RENTAL CAR CLASS

Lemons Rally’s (ahem) “organizers” may include a Rental Car Class. The Rental Car Class will be judged separately from (ahem) “normal” classes and have its own winner’s trophy.

Starting points in the Rental Car class are determined separately from the (ahem) “normal” starting-point rubric (see below for rubric). Points for checkpoints and on-route misadventures are the same for all rally participants. (In other words: If you end up in a rental, that’s cool—but you ain’t winning the Rally overall.)

Please Note: Lemons Rally expects all participants to obey all laws, agreements, contracts, and covenants. If you car-rental agreement conflicts with a Lemons Rally route or instruction, just don’t do it, chucklehead. Just the same, you probably want the full coverage.

POINTS RUBRIC

RENTAL AGENCY
Tier 1, -50 points: Supercar/Luxury Rentals, OEM Dealerships/Sponsored Rentals
Tier 2, 0-25 Points: Reputable Rentals (Hertz, Enterprise, Avis/Budget, Alamo/National, Dollar/Thrifty)
Tier 3, 50-100 Points: Less-Reputable Rentals (Payless, Advantage, Sixt, Fox, Ace, etc.)
Tier 4, 150+ Points: Where Did You Even Find This? (Rent-A-Wreck, “Carl’s Car-Borrowin’ Bonanza,” etc)
Tier 5, 100-200 Points: Super Size (Airport Van Rental, U-Haul, CruiseAmerica, etc.)
Special Tier, Points Case-by-Case: Turo, Hagerty DriveShare, ZipCar, and other car-share groups.

MILEAGE
- More than 50,000 miles +100 points
- More than 40,000 miles +40 points
- More than 30,000 miles +30 points
- More than 20,000 miles +20 points
- More than 10,000 miles +10 points

THEMES
- Costumes/Regalia/Schtick: Up to 100 Points at the start.
- Decorating your rental: Up to 100 points. (Yes, there are ways to theme a rental car within the rental agreement framework, but remember: You broke it, you bought it.)

OTHER INTANGIBLES
- Add 20 points for each kind of different tire on the car. +20 bonus for completely mismatched set.
- Have another 25 points if the Rental Car lottery deals you a Chrysler/FCA/Stellantis product or a Mitsubishi. *Shudder*

Example 1: You have rented a 78,000-mile (100) Dodge Journey (25) with four mismatched tires (100) from Rent-A-Wreck (150). You may have upwards of 375 points to start; good luck with the inevitable and necessary roadside assistance!

Example 2: You have rented a brand-new (0) Toyota Corolla (0) from Hertz (0), but your four-person team are dressed as luchadores (up to 100) with each car door decorated with an elaborate wrestling scene using easily removable blue painter’s tape (100). You may have upwards of 200 points to start and the car will probably run fine.