

Submission Title: AA/AP Weightbreak Removal

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BIO: I have raced regularly in Competition Eliminator for about 13 years & have mostly entered the car in AA/AP. I think I am in a position to put forward this proposal & hope it is given the consideration I believe it deserves.

RULEBOOK REFERENCE:

Altered Production – Page 129

RULE SUBMISSION INTENT:

I believe this to be an antiquated rule bought in when "shoebox" style cars were popular & needed an advantage due to the sheer bulkiness of these body styles.

PROPOSED ADMENDMENT:

Remove the weight break advantage for pre-1970 cars in AA/AP.

CLASSES AFFECTED:

Altered Production

Does this rule protect the safety of participants and spectators?

No Change - Would not have any impact on either.

Is this rule a positive step for the sport?

Yes, the costs involved in getting a sedan down to weight with the current popular engine capacities for the class would be extremely high & would discourage potential competitors from stepping into the class.

Is the impact of the rule on other classes and brackets a positive one?

Yes, it would prevent someone without budget limitation build a car which could potentially dominate the Competition Eliminator class.

Does the rule ensure increased opportunity for even competition?

Yes, it would ensure AA/AP rules remain consistent regardless of the chosen body style.

Is the rule practical and enforceable?

Yes, it would require no extra effort than now. It is simply a lbs. per cube calculation which is already done anyway.

Is the cost of complying with the rule reasonable for competitors?

Yes, there is no cost involved & removing the advantage would make competing cheaper as there would be no need to invest in lightweight components or composites.

SUMMARY

The logic behind the submission of this proposal lies with real life racing here in Perth. over the last two seasons or so, two AA/AP cars have been trading ET blows back & forth. One is my car, a2002 Holden Monaro, the other car being a 1968 Camaro. Considering these cars have run within .02 sec. et & the Camaro is actually 3mph faster, I do not see any reason for the early style body to have an advantage. The cars both weigh in at around 2620lbs & have very similar engine combinations. It also seems odd that AA/AP is the only group two class with this current rule.

What we do not need in a sportsman class is the temptation to go out & start buying VERY expensive titanium components & lightweight bodies which as well as being expensive to buy, come with limited lifespans & are high maintenance.