



AMERICAN MOTORS IN MINIATURE

AMO Model Car Contest

Official Rulebook

American Motors Owners Association, Inc.

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PRIZES

AMC Model Car Contest

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For any questions or comments about the Model Car Contest please contact: Jim Samuel at sambo@iefnet.com or phone at 920 988 7535.

MODIFIEDS

Saturday 10:00AM-3:00PM

No Entry Fee

ALL AMC Related Models – Any style

ADULT CLASSES



**DIORAMA/ SCENE
DISPLAY CLASSES**



YOUTH CLASSES

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Participant Eligibility: The AMO model car competition is open to all members of American Motors Owners Association and their dependents. Adult modelers (age 13 and older) must present their entry in person regardless of whether that entry will be in competition or for display purposes only. Only a parent may enter a model for a dependent age 12 and under in the Novice Class.

Model Eligibility: Only models of vehicles manufactured/assembled by American Motors on the continent of North America may be displayed and/or compete in these events. This regulation also applies to models of vehicles manufactured by subsidiaries or divisions of American Motors Corporation. Only models of 1958 and newer AMC products may be displayed and/or compete. Models of all scales are eligible to compete. No scoring preference is given to one scale over another. Participants should realize however that detail is a criterion that is considered in all classes and detail is much more difficult to execute on the smaller scale models.

Participant Responsibility: Each entrant is responsible for his/her respective model. The Manager of the Model Car Division and his/her designated judges and assistants will not be responsible for lost or damaged entries or displays. The entrant will have his/her entry registered at the model car contest in adequate time to meet the designated deadline. The Manager of the Model Car Division reserves the right to refuse entries submitted after the deadline. The entrant is also responsible for the removing his/her entry(s) after the conclusion of the event. Entrants are welcome to view the judging process but are requested to not speak with the judge(s) during the judging portion of the event.

Entrants and spectators are requested not to touch any of the models or displays during the event.

Entrants may request copies of their respective score sheets by sending a self-addressed stamped envelope or emailing for an electronic copy to the Manager of the Model Car Division no less than 90 days after the respective event.

Entrants may be asked to serve as judges by the Manager of the Model Car Division. Their experience and expertise is valuable in achieving objective results.

Entrants will obviously be disqualified from judging any class in which he/she is competing.

Entrants will also disqualify themselves from judging any class in which the relationship of a friend or relative would influence his/her judgment.

Modelers competing in the Model Car contest must be prepared to leave their entry on display throughout the contest until the published completion time of the contest or when the judging has been completed, whichever comes later. The Manager of the Model Car Division must approve exceptions.

Fees: At the present time, American Motors Owners Association (AMO) does not assess any fees for participating in the Model Car contest. AMO reserves the right to assess a fee for participating in the event. At some future time it may be necessary to charge a nominal fee to offset the costs of trophies, etc. Should the AMO Board of Directors opt to charge a nominal fee for participating in the event, the Manager of the Model Car Division will notify the membership at least six months prior to the next international convention by placing the information in *American Motoring*.

AMO International Convention: The annual International Convention of the American Motors Owners Association (AMO) will be the site of the International AMC Model Contest. The Manager of the Model Car Division will conduct the event. In the event that he/she is unable to attend the event, he/she shall appoint a designate to perform his/her duties.

Regional Conventions: Sanctioned AMO Model Car Contests may be held at the Regional Conventions produced by chartered chapters of AMO. Given the generally smaller participation at the Regional Conventions, the host club may opt to alter the regulations contained in this rulebook to accommodate the nature of their respective conventions.

Manager of the Model Car Division: (Hereinafter known as the Manager) This position is appointed by the President and is supported by the AMO Board of Directors. The Manager serves a two-year term as do all other Appointed Officers. The Manager will report directly to the President.

The Manager will be the determining authority on all matters involving the Model Car Contest at all levels International and Regional.

It is the responsibility of the Manager to work with the Convention Coordinator of the AMO International Convention and other concerned individuals to assure that provisions for the International Model Car Contest have been made prior to the Convention. Such provisions include but are not limited to the purchase of trophies, adequate space, appropriate security for the models throughout the day, and publication and announcements for the Model Car Contest.

The Manager shall be an individual who is experienced in the craft of model car building.

