

REGULATIONS FOR INTERNATIONAL GRANDS PRIX FOR AUTOMOTIVE INNOVATION

The International GRANDS PRIX for Automotive Innovation are organized by the EQUIP AUTO Show (October 15 to 20, 2007) in collaboration with the AFPA (French Association of the Automotive Press) and the AJTE (Association of European Technical Journalists).

The International GRANDS PRIX for Automotive Innovation are remitted and awarded by an international jury including journalists from the automotive sector.

1 – OBJECT

The object the International Grands Prix for Technical Innovation is to reward the new products, designs and services among all those on exhibition at EQUIP AUTO 2007 and which, according to the sovereign decision of the jury, offer the most interesting innovative character in terms of engineering performance-levels and/or cost effectiveness. Rewards go to those products, designs or services which have been presented to the jury for that purpose by their designer, manufacturer or exclusive agent and under their sole responsibility.

2 – TERMS

Applications, forms and files must be received by COMEXPO Paris, which organizes the EQUIP AUTO Show, 55 quai Alphonse le Gallo 92107 Boulogne – France before **May 31, 2007**.

↪ **Applicants must comply with the following :**

- be an exhibitor at EQUIP AUTO 2007, and exhibit for the Show the product, design or service which is the object of the application,
- be the designer, manufacturer or exclusive agent of the product, design or service or be empowered by one of the above,
- present a new product or product with a noteworthy innovation since EQUIP AUTO 2005 .

↪ **Categories of the contest :**

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4 categories are planned according the major sectors of the fair :

- Products dedicated to Engineering – Advanced Technologies / OEM
- Products dedicated to Spare Parts and Aftermarket
- Products dedicated to Garage
- Services (consulting, training, logistics, decision making and management aid, engineering...)

If an application pertains to several categories, the jury reserves the exclusive right to determine the category which it deems the most adapted to the application.

↳ **File presentation**

The files must be received before **May 31, 2007 on a digital format only** and comply with the following demands : they must be complete and include particulars (blueprints, photos, calculations, test reports, etc.) so that the information can be checked. **The files must be written in French and in English before they can be submitted.**

The exhibitors will have to send one application form for each innovation presented.

3 – THE JURY

The jury will be comprised of journalists from the French and international press. The jury will meet together in order to examine all applications and carry out a preliminary selection (June 2007). A letter will be sent out to each applicant, informing them of which applications have been retained.

4 - AWARDING THE PRIX AND AWARD CEREMONY

The jury will award Grands Prix in each of the 4 categories. However the jury reserves the right not to award any prize if it deems that the applications are not sufficiently innovative. Jury decisions are sovereign and cannot be subject to appeal.

The prizes awarded have no value for the approval or legal registration in any way, shape or form. The official Awards ceremony will be held on Monday, October 15th 2007 at the EQUIP AUTO site.

5 – CIRCULATING INFORMATION AND PROMOTIONAL CAMPAIGNS

On receipt, the information supplied by candidates can be immediately used by the organizers and, if needed, reformulated at their convenience to draft promotional material for the Grands Prix of the EQUIP AUTO Show. In no way, shape or form can the candidates obstruct or protest the said reformation or promotional material. A list of the pre-selected candidates in each category can be released to the press by mid June 2007.

If a candidate would like to postpone the release of information, **until September 14th, 2007** (deadline), he/she must specify the request in a letter enclosed with the application file. The organization of the Grands Prix will attempt, without prejudice, to comply with the said date but it can in no way officially commit to keeping confidential the information it has been supplied with.

Prior to sending their file, the contestants will have taken all practical measures to protect their invention or innovation, i.e. filing drawings, models, patent requests, certificates of usefulness, register of trademark, etc.

The results of the International Grands Prix for Automotive Innovation will be released to the international and French press **on Monday October, 15 2007** evening and will be the object of specific promotional campaigns at the Show. In all the promotional material on product, service or design which has been awarded, the laureate exhibitors must specify : EQUIP AUTO International Grands Prix for Automotive Innovation.

6 – ALTERATIONS – CANCELLATIONS

The organizers reserve the right to shorten, prolong, alter or cancel the contest if circumstances so require. In this case organizers are not liable.

7 – ADVERTISING AND PROMOTIONAL CAMPAIGNS

The laureates authorize in advance the use of their name, address and photography in any advertising or promotional operation connected with this contest. Said authorization does not confer any other right than the awarded prix, for a period of 5 years.

8 – REGULATION ENFORCEMENT

The mere act of sending an application to the organizers entails total compliance, without reservation for the present rules. Any practical difficulties involving the interpretation or enforcement of the said regulations will be settled, with out appeal, by the organizers. The regulations in French alone is the authentic text.

