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**Concours d’Elegance Information**

The concours d’elegance gives you the opportunity to enter your Mercedes-Benz to be judged against specific MBCA standards. The categories are show class, street class, touring class, and Silver Star Preservation as described below. Additional information including judging sheets and the national events rulebook are available online in the event forms and club manuals sections after you log in at the national website at http://www.mbca.org/resources

**SHOW CLASSIFICATION**

Cars in this category represent the most perfect examples of the Mercedes-Benz marque. Show

Class entrants must be at least twenty-five model years old. These cars are in original condition, or

are restored to show quality standards. Trailer cars should be classified as show cars, providing they

are at least twenty-five years old. A trailer car entered in Show Class will not have 10 (ten) points

deducted from the overall score. Once a car enters the "show" category, it cannot change to the

"street" category during that event. Emphasis is placed on authenticity, condition, and cleanliness in each category.

**STREET CLASSIFICATION**

Cars in this class are usually driven on a regular basis. Because these cars are driven, the underbody

and exhaust system are not judged. Street cars should be driven to the event or participate in driving

competition at the event. If trailered cars are entered in Street Class, they will have 10 (ten) points

deducted from the overall Concours score. The deduction is taken unless the car is driven in 2 or

more competitive driving events before the Concours.

TOURING CLASSIFICATION

The touring classification is similar to street classification but the engine compartment is not judged.

SILVER STAR PRESERVATION CLASS

1. The stated purpose of the Silver Star Preservation Class is not to create another “judged

class” as MBCA Section, Regional, or National events. It has been designed to encourage

you, as the owner of a a Mercedes-Benz over twenty-five years old, who drives your car to

enjoy it to participate in MBCA Section, Regional and National events and receive

recognition for that participation.

2. A Silver Star Preservation Class Mercedes-Benz must be driven to the MBCA event and

have all of its safety items operating. It must have a fire extinguisher. The safety items will

be checked by a reviewer and all must be totally operational to qualify your car as a Silver

Star Preservation vehicle.

3. The Silver Star Preservation Class is designed to have you, the owner, complete the

shaded portion of “The Silver Star Preservation Class Qualification Form. It is possible that

you, as the owner may not be sure that some items are not original at which time you

should consult with a reviewer who in turn may refer you to a member more knowledgeable

about your car.

4. The point system has been designed as a guideline and qualification of 60 points or better

in three of the five categories will earn you a Silver Star Preservation Certificate. The

“Reviewer” will go over the qualifications form with you to assure you have completed all

categories.

Remember, the purpose of the Silver Star Preservation Class is to encourage you to share your car

with the rest of us. A well loved and driven over twenty five year old Mercedes-Benz should not be

denied participation in MBCA events nor should it be denied recognition for being there. It just may

serve another member as a guide for a restoration project of a similar car.

Complete originality is not expected for Silver Star certification; it is enough if the vehicle retains a

significant number of individual components as they existed at the time of manufacture. Vehicles with

obvious alterations to the body, chassis, or drive train are not eligible. Wear components are not

expected to be original.

A Silver Star Preservation vehicle is not expected to meet the overall rigid condition standards

expected of Concours (street and/or show) competitors; owners of these vehicles enjoy driving them

at the toll to condition that inevitably brings.

These vehicles are driven; therefore, their major mechanical components are expected to function as

originally intended. They must start, steer, drive, stop, and turn as designed. All of their safety

components (lights, horn, wipers, seat belts, if so equipped) should be functional.

Wear items such as belts, hoses, clamps, batteries, tires, brakes and clutches are expected to do so

and can be replaced with an approved OER (original equipment replacement) item.

It is recommended that Silver Star Certified and Candidate vehicles carry an approved fire

extinguisher at all MBCA sponsored appearances and events.