The Manager shall also obtain the results of Regional Model Car Contests (as are reported to him/her by the sanctioning chapter) as well as the results of the International Model Car Contest and promulgate them in *American Motoring*.

The Manager shall write at least one story each year in *American Motoring*. This story will be on the art of modeling AMC miniatures, new kits, tools, paints, or other related items in the hobby.

The Manager is responsible for the update of the rulebook.

The Manager is also responsible for mailing or emailing copies of the rulebook to participants upon receipt of a formal request.

The Manager shall arbitrate all disputes involving the Model Car Contest.

The Manager is prohibited from competing in any Regional or International Model Car Contest sanctioned by AMO.

The Manager may place models in the Display Only Class.

Section 1: Divisions

The Model Car Contest shall consist of the following divisions:

- A. Novice:** The Novice Division is for modelers who are 12 years old and under. Modelers in this division are required to assemble their own models without the assistance of adults. Snap-together models will be allowed for judging in this division. Motorized, pre-assembled, and promotional models and toys may be presented for Display Only Novice Division and will not be judged. A parent may present a model for his/her child in the Novice Division.
- B. Adult:** The Adult Division is open to all modelers who are 13 years old and older. A modeler in this division must present his/her own entry at the convention. Snap-together models, pre-assembled, promotional models, or toys may not be presented for judging in this division. If, in the opinion of the Manager or his/her designate, these models are of special interest they may be presented in the Display Only Adult Division. Entries in this division are eligible for the "American Modeler Award," which is awarded to the top entry in this division.

Section 2: Classes

- A. Novice Division:** Shall consist of the following classes:
 - 1. Stock:** Models entered in this class shall be the best possible replicas of totally stock automobiles. Points will be deducted for departures from originality.
 - 2. Modified:** Models in this class may be modified in any manner that the modeler desires. Points will not be deducted for the choice of modifications made by the modeler, but points shall be added/deducted for the quality with which the modifications have been executed.
 - 3. Snap-Together:** Models in this class shall be of the snap-together and pre-decorated varieties.
 - 4. Diorama/Scene:** A separate score sheet is used for this class. The judging criteria used in this class is fundamentally different than that used in the stock and modified classes. In addition to quality of model construction, the quality and originality of the scene are also judged. Modelers who opt to compete in this class cannot separate individual models from the diorama to be judged in the other classes.
 - 5. Display Only:** Models in this class shall not be judged.
- B. Adult Division:** Shall consist of the following classes:
 - 1. Stock:** Models entered in this class shall be the best possible replicas of totally stock automobiles. Points will be deducted for departures from originality.

2. **Modified:** Models in this class may be modified in any manner that the modeler desires. Points shall not be deducted for the choice of modifications made by the modeler, but points shall be added/deducted for the quality with which the modifications have been executed. Race Cars shall be included in this class.
3. **Diorama/Scene:** A separate score sheet is used for this class. The judging criteria used in this class is fundamentally different than that used in the stock and modified classes. In addition to quality of model construction, the quality and originality of the scene are also judged. Modelers who opt to compete in this class cannot separate individual models from the diorama to be judged in the other classes.
4. **Display Only:** Models in this class shall not be judged.

C. Consolidation:

The Manager may, if sufficient entries are not present, opt to consolidate classes within a division. If this becomes necessary, the stock and modified classes will be consolidated. In these cases the stock and modified cars will compete against each other for the highest average. If this becomes necessary, the class will be judged using the Modified Class criteria wherein a model is not penalized for departures from stock originality. In order for a class to exist, at least two (2) models must be entered.

Section 3: Judging/Scoring

- A. **Selection:** Judges selected must be members of AMO in good standing or dependents thereof.
- B. **Efficiency:** Judges shall demonstrate an ability to generate an objective appraisal of each entry in a manner that does not unnecessarily protract the duration of the judging portion of the event.
- C. **Judges/Score Sheets:**
 1. The judge(s) will complete the score sheets in a neat and complete manner.
 2. The judge(s)/scorer will add up the scores on each car. In the case of the more than one judge per car, the scorer shall average the score. The average score shall be the competitive score attached to the model. In the event of a tie, the highest total score will be the first criteria to break the tie. If the tie cannot be broken this way, the judge(s) will re-judge the tie. If the judge(s) are unable to eliminate the tie, the position shall be declared a tie. After the judge(s) has/have judged all of the models in each division and class he/she/they shall go back and determine the winners of any special awards to be offered at the convention. He/she/they shall determine the winners of special awards by simple majority vote or consensus of the judges present. The Manager shall be asked to vote in the process of determining the winner of Special Awards, regardless of whether the Manager has been a judge for the class and division awards.
 3. Judges/Scorers shall not discuss their decisions with competitors or spectators at any time prior to, during, or after the competition.

