

CHAPTER IV—Group 3: Grand Touring Cars

264—Definition

Grand touring cars are vehicles built in small series for customers who are looking for a better performance and/or a maximum comfort and are not particularly concerned about economy.

Such cars shall conform to a model defined in a catalogue and be offered to the customers by the regular Sales Department of the manufacturer. They must be recognised by the F.I.A. according to the provisions of Art. 265 below.

Shall on the other hand also be classed in group 3 (Grand Touring Cars). Touring cars made of series production mechanical parts and not having been subject to any other changes or additions apart from those authorised according to Art. 261 and 263 but equipped with a special coachwork.

By special coachwork is meant:

(a) either the original one when it has been subject to any kind of alteration in shape or appearance (other than one due to a latitude granted under 261 or 263) or to an alteration of the material used by the manufacturer.

(b) or a coachwork without any relation with the original one and made especially either by the manufacturer or an independent builder to answer a private order. In that case, two possibilities are to be examined:

(1) if the chassis is of self-bearing type, it shall be maintained and may be strengthened, but not lightened or cut;

(2) if the chassis is not of self-bearing type, that is when the car has no chassis or only a partial or insufficiently bearing one, the body may be changed as a whole, but shall under its new shape compulsorily use the original attachment points on the series production elements of the suspension, propulsion and steering.

Shall also be classified in the same Group 3, Touring Cars equipped with their standard coachwork, but having been subject to changes or additions not authorised by Art. 261 and 263 above and whose limits are stated hereafter under Art. 274 (b).

265—Minimum production—Recognition

In order to enjoy recognition in the "Grand Touring" category cars will have to be produced at a minimum rate of one hundred identical units as far as mechanical parts and coachwork are concerned in 12 consecutive months.

The word "identical" has the same meaning as defined under Art. 257, par. 4. However, one same minimum series of 100 units may have two different carburettor equipments either in number or size.