

Let's raise the minimum weight to 2650lb

Posted by rlofgren - 31 May 2009 10:54

for normal sized people(200+lb), it is not easy to get to 2600 lbs even with an early car. with a later car, i would say almost impossible. or is this a weight penalty to offset the perceived increase in horsepower of the later engines?

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Re:Let's raise the minimum weight to 2650lb

Posted by cullenwinter - 04 Jun 2009 03:42

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Re:Let's raise the minimum weight to 2650lb

Posted by Sterling Doc - 04 Jun 2009 08:34

As for late cars, I've had two '88's and one '86 that I've gotten down into the low 2,300's out of fuel. The '86 was at 2,308, with the rubber bumpers still on. I had to put in a full cool suit cooler, a passenger seat, and start the race with at least 2/3 tank to make min weight. I weigh 175. Two of the cars had Hanksville Cages, one had a custom cage in it.

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Re:Let's raise the minimum weight to 2650lb

Posted by Lofgren - 04 Jun 2009 08:55

My new '88 is at 2750 with most of the weight removal already done. Of course, I do weigh 250 lbs. My opinion on 2600 vs. 2650 depends on rules enforcement. If changes that lighten the car but have no safety downside or performance upside are OK, then 2600 works for me. On the other hand, I suspect that a strict interpretation of the rules would disqualify most cars that are not early cars with smaller drivers.

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Dan

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Re:Let's raise the minimum weight to 2650lb

Posted by Sterling Doc - 04 Jun 2009 12:38

Dan,

Your car seems to be an outlier. Even a 150lb driver would be a bit over weight in it. Have you compared it with some others to see why? Battleship cage? Lots of Bondo? Very heavy seat? You could get in any of the 3 late chassis cars I built and be under 2650.

Re:Let's raise the minimum weight to 2650lb

Posted by Weston - 04 Jun 2009 13:43

Bondo seems to be pretty common in our old 944's. My driver's side fender had a 1/4" thick layer of bondo covering most of it when I bought the car... rather than taking the fender off the car (a PITA with the undercoating) and pounding it out, they just used massive amounts of bondo. When I ran into Cullen in the parking lot last year, bondo came out of my fender like candy out of a pinata.