4. Scorers are responsible for matching the entry form with the appropriate completed score sheets and posting the appropriate score on the entry sheet. The scorer shall then place the score sheets in result order by division and class. The scorer shall verify the results with the Manager.

D. Equipment: Judge(s) may use magnifying equipment such as magnifying glasses to examine detail items, paint, and construction quality.

E. Entry Procedures:

1. The Manager shall arrange to have adequate personnel on hand to help participants submit their entries with a completed entry form prior to the entry deadline. Participants are required to submit an entry form for each model entered in the contest.
 - a. The Manager shall work with the Convention Coordinator and the hosting club to ensure that the deadline time for submitting the model entry has been properly announced at the convention, prior to the event, and that the starting time has also been printed in any convention agenda and mailed materials.
 - b. The Manager shall communicate with the Convention Coordinator to assure that the starting time for the Model Car Contest is announced in *American Motoring* at least 60 days prior to the event.
2. The Manager has the authority to extend the starting time of the event. It is highly recommended that the Manager not extend the starting time except in the most severe cases. If the starting time is properly announced and published as outlined above, this should be sufficient. Extension of the starting time should only be used when it is obvious that a large group of participants will be precluded from entering the Model Car Contest. This authority should not be used for specific individual cases.

F. Judging Procedures:

1. It is necessary for judge(s) to pick up and invert each model to determine his/her assessment of undercarriage details. In doing so, each judge(s) will do his/her best to avoid damaging the entry. If, in the event a piece detaches from the model, the Manager shall determine if the piece was properly attached or was separated as a result of poor construction quality.
2. The judge(s) will judge all entries in one class before judging the next class.
3. Upon completion of judging all classes the judge(s) shall judge the models for special awards (see Awards section). These awards shall be determined by the opinion of the judge(s) and the Manager and are not necessarily on the model receiving the highest point score.
4. In the case where the Manager appoints others to act as judge(s) and scorer(s), the Manager will do his/her best to assure that the judges spend the least amount of time officiating in the Model Contest area since judges are often participants in the convention. As soon as the scorer has determined that no ties exist, the judge(s) shall be dismissed.

G. Judging Criteria:

The judge(s) shall be examining the models in the following areas:

1. **Construction:** The judge(s) shall examine for quality fitting of the parts. The assembly of the parts should be devoid of glue and other irregularities such as “flash” and knife marks. Parts should be joined in such a way as to minimize the space between them. Points will be deducted where paint is conspicuously absent at the joint. All areas of the model will be examined for construction quality (exterior, interior, undercarriage, engine compartment, wheels, etc.)
2. **Paint:** The quality and craftsmanship of both brush and spray will be examined in this category. The judge(s) shall examine for the presence of over-spray, chips, drips, clarity, etc. Irregularities of color shades will result in reduced scores in this category. Although orange peel is common among spray application to most plastic surfaces, it should be held to a minimum. Models displaying the least amount of orange peel shall be given higher scores in this category. The judge(s) shall also be looking for brush marks. Brushed paint should be applied with the least amount of brush marks possible. Brushed paint should be applied generously but not so much as to reduce or eliminate the built-in detail features of the kit. Brush or spray paint applied in excess shall result in decreased point scores in this category. White models that were white-in-the-kit models but have subsequently been sprayed with clear paint will not be penalized any points. In the Stock Classes, surfaces must be painted a color that most represents the model that is being replicated. The application of decals shall also be judged in this category. All areas of the model shall be examined for paint (exterior, interior, undercarriage, engine compartment, wheels, etc.).
3. **Detail:** The judge(s) shall examine the amount of detail used in the model. Point scores in this category shall reflect both the quantity of detail as well as the quality with which the detailing is done. Although a modeler may be given a higher score because he/she decides to use spark plug wires, he/she may also be penalized for those spark plug wires if they are so big as to be unrealistic for the model. The judge(s) shall also look for the “correctness” of detail in the stock classes. All areas of the model will be examined for detail (exterior, interior, undercarriage, engine compartment, wheels, etc.).
4. **Overall Appearance:** This category allows for some of the judge(s) personal preference but should somewhat reflect the scores achieved in the other three areas (e.g. a model that scores 9 and 10 in the above categories should not receive a 5 in the category). The judge(s) should consider how well a particular model compares to its completion in that Division/Class.
5. **Originality/Ingenuity (Diorama/Scene only):** This category reflects the novelty of the scene depicted as well as the ingenuity used in constructing the scene and the use and resourcefulness of obtaining materials to construct the scene.
6. **Organization (Diorama/Scene only):** This category examines the organization of the scene. Does it effectively represent a true-life or hypothetical scene? Is it well organized? Are the materials in approximate scale to each other?

