

1985 Eligibility for Groups 2 and 7

Text of Rule Change

On January 18, 2025, the CVAR Board of Directors adopted the following revised language (BLUE is the current language and RED are additions):

2.1 Production and Sedan Cars

CVAR accepts Production and Sedan cars up to and including 1972, with CVAR exceptions, with preparation in accordance with SCCA's GCR/PCS versions up to and including 1972. CVAR requires that any car accepted must be representative of a car type that actually raced in period in the SCCA.

Classes based on preparation up to and including the 1972 SCCA GCR as follows:

- Production A through H
- Sedans A through C

In addition, CVAR accepts Production and Sedan cars prepared beyond 1972 up to and including 1985, with CVAR exceptions, with preparation in accordance with SCCA's GCR/PCS/GTCS versions up to and including 1985. CVAR requires that any car accepted must be representative of a car type that actually raced in period in the SCCA. Tube framed cars are specifically NOT Allowed and all cars must run on Treaded Tires (no slicks allowed).

Classes based on preparation beyond 1972 and up to and including the 1985 SCCA GCR are as follows:

- GT-2 through GT-5

The 1985 GCR

The 1985 GCR contains two preparation standards for sedan and production cars, Production Category rules and GT Category rules. Individual car specifications are in two separate sections, either Production Car Specifications (PCS) or GT Car Specifications (GTCS) appendices. We will post a bookmarked PDF of the 1985 GCR to the CVAR website to help members navigate the new ruleset.

Production Category Rules

The 1985 Production Category rules are an update to the 1972 Production Category rules we are familiar with. The following 1985 classes follow Production Category rules:

- GT-2-C (former C Production) (cars listed in GTCS)
- GT-3-D (former D Production) (cars listed in GTCS)
- E Production (cars listed in PCS)
- F Production (cars listed in PCS)
- G Production (cars listed in PCS)
- H Production (cars listed in PCS)

For 1985, both the PCS and GTCS describe the cars as modified and the listed weights are “as raced or qualified” “including driver” (see 1985 GCR Section 2.1.e and 6.2). This is different than the 1972 PCS which describes cars as manufactured and lists weights with OEM wheels/tires, full oil, full coolant but without fuel, tools, luggage or people (see 1972 GCR Section 2.1.e).

Updates in the 1985 Production Category rules allow the following items that were not allowed in 1972 (just major differences listed here):

- Covered Window Slots
- Interior Door Panels of non-Flammable Materials
- Larger Front Spoilers
- Polycarbonate Rear Windows and Rear Quarter Windows
- Body Panels of Alternate Materials
- Accumulators (Accusumps) Allowed
- Changed Shock Absorber Attachment Points
- Lever Type Shock Absorbers Can be Changed to Tube Type
- Shock Absorbers Can be Load Bearing (i.e., Coilovers)
- Moved Chassis Suspension Pick-up Points
- Non-OEM Distributor (Existing CVAR Exception)
- Battery Relocation (Existing CVAR Exception)
- Dry-Sump Systems
- Alternate Rocker Arms/Rocker Arm Assemblies
- Aftermarket Brake Calipers (GT-2-C only)

GT Category Rules

The following 1985 classes follow GT Category rules (all cars listed in GTCS):

- GT-2
- GT-3
- GT-4
- GT-5

The GTCS describes the cars as modified and the listed weights are “as raced or qualified” “including driver” (see 1985 GCR Section 6.2).

In addition to 1985 Production Category allowances, the 1985 GT Category rules allow the following:

- Removal of Door Hinges and Latches
- Removal of Interior Door Panels
- Removal of Wheel Well Fender Panels
- Rear Spoilers as Listed in GTCS
- Replacement of Suspension Components (Fabricated Control Arms)
- Change, Relocation of Steering System
- Wheel Dimensions and Track per GTCS
- Any Distributor or Transistorized Ignition System (Including Crank-Triggered)
- Any Clutch (Including Multi-Disc)
- Any Transmission up to 5 Speeds (Including Dog Box)
- Any Differential
- Main Bearing Cap Straps/Girdles/Additional Bolts
- Valve Size Unrestricted
- Carburetors/Intake Manifolds Unrestricted Unless Limited by GTCS
- Brake Rotors/Calipers/Drums Unrestricted Unless Limited by GTCS
- Water Cooled Brakes Allowed

Guidance

The 1985 rules create two performance tiers (cars using Production rules and cars using GT rules). Since we are also retaining 1972 classes, we will end up with three performance tiers in Groups 2 and 7 as follows:

- Cars prepared “up to and including” 1972 Production and Sedan Category Rules
- Cars prepared “up to and including” 1985 Production Category Rules

- Cars prepared “up to and including” 1985 GT Category Rules

Group 2 Classes will be:

- EP ('72 Production rules)
- FP ('72 Production rules)
- CS ('72 Sedan rules)
- EP+ ('85 Production rules)
- FP+ ('85 Production rules)
- GT4 ('85 GT rules)
- GT5 ('85 GT rules)

Group 7 Classes will be:

- CP ('72 Production rules)
- DP ('72 Production rules)
- BS ('72 Sedan rules)
- GT2C ('85 Production rules)
- GT3D ('85 Production rules)
- GT2 ('85 GT rules)
- GT3 ('85 GT rules)

Cars built to '85 categories must use a “treaded tire.” Acceptable radial tires include Hoosier “Speedster” series and any radial tire of 100TW or higher with molded treads. A slick tire with 2 grooves (i.e., Hoosier R7, Toyo RR) is not approved for the '85 categories.

2025 is a “Rules Transition Year.” As we use this new guidance, membership is encouraged to engage with group reps to voice questions or concerns.