot sills	3			
Boot rubber	4			
<b>SUB TOTAL SCORES</b>	<b>MAX(20)</b>			

<b>b. DOOR JAMBS</b>	<b>Max Points</b>	<b>Score</b>	<b>Non-Original Deduction</b>	<b>Comments</b>
Paint, door jambs	4			
Latches, hinges & bolts	3			
Scuff plates &/or Sill	4			
Weather mouldings	4			
<b>SUB TOTAL SCORE</b>	<b>MAX(15)</b>			

<b>c. UNDERCARRIAGE</b>	<b>Max Points</b>	<b>Score</b>	<b>Non-Original Deduction</b>	<b>Comments</b>
Tyres including spare	5			
Wheel and wheel covers	4			
Suspension, shocks, springs etc	3			
Axle carrier	2			
Fuel tank	2			
Paint, overall	3			
Exhaust systems	3			
Brakes, drum/disc	3			
<b>SUB TOTAL SCORE</b>	<b>MAX(25)</b>			

SHEET No.2 SUB TOTAL SCORES:..... MINUS DEDUCTIONS: ..... = .....

SHEET No. 2 TOTAL SCORE (MAX 60): .....



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## SENIOR- PRIMARY and DRIVERS DIVISION ONLY

OWNER..... REGISTERED No. OF CAR.....

### No.3. SPECIAL OPERATIONS - VALUE 30 POINTS

	Max Points	Score		Max Points	Score	Comments
Starter (speed & noise)	1		Window operation, vents	1		
Idle (smooth & quite)	1		Window operation, doors	1		
Engine (smoke & oil leaks)	2		Window operation, quarters	1		
Exhaust (noise/leaks)	3		Windshield wipers	1		
H/Lights, Hi/Low(matched)	2		Clock	1		
Parking Front	1		Cigarette lighter	1		
Parking Rear	1		Hand brake warning light	1		
Brake / reverse light	1		Dome light	1		
License plate	1		Dash lights	1		
Turn signals front	1		Fuel & temp gauges	1		
Turn signals rear	1		Generator & oil gauges	1		
Turn signal indicator dash	1		Seat passenger side	1		
Horn	1		Seat driver's side	1		
<b>Total Score(MAX 17)</b>			<b>Total Score (MAX 13)</b>			

**SUB TOTAL SCORE (MAX 30).....**

### EXTRA OPERATION DEDUCTIONS (-1 Point for failure to operate) (if operating NO score)

	Max Points	Score		Max Points	Score	Comments
Adjustable head rest.	-1		Windshield washer	-1		
Reclining seat	-1		Emergency brake light	-1		
Map light	-1		Emer. Flasher lights	-1		
Door panel lights	-1		Door ajar light	-1		
Power door locks	-1		Low fuel light	-1		
Power antenna	-1		Air conditioning	-1		
AM/FM. Radio	-1		Power trunk release	-1		
Rear speaker	-1		Trunk light	-1		
8 Track player 4 speakers	-1		Glove box light	-1		
Sun roof	-1		Convertible top operation	-1		
<b>Total Score (MAX 10)</b>			<b>Total Score (MAX 10)</b>			

**SHEET No. 3 SUB TOTALS ..... MINUS DEDUCTIONS (MAX-20) ..... = .....**

**SHEET No. 3 TOTAL SCORE (MAX 30) .....**



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### SENIOR –PRIMARY –DRIVERS AND SHOW ‘N’ SHINE DIVISIONS

OWNER..... REGISTERED No. OF CAR.....

#### No.4. EXTERIOR CONDITION - VALUE 80 POINTS

a. BODY METAL	Max Points	Score	Comments
Grind/Repair marks, Flaws	6		
Body work (Dents)	6		
Rust and chips Tar	6		
<b>SUB TOTAL</b>	<b>MAX(18)</b>		

b. PAINT / soft goods, convertible / landau top.	Max Points	Score	Comments
Consistency	7		
Gloss	7		
Nicks, Scratches	7		
Correct colour for year	1		
<b>SUB TOTAL</b>	<b>MAX(22)</b>		

c. CHROME	Max Points	Score	Comments
Shine	6		
Dents	3		
Scratches	3		
Stainless	6		
<b>SUB TOTAL</b>	<b>MAX(18)</b>		

d. FIT & ALIGNMENT	Max Points	Score	Comments
Driver's door	2		
Passenger's door	2		
Bonnet	2		
Bumper bar –front.	2		
Bumper bar – rear	2		
Boot lid	2		
<b>SUB TOTAL</b>	<b>MAX(12)</b>		

e. GLASS	Max Points	Score	Comments
Windshield	4		
Rear screen glass	2		
Driver's side glass	2		
Passenger's side glass	2		
<b>SUB TOTAL</b>	<b>MAX(10)</b>		

SHEET No. 4 SUB TOTALS: ..... MINUS DEDUCTIONS: ..... = .....

SHEET No. 4 TOTAL SCORE (MAX 80): .....



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### SENIOR - PRIMARY - DRIVERS AND SHOW 'N' SHINE DIVISIONS

OWNER..... REGISTERED No. OF CAR.....

**No.5. INTERIOR CONDITION - VALUE 60 POINTS.**

a.	Max Points	Score	Non-Original Deduction	Comments
Rear view mirror, night & day must work	2			
Sun visors	2			
Kick panels	2			
Door panel, passenger's side	4			
Door panel, driver's side	4			
Head liner or {top bows on convertible	4			
<b>SUB TOTAL SCORE</b>	<b>MAX(18)</b>			

b.	Max Points	Score	Non-Original Deduction	Comments
Front seat driver's side	4			
Front seat passenger's side	4			
Rear seat or (Drop curtain 55/56/57 only)	5			
Front carpets	5			
Rear carpets or (painted areas behind seat and Floor cover on 55/56/57 only)	5			
<b>SUB TOTAL SCORE</b>	<b>MAX(23)</b>			

c.	Max Points	Score	Non-Original Deduction	Remarks
Dash pad	4			
Console and related parts	5			
Instrument panel	4			
Steering wheel	3			
Pedals	3			
<b>SUB TOTAL SCORE</b>	<b>MAX(19)</b>			

SHEET No. 5 SUB TOTALS: ..... MINUS DEDUCTIONS: ..... = .....

SHEET No. 5 TOTAL SCORE (MAX 60): .....



**Event:** .....

**Location:** .....

**Head Judge:** .....

**Date:** ...../...../.....

### Judges Information Sheet

Name	Sheet No	Comments

**NOTE: This sheet is to be retained by the Club for future reference**





## Amendments

<b>Date</b>	<b>Authorisation</b>	<b>Amendment</b>	<b>Date Amended</b>
14/12/2008	2008 AGM	Delete - Spark Plugs, 2 Points, Sheet 1, Engine Bay	14/12/2008
14/12/2008	2008 AGM	Insert - Decals & Placement, 2 Points, Sheet 1, Engine Bay	14/12/2008
11/12/2013	2013 AGM	Judging book reviewed and Spelling mistakes removed	
05/03/2010	2010 AGM	Insert –note: Owners of late model cars are required to remove engine covers etc to allow judging of engine ancillaries. – Sheet 1, Engine Bay	05/03/2011
Oct 2018	2018 AGM	Fifth Edition - Complete Re-Write	DRAFT
Oct 2018	2018 AGM	Fifth Edition – Drivers Class Amendment	25/01/2019
Oct 2018	2018 AGM	Fifth Edition - Final	27/01/2019
Oct 2025	2025 AGM	Conflicting description for Modified Class fixed	02/01/2026