H. Conflict of Interest:

1. Judge(s) shall be asked to disqualify themselves from any potential conflict of interest by conforming to the standards outlined in the section of this rulebook entitled "Participant Responsibility."
2. The Manager is prohibited from displaying any model in any class except Display Only.

Section 4: Awards

A. Novice Division

1. Entrants in the Stock Class shall be awarded 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place trophies/premiums. The highest average score, 2nd highest average score, etc., shall determine these places.
2. Entrants in the Modified Class shall be awarded 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place trophies/premiums. The highest average score, 2nd highest average score, etc., shall determine these places.
3. Entrants in the Snap-together Class shall be awarded 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place trophies/premiums. The highest average score, 2nd highest average score, etc., shall determine these places.
4. Entrants in the Diorama/Scene Class shall be awarded 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place trophies/premiums. These places will be based on the highest average score, 2nd highest average score, etc.

B. Adult Division

1. Entrants in the Stock Class shall be awarded 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place trophies/premiums. These places shall be based on the highest average score, 2nd highest average score, etc.
2. Entrants in the Modified Class shall be awarded 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place trophies. These places will be based on the highest average score, 2nd highest average score, etc.
3. The American Modeler Award is awarded to the Adult Division model with the highest average score from either the Stock Class or the Modified Class. There are no ties possible for the award. If the scorer determines that a tie exists, he/she shall require the judge(s) to re-judge the model. This is the highest award possible in the Adult Division.
4. Entrants in the Diorama/Scene Class shall be awarded 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place trophies/premiums. These places will be based on the highest average score, 2nd highest average score, etc. Because of the different judging criteria for this class, models in this category are not eligible to compete for the American Modeler Award.

C. Special Awards

1. Special awards may be offered on an irregular basis at International or Regional Conventions. These awards may be donated by local, regional, or international businesses or hobby manufacturers, or may be offered by AMO. In order to avoid any potential conflict of interest, individual AMO members are precluded from donating special awards. Examples of these types of awards would be Best Interior, Best Detail, Best Paint, Best Engine Compartment, etc.
2. All classes in the Adult Division are eligible to receive special awards.
3. Special awards in the Novice Division must be designated as such by the donor prior to the event. Awards not designated for the Novice Division prior to the event will be used in the Adult Division.

Section 5: Forms

Samples of all forms used the Model Car Contest may be found in the Appendix section of this rulebook.

Section 6: Rulebook Revisions

Revisions to this rulebook may be made in two ways and either way requires a simple majority vote of the AMO Board of Directors.

1. The Manager may petition the AMO Board of Directors to approve a revision(s) to the rulebook. He/she may do so at any time throughout the year. The AMO Board of Directors may use a vote-by-mail/email method to approve the revision request. In order for any revision to be effective, it must have been approved at least 120 days prior to the event and it must have been promulgated in *American Motoring* at least 30 days prior to the event.
2. A signed petition by 25 or more members of AMO in good standing may be presented at any time. Said petition must be presented to the Chairman of the Board. The Chairman may use a vote-by-mail/email method to approve the revision request. In order for any revision to be effective, it must have been approved at least 120 days prior to the event and it must have been promulgated in *American Motoring* at least 30 days prior to the event.
3. The Manager shall immediately report all revisions of the rulebook to the editor of *American Motoring*.

