

Wise Guy Wednesday

Wise Guy 24-10: **Operates Just Like New...Almost**

Q: Hey Wise Guy, I'm pretty close to having my Vette ready for Gold Certified® judging. My buddy and I acquired many correct parts and my restorer did a great job. I think my last task will be making sure that everything on the car works! Some of the gauges are a little inaccurate and bouncy, but they work. Any advice for me?

Randy



A: Ready Randy; An important part of Certification judging is what we call TECH. It is only about 8% of the total possible score you can attain, but they are important items and easy to get them to *operate just like new*. There are approximately 45 components that the judges will check for proper operation. Bloomington Gold follows a basic principle for each component;

The mechanical and electrical components should function as designed. The guideline is "Would a manufacturer typically allow the component to leave the factory this way?" If yes, it passes. If no, it fails.

So Randy, in your final task of preparing your car for Certification judging, make sure all of your operating components work as they would have when Chevrolet manufactured your Corvette. Get a copy of our TECH judging sheet from the Bloomington Gold office and check that all the items operate and they **do so as they would have when new!**

Examples:

- * Your wipers should operate on all speeds and not strike or go over the window trim.
- * Horn(s) should perform fully and do so from all contacts of the horn button.
- * The Corvette should start easily, run at the correct rpms, and have no smoke or abnormal engine noise.
- * The heater fan should work on all speeds and expel air through all vents.
- * Door locks should operate easily from inside or exterior with key or key fob.
- * Power rear hatch release should operate from car and key fob.

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