

A Guide to the 2017 Categories and Classes

To compete in any speed event approved by the MSA, a vehicle must adhere to the relevant regulations defined specifically in the MSA yearbook (the Blue Book) section S - pages 340 - 350. As such vehicles must fit into the following categories:

Road Going Series Production, with a subset of Standard Cars,
Road Going Specialist Production,
Modified Series Production,
Modified Specialist Production,
Hill Climb Super Sports Cars,
Sports Libre,
Racing Cars

Performance and Safety modifications vary according to these categories. I was tempted to summarise the differences but was advised strongly not to do so. It is the competitors responsibility to study the Blue Book and ensure their car is properly aligned to one of the above categories.

Thereafter Championship and Event organisers have freedom to group categories or segment categories as they wish. We (ACSMC, AEMC and ASEMC) try to provide groupings that produce as similar a performance as possible. The term 'Specialist' above refers to vehicles made in reduced numbers. We seek to simplify the process by listing those cars we will treat as specialist in Appendix 1.

A. Road Going Specialist Production and Road Going Series production (incorporating Standard Cars):

A1, A2 are the MSA defined 'Standard Cars' plus those cars that would otherwise meet these requirements but have been manufactured before 01/01/2000.

A3, A4, A5 reflect different engine capacity breakpoints, with 1600 turbo engines (E.G. Mini Cooper S) now in A4.

A6 is for 4wd.

A7, A8 are for those cars in Appendix 1. All motor cycle engines which are in A8

B. Modified with some exclusions

B9, B10, B11 are for modified cars, *excluding* those with motor cycle engines and those in Appendix 1

C. Sports Libre and those Modifieds listed in Appendix 1 or with Motor Cycle engines

C12, C13 In addition to Sports Libre, these now include Modifieds not in B. This change has been a little contentious. We have tried to alleviate this by having different engine break points for C12 and C13 for Sports Libre, Appendix 1 Modifieds and Motor Cycle Engine modifieds.

D. Racing Cars

D14, D15 according to engine capacity.

Appendix 1

Two seater cars such as Caterham, Westfield, Sylva, Fisher and Lotus 7, Elise, Exige and 340R, Vauxhall 220, X-bow- and similar types/ derivatives.

Note Engine capacity increase/decrease factors:

- a. Forced induction, an increase of 40%, except for 'Standard Cars' where an increase of 70% should be applied.
- b. Cars using Diesel Fuel , a reduction of 30%. This is not in the Blue Book this year and therefore maybe lost in 2018.
- c. Rotary engined cars, an increase of 50% on the real capacity.