

Category Descriptions for Houston Automotive Modelers Society Model Show classes:

- 401: Junior** - All categories (Under 13 years of age).
- 402: Senior** - All categories (13-17 years of age).
- 403: Box Stock** - Kit instructions must accompany the model. The model must be built from parts supplied in the kit and each part must be used in the way the kit manufacturer intended. Design flaws may not be corrected. Removal of parting lines or injection points, filling of sink holes, re-chroming of flawed chrome, and use of replacement parts from an identical kit is allowed. Paint, foil, flocking or decals from any source will be allowed.
- 404: Street Rod (1950 & earlier)** - Any non-factory stock street legal vehicle 1950 and older.
- 405: Street Machine (1951 & later)** - Any non-factory stock street legal vehicle 1951 & newer. No Slicks Allowed.
- 406: Factory/Showroom Stock** - Any car, light truck, van or 4x4 with any level of detailing that is street worthy. Must have factory stock chassis and tires. Factory Stock Engine, dress up kits allowed. No Body changes and no other modifications from factory stock are allowed.
- 410: Competition, Drag** - Any competition vehicle designed and built to compete on straight tracks (i.e. drag racing or Bonneville speed trials).
- 411: Competition, Open-Wheel** - Any closed-course competition vehicle with exposed wheels (no fenders) designed and built to compete on a paved or dirt track or off-road.
- 412: Competition, Closed Wheel** - Any closed-course competition vehicle with covered wheels (inside fenders) designed and built to compete on a paved or dirt track or off-road.
- 420: Foreign & Exotic** - Any import or exotic street car will compete in this class. Stickered Drift cars will not compete in this class. (Non-import exotics include Hennessy Viper, Ford GT, Saleen, etc.)
- 430: Heavy Truck/Commercial/Emergency** - Any heavy commercial vehicle with a carrying capacity over 1 ton. Must have a logo on the door or side panel or a commercial license plate. Also, any large emergency vehicle (i.e. fire truck or police armored car).
- 431: Light Truck/Commercial/Emergency** - Any light truck vehicle with carrying capacity of 1 ton or less. It may have a logo on the door or side panel or a commercial license plate. Also, any small emergency vehicle (i.e. police car).
- 440: Larger Scale** - Any model 1/18 scale or larger.
- 441: 1/32 Scale and Smaller** - Any model 1/32 scale or smaller.
- 450: Curbside** - Any type of car can be entered in this class but no open hoods, doors or trunk lids allowed. Interior may be visible and any level of detailing is allowed. Blowers, carbs and injectors visible through a hood will be allowed, but no additional engine parts may be seen. No mirrored bases and any chassis detail will not be judged.
- 451: Miscellaneous** - Anything relating to the automotive field that does not fit in any other category.
- 460: Custom** - Any vehicle that has body alterations so that it is no longer stock in appearance. Any engine and/or interior modifications are allowed. Vehicle does not have to be street legal. Factory concept or experimental cars will be included in this class.
- 461: Low riders** - Specific category of custom car that has been lowered.
- 470: Slammer Cars & Trucks** - Only the outside appearance of model will only be judged. Windows must be opaque. Visible blowers, carbs or injectors will be allowed, but no other engine parts may be visible. No open doors, hoods or trunk lids.
- 480: Motorcycles** - Any motorcycle detailed to any level.
- 490: Diorama** - Automotive related scenes. Please limit size to no larger than 600 square inches.

Military Vehicles are allowed in any appropriate category as long as they are wheeled-only. No fully or partially tracked military vehicles allowed (i.e. tank or half-track). However, fully or partially tracked civilian vehicles are allowed (i.e. bulldozer). In addition, military vehicles may not carry a canon/large caliber gun, nor are post-WWII non-truck based APC eligible. (Example: M-ATV good, Stryker bad.)