

Concours To Do Detail List:

Event Prep:

Depending on the event and class within an event, preparation may take only an hour or two, it may take dozens of hours or in the case of Pebble Beach, hundreds of professional detailer man hours.

So, keep things in perspective.

- A local Cars & Coffee requires no preparation other than confirming there's enough gas in the tank to get to the show.
- PCA Zone Competitions are divided into several classes where judges may only observe the exterior and interior of the car to classes where the entirety of the car is examined so prep accordingly.
- PCA national events like Werks Reunion or Parade may differ in requirements so prep accordingly.
- International competitions like Pebble Beach, Amelia Island, Goodwood or Villa d'Este to name a few are in a different universe where billionaire and mere multi-millionaires whip out their checkbooks in a battle of egos.

Schedule:

If your car is daily driven, you may need to start preparations closer to the event and in a compressed time frame.

If your car is occasionally driven &/or garage kept, you can chunk away at the preparation work over several weeks

For most events, this regimen works well:

Wash Vehicle:

- Blow &/or vacuum the radiator air inlets as needed.
- Wash & dry (2 bucket system, blow dry)
 - Be sure to clean the gas cap, door pulls, jams, & drain rails, etc.
- Inspect and perform paint correction as needed:
 - Remove old wax or sealant (optional)
 - Remove surface road contaminants like iron oxide
 - Clay bar (if needed)
 - Correct paint rock chips
 - Correct/Polish (as needed)
 - Apply protection of choice (paste Carnauba)

Glass: (exterior & interior)

- Windshield:
 - Clean, razor, clay bar, polish, apply sealer
- Rear window:
 - Clean, razor, clay bar, polish, apply sealer
- Side windows:

- Clean glass
- Side Mirrors
 - Clean glass
 - Polish & wax covers
- Headlights & Taillights:
 - Clean, tape, & polish as needed (plastic polish)

Engine Bay:

- General cleaning: Vacuum leaves & any debris
- Degrease/clean as needed (Simple Green & water, steam etc. being careful to cover electrical parts)
- Apply finish protectant on surfaces as directed

Radiator intake (Exterior):

- Polish & wax nose cone
- Clean & apply Detailer to splitter/inlets

Rear Wing:

- Clean, polish, wax, rubber finish

Convertible Top lid:

- Polish/wax as required
- Vacuum & clean under lid areas

Convertible Top:

- Vacuum, apply cleaner/wash as needed
- Apply fabric protectant

Trunk/Frunk:

- Battery & Smuggler's Boxes: vacuum, clean & use protectant
- Vacuum, polish aluminum surfaces, apply cleaner, detailer & rubber finish
- Vacuum under hood (insulation) use quick detailer under hood on painted surfaces

Wheels & wheel wells: (remove wheels)

- **Wheels:**
 - Wash, clay, (touch up paint as required), polish & wax
 - Wash & touch up paint lug bolts (magic marker in a pinch)
- **Wheel wells:**
 - Wash & finish wheel wells including suspension parts, brake calipers (polish & wax, under carriage detailer or rubber/vinyl protectant)

Exterior Rubber/Vinyl:

- Clean door gaskets (WD40 & rubber cleaner)
- Apply protectant to surfaces

Interior:

- Remover floor mats
 - Brush, vacuum & shampoo as needed
 - Final detail brush
- Vacuum interior: carpets, door cards, dashboard, and seats
- Remove & clean wind break (Cabriolet)
- Clean all interior surfaces including glass/acrylic as needed
 - Windshield, wing & side windows, rear window, instrument cluster binnacle, rear view mirror, sun visor mirrors, & navigation etc.
- Steam clean all other Alcantara surfaces: Steering wheel, shift lever, hand brake
- Interior cleaner to all surfaces
 - Dash, door cards, seats, sun visors, A, B, C pillars, glovebox, & console, etc.
 - Apply Interior Cleaner & Detailer to all non-leather surfaces
 - Apply leather protectant to all leather surfaces: front & rear
- Polish brushed aluminum parts: steering wheel, door sills, seat controls, etc.
- Polish & seal/wax: interior sills, door jambs, & other surfaces

- Polish plastic on door sills
 - Clean foot pedals & apply detailer
 - Interior Rubbers:
 - Clean & apply rubber protectant to door, hood & trunk rubber controls conduits etc.
 - Apply interior sent
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At the Concours:

Get to the show field early!

If you've driven a long way, park the car in your designated spot, stretch your legs, get situated & have a cup of coffee before getting started. Let the car cool before applying any products to hot surfaces!

Remove **all** non-Porsche factory items from car!!!!!! That means everything including personal items e.g., sunglasses, keys, pens, CDs etc. as well as even Porsche branded items like sunshades, tire pressure gauges etc.

Bring a comfortable folding chair(s) with shade, a cooler with water, other beverages & snacks to munch on during the day.

Don't forget your detail kit with lots of clean microfiber towels.

KeeP in mind that you have already done the hard detailing work at home so any field prep is simply touchup work that shouldn't take long.

- If wet & foggy, dry the car as best you can but be sure to lubricate your drying towel
- Clean road grime using your quick detailer starting from top to bottom. (Don't forget the exhaust pipes).
- Touch up engine bay as needed
- When sufficiently cleaned and dried, apply spray on wax & buff to shine
- Touch up windows inside & out using distilled water & isopropyl alcohol mix. Windows are either clean or they're not.
- Quick interior/trunk clean: vacuum &/or lint roller carpets, dust surfaces with a cloth
- Clean wheel dust (use detailer as needed). Clean tires with rubber cleaner, re-apply tire dressing if needed

- If on grass, remove grass blades from tire treads with a long brush (when dry).
- Ensure that Porsche wheel center crests are pointed towards the valve stems

Take time to walk around and enjoy the show. After your car has been judged, feel free to visit with friends old & new! Use good judgement but don't hesitate to talk to other Concours participants.