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**AMO Model Car Contest
Entry Form**

Name of Participant _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ ZIP _____

Phone _____ AMO No. _____

Model Information

Year _____ Model _____ Color _____

Kit Manufacturer or Type _____
(to the best of your knowledge)

Check the class/provide the age of the participant when under 18:

Novice Stock
 Novice Modified
 Novice Display Only

_____ Age
_____ Age
_____ Age

**Participants 12 and under
must have parent/guardian
present when registering.**

Adult Stock
 Adult Modified
 Adult Display Only

_____ Age
_____ Age
_____ Age

13 and older

Diorama/Scene

_____ Age

Senior Division

_____ Age

Previous High Score Winner

Judging Notes:

_____ Entry No.

_____ Score

Notes:

Class Standing:

1ST

2ND

3RD

TIE

Special Award Notes:

**AMO Model Car Contest
People's Choice Ballot**

_____ **Novice – Entry Number**

_____ **Adult – Entry Number**

_____ **Diorama/Scene – Entry Number**

**People's Choice Ballot
AMO Model Car Contest**

_____ **Novice – Entry Number**

_____ **Adult – Entry Number**

_____ **Diorama/Scene – Entry Number**

**AMO Model Car Contest
Novice Division
Modified Class Score Sheet**

Entry Number _____

Name of Participant _____

Year _____ **Model** _____ **Color** _____

Picture Attached: Yes No

_____ **(10) Construction** **Notes:**

_____ **(10) Detail** **Notes:**

_____ **(10) Paint** **Notes:**

_____ **(10) Overall Appearance** **Notes:**

_____ **(40) Total** **Initials:** _____

**AMO Model Car Contest
Novice Division
Snap-Together Class Score Sheet**

Entry Number _____

Name of Participant _____

Year _____ **Model** _____ **Color** _____

Picture Attached: Yes No

_____ **(10) Construction** **Notes:**

_____ **(10) Detail** **Notes:**

_____ **(10) Paint** **Notes:**

_____ **(10) Overall Appearance** **Notes:**

_____ **(40) Total** **Initials:** _____

**AMO Model Car Contest
Novice Division
Diorama/Scene Class Score Sheet**

Entry Number _____

Name of Participant _____

Year _____ Model _____ Color _____

Diorama/Scene _____

Picture Attached: Yes No

_____ (10) Construction Notes:

_____ (10) Detail Notes:

_____ (10) Paint Notes:

_____ (10) Overall Appearance Notes:

_____ (10) Originality/Ingenuity Notes:

_____ (10) Organization Notes:

_____ (60) Total Initials: _____

**AMO Model Car Contest
Adult Division
Diorama/Scene Class Score Sheet**

Entry Number _____

Name of Participant _____

Year _____ **Model** _____ **Color** _____

Picture Attached: Yes No

_____ **(10) Construction** **Notes:**

_____ **(10) Detail** **Notes:**

_____ **(10) Paint** **Notes:**

_____ **(10) Overall Appearance** **Notes:**

_____ **(10) Originality/Ingenuity** **Notes:**

_____ **(10) Organization** **Notes:**

_____ **(60) Total** **Initials:** _____

AMO Model Car Contest Master Awards List
for Awards Banquet/*American Motoring*

Novice Division

Name

Model

Stock Class

1st Place: _____

2nd Place: _____

3rd Place: _____

Honorable Mention: _____

Modified Class

1st Place: _____

2nd Place: _____

3rd Place: _____

Honorable Mention: _____

Snap-Together Class

1st Place : _____

2nd Place: _____

3rd Place: _____

Honorable Mention: _____

Diorama/Scene Class

1st Place: _____

2nd Place: _____

3rd Place: _____

Honorable Mention: _____

Adult Division

Stock Class

1st Place: _____

2nd Place: _____

3rd Place: _____

Honorable Mention: _____

Modified Class

1st Place: _____

2nd Place: _____

3rd Place: _____

Honorable Mention: _____

Diorama/Scene Class

1st Place: _____

2nd Place: _____

3rd Place: _____

Honorable Mention: _____

Senior Class

1st Place: _____

2nd Place: _____

3rd Place: _____

Honorable Mention: _____

American Modeler Award: _____

Models Judged _____

Names of Judges: _____
