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The Auto Glass Technician Calibration Competition, sponsored by Launch Tech USA, is a premier international competition designed to find and honor the auto glass technician who completes the best auto glass calibration. Congratulations on your decision to be part of competition that will bring the industry's forward thinking technicians together under one roof.

Competitors may choose any calibration system from any sponsoring manufacturers during the competition. Please visit the official event website, www.autoglassweek.com, for a current list of sponsors. The deadline for choosing a system is July 15, 2022.

By competing, you agree to comply with and adhere to all rules and regulations throughout the competition. The decisions of the judges and organizers are final and without contestation or appeal. The judges evaluate whether all proper procedures are followed or not and it is up to each competitor to take each step to do so.

The competition is not a test of speed; it is a test of quality. Time is only a factor in the case of a tie score. In such a case, the competitor taking less time to complete the calibration will win. Areas to be judged: in-depth knowledge, calibration assessment and preparation, material assembly and placement, static calibration procedure, post-calibration procedure.

Competitors will be allotted up to 90 minutes to complete a static calibration. If you are not finished at the 90 minute mark, you will be asked to stop. Competitors will be judged only on the work that was completed and will not receive points for non-completed items. After the judging process has finalized, competitors who did not finish must then complete the calibration process so that the vehicle is safe to drive.

Preliminary Competitions and Finals

All Auto Glass Technician Calibration competitors will receive a call between July 18 and July 22 to set up their primary heat which will take place between July 25 and August 5. Technicians

will be responsible for completing a full calibration on a vehicle. There will be no advance notice of the make/model of the competition vehicles or the parts to be removed and/or installed before the competition begins. The technicians with the three highest scores will become the finalists.

The top three competitors will be invited to compete in person in the finals round to be held on Wednesday, September 14 at Auto Glass Week™ 2022. If the finalist cannot attend, the next highest scorer will be invited. All finalists will receive a free full registration to Auto Glass Week. The gold medalist and grand champion will be announced at the Closing Awards Ceremony on Friday, September 16 and will receive a prize of \$5,000 and bragging rights as the “World’s Best Auto Glass Calibration Technician.”

A finalist meeting will be held on Wednesday, September 14 at 12:00 p.m. Any changes in time or location after September 12 will be provided by text message.

Any finalists not arriving by the start of the finals may be disqualified.

Materials

Organizers and supporters of the event will provide all equipment necessary to complete the static calibration. If you prefer to bring your own Diagnostic Tool you may do so, however it is not required.

Every effort has been made to provide cars of equal condition and difficulty. On those occasions when this is not possible, the judges will take the degree of installation difficulty into consideration.

Proctors will monitor the finalist’s stations. Proctors must be protected from possible injury. Do not assume your customer would have safety equipment on.

Judging

Judges may speak to a competitor directly, but all communication from competitors to judges must go through the proctor. No communication initiated by competitors directed to the judges will be answered. In cases of concern, have the proctor take note of the item and it will be given to the judges for consideration at the end of the heat. Competitors have the opportunity to ask questions during the pre-competition question and answer with the judges during the competitor meeting.

No foul language by competitors or their supporters will be tolerated and are grounds for disqualification. Competitors should refrain from any interaction (conversation) with spectators, other competitors, judges or organizers unless questioned by a proctor or judge directly. Interaction with persons other than your proctor during the competition may result in disqualification. If communication, directions and/or instructions are given to competitors those points will be removed automatically and the competitor may be disqualified.

Disruptive spectators will be asked to leave the competition floor following one warning. There will be no communication between spectators and competitors. If communication takes place and the competitor responds, it is grounds for an immediate disqualification.

Grounds for a 10-point Deduction

The following may be cause for a 10-point deduction:

- Continuing to work past the allotted time.

Grounds for Disqualification:

The following may be cause for disqualification:

- Not arriving by the start of the finals;
- Providing incorrect information;
- Foul language and misrepresentation; and/or
- The use of a cell phone, camera, headphones, live streaming or video device during the competition.

Permissions and Additional Items

In order to compete, you must have been employed as a technician in a bona fide auto glass repair, replacement or calibration company within the last year and must be a manufacturer certified calibration technician. Competitors will be asked for their serial number on the competitor registration form as proof of training and certification. Owners or managers of supplier companies may not compete themselves. Competitors must be at least 18 years of age by the end of the competition.

As a participating member of this event, you will sign a license for permission to use your name, photograph and image for future promotion. This license is irrevocable, worldwide in scope, royalty-free and covers all possible uses of the work in all media. By competing, you understand and allow event management to contact you via email, fax, phone and text in the future.

Please note: Competitors are not permitted to use cell phones, cameras, headphones, video devices or live streaming in the competition area. Competitors are to refrain from initiating any interaction (conversation) with spectators, other competitors, competition judges or organizers. Spectators may film clips of the competitions but may not speak to the competitor during the competition. Competitors are not permitted interaction with spectators and doing so during the competition may result in disqualification

Your own professional uniform should be worn for the Closing Awards Ceremony. If a winner is unable to attend the Closing Awards Ceremony they will receive their title, but will not receive the prize money. Checks will be mailed to eligible winners no later than October 7, 2022. Competitors must notify the competition coordinator within 60 days of the event closing if they have not received their award money or the award money may be forfeited.

Health and Safety

All competitors must adhere to the latest CDC guidelines in place in the venue regarding face coverings and social distancing. Unwillingness to follow the CDC guidelines will be grounds for immediate disqualification.

Appeals

There is no right of appeal or contestation. Competitors will be provided their finals scores, but judges' notes and deductions will not be disclosed. Competitors understand that the judges' decision is final and beyond contestation and that all decisions of the event management are final and not subject to appeal. These rules and regulations shall be governed by the laws of the Commonwealth of Virginia, County of Stafford. Venue for any dispute regarding the rules and regulations shall be in the County of Stafford, Commonwealth of Virginia, and adjudicated there. If modifications to the rules are made, every effort will be made to notify competitors of those changes prior to the competition.

2022 Auto Glass Calibration Competition Annotated Score Sheet

The following is a guide to the score sheet, complete with notes. Accommodations will not be made for autonomous calibration systems. The highest score possible is 100.

Calibration Assessment and Preparation

(20 points total)

You will be judged on the beginning preparation and assessment of the calibration.

- Moving vehicle to a level surface (verbally announced) (2.5 points)
- Cleaning windshield (5 points)
- Vehicle Inspection (5 points) (*Checking tire pressure and ensuring all tires are filled to required PSI, checking fuel tank and making necessary adjustments, checking for spare tire, and removal of all extra cargo*)
- Preparation of work space (5 points)
- Verbalize connection to power source or verified voltage (2.5 points)

Stand and Target Assembly and Placement

(30 points total)

You will be judged on the proper placement and adjustment of the stand and targets.

- Properly adjusting front wheels (5 points)
- Finding the center line (5 points)
- Properly placing target stands (10 points)
- Properly placing and leveling target boards (10 points)

Static Calibration Procedure and Camera Aiming

(20 points total)

You will be judged on the use of the calibration tool, to include aiming the camera.

- Connection of tool (5 points)
- Running DTC Analysis to check for existing error codes (5 points)
- Following all prompts on the tool (10 points)

Drive Test

(20 points total)

You will be judged on the final procedures, including whether a drive test is mentioned.

- Calibration completed properly and drive test mentioned (10 points)
- Running DTC Analysis to check for existing error codes (5 points)
- Printing Report (5 points)

In-depth Knowledge Credit

(10 points total)

You will be asked additional questions.

- In-depth knowledge question 1 (5 points)
- In-depth knowledge question 2 (5 points)