



HILL CLIMB

PERFORMANCE FACTOR (Pf) CONCEPT OF CAR CLASSIFICATION

EXPLANATION AND REQUIREMENTS FOR 2019 EVENTS

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INTRODUCTION

The Performance Factor (**Pf**) concept is designed to classify a diverse range of 'production based' cars for all hill climb competitions. The objective is to simply combine the technical features of a car to determine the class it will compete in. This process will be independent of the car's previous homologations, one-make series build specification or previous competition history.

This will allow cars, previously unable to be used in FIA Hill Climbs, to return to active competition and allow a larger variety of new cars to be proposed for entry.

Using physical data input by the competitor describing their car, calculations are made to derive a **Pf** number that places the car in the appropriate class.

The **Pf** will ensure that:

- The competitor is clear which class the car is allowed to compete in.
- The organiser can easily put the car in the appropriate class for an event.
- The scrutineers have physical elements available at an event to check against the classification.
- The stewards can resolve technical protests at an event without reference to paperwork from other championships/homologations, etc.

The objective in 2019 is to test the **Pf** systems, ahead of the 2020 season implementation.



PERFORMANCE FACTOR (Pf)

The **Pf** is derived from physical data input by the competitor to describe the car being entered. This involves using the data for calculations and checks against qualifying 'exceptions' that limit the class a car may compete in.

a) To calculate the **Pf**, the FIA **Pf** website is used as shown in *Table 1*.

Table 1

FIA Pf Website Features	
FIA Pf Website Operation	Comments will be solicited from competitors, officials and organisers about the operation and features of the website.
Input Car Data	Competitor enters data for his/her car.
Calculation	FIA Pf Website uses input data to calculate a Pf number.



PERFORMANCE FACTOR (Pf)

b) Calculation

The **Pf** calculation is as follows and is detailed in *Appendix 2*:

$$\mathbf{Pf} = \frac{\mathbf{Race Weight}}{(\mathbf{Engine Component} * \mathbf{Drive Train Component} * \mathbf{Aero Component} * \mathbf{Chassis Component})}$$

Each component is calculated using physical data supplied by the competitors about their car.

The resulting number (**Pf**) is used to place the car in a class.

c) The minimum weight of a car cannot be less than the weight decided by the FIA Hill Climb Commission (normally as described in Article 277.3 of Appendix J for Category I). *Awaiting for new technical regulations (for application from 2020).*

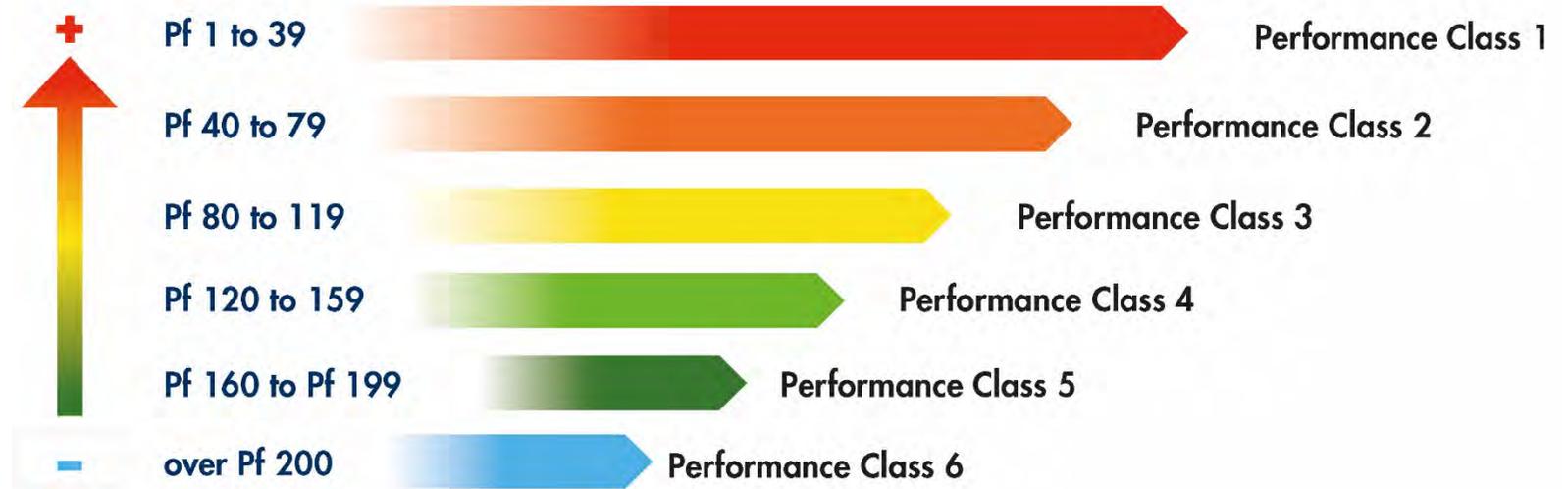
d) **Pf** Classification of cars

A car's **Pf** will determine the class it is in.

For example, Class 1 contains the higher performance cars with a **Pf** number in the range of 0-50. Higher numbered classes will contain lesser performing cars. The number of classes will be determined according to the Pf number 'window' to be decided.

PERFORMANCE FACTOR (Pf)

Pf classification (example)*



**values, terminologies and classifications published only by way of general guidance*

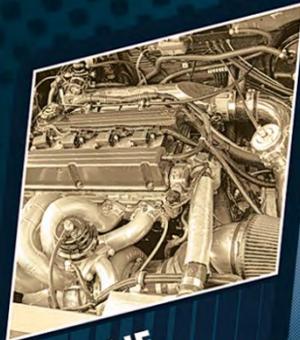
e) Pf Website Access

The FIA **Pf** website will be accessible to: all parties, including the general public/press. They will be able to use this website to see how different combinations of technical specifications change the car's performance. Similar to preparing a car in a motor sport video game.

PERFORMANCE FACTOR



RACE WEIGHT



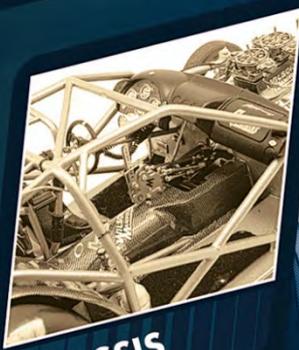
ENGINE



DRIVE TRAIN



AERODYNAMIC



CHASSIS



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PROJECT TIMING

During 2019

The **Pf** is to be trialled the FIA Championship events listed in Table 2. **Pf** simulations will be conducted by FIA technical observers.

Drivers and Competitors

Drivers and Competitors from Category 1 (Groups A, N, S20 and GT) and Group E2-SH in Category 2 will have to complete the **Pf information on the entry form** (from the **Pf** technical declaration) before the FIA Competition or, on request, during scrutineering.

The procedures related to this **Pf** technical declaration (online registration etc.) will be specified in a bulletin.

These trials will be used to help educate and inform organisers, competitors, officials and stewards on the **Pf** concept and gather data on potential challenges at specific events.

This will require a larger team to deal with the technical and media requirements.

Table 2

Event		Date	Nr of FIA Personnel Attending
St Jean du Gard	FRA	12-14/04	2-3
Rechberg	AUT	26-28/04	2-3
Rampa Int. da Falperra	PRT	10-12/05	1-2
Subida Int. al Fito	ESP	17-19/05	1-2
Ecce Homo Sternberk	CZE	31/05-02/06	1-2
ADAC Glasbachrennen	DEU	14-16/06	1-2
Trento Bondone	ITA	05-07/07	1-2
Dobsinsky kopec	SVK	19-21/07	1-2
Limanowa	POL	26-28/07	2-3
St. Ursanne	CHE	16-18/08	1-2
GHD Petrol Ilirska Bistrica	SVN	30/08-01/09	1-2
Buzetski dani	HRV	13-15/09	1-2

PROJECT TIMING

In 2020

The aim is to implement the **Pf** system in Category 1 (Groups A, N, S20 and GT) and in Category 2 (Group E2-SH) for the full FIA Championship and Cup.



In 2021

The aim is to implement the **Pf** system in Category 2 (Groups E2-SS, E2-SC and CN) for the full FIA Championship and Cup.





FIA Pf WEBSITE

Multiple levels of access will be required to cater for the different user groups.

The FIA **Pf** website must be useable for these users as described below in Data Output.

The results of testing the system in 2018 & 2019 will help the FIA to understand how to implement the concept in 2020.

Data Output			
USER GROUP	USE OF PERFORMANCE FACTOR (Pf) DATA OUTPUT	ACCESS ALLOWED BY USER GROUP	
		Pf NUMBER	INPUT DATA
COMPETITORS	The Pf of the competitor's own car and the class the car qualifies for	YES <i>for the competitor's car only</i>	YES and can alter the data for the competitor's car only
SCRUTINEERS	Use data to check the car at an event	YES for all cars	YES visual access only for all cars [A unique scrutineer comment sheet will be used for their input]
ORGANISERS	Pf used to arrange cars into appropriate classes	YES for all cars	NO
TIMEKEEPERS	Results use classes determined by Pf	YES for all cars	NO
STEWARDS	Access to appropriate car data if relevant to a protest	YES for all cars	YES visual access only for all cars



FIA Pf WEBSITE

- a)** The FIA **Pf** website is an ideal addition to the concept because it will provide a platform to input, manipulate and provide information to all groups requiring access to the information.
- b)** The competitor will have an access point to the FIA **Pf** website where they will fill out an electronic 'Declaration Form' by entering data describing their car and declaring it is correct. Once they have entered this data, subsequent events will require minimal input. If there is a modification to the car during the season they can input the change into the FIA **Pf** website and the new Pf will be logged.
- c)** Organisers can access the same FIA **Pf** website to check the cars entered into their event. The classification of these cars will be done automatically using the data the competitor entered and declared accurate, thus saving the organiser time before the event.
- Organisers can run national classes within the FIA competitions that can be 'isolated' for local prizes using the FIA **Pf** website if requested.
- d)** Stewards can handle protests or scrutineers' reports quickly with the requirement for only physical checks. The results can therefore be verified and released more easily.

REQUIREMENTS FOR EACH FIA CHAMPIONSHIP EVENT

The following will be required from the organiser to support the FIA personnel attending each event described in *Table 2*.

General Requirements during the event

- A dedicated work room or area with mobile phone signal and power supply (1-4 people).
- Internet Wifi access.
- A dedicated translator.
- An information session (20mn) led by the FIA technical observer and scheduled following the Drivers' Briefing (screen, beamer, microphone, Wifi access).

Before scrutineering

- Internet Wifi access in the weighing area.
- Weight scales for the competitors to check race weights (free access within a specified time frame).
- An area to present the **Pf** to organisers / officials / competitors.

During scrutineering

- Internet Wifi access in the scrutineering area.
- Weight scales to check race weights.

During competitions

- An internet Wifi access in the scrutineering area (essential) and in parc fermé (if possible).
- Weight scales to check race weights with a minimum of 4 people to operate the four balance pads.
- A screen to display the live timing in the format specified by FIA.
- A dedicated timekeeper in charge of issuing the **Pf** results and documents according to FIA format.



COMPETITORS

a) Before the FIA Championship competitions (or, on request, during scrutineering), drivers and competitors from Category 1 (Groups A, N, S20 and GT) and Group E2-SH in Category 2 will have to fill in the **Pf** form on the FIA **Pf** website.

During these FIA Championship events, the FIA personnel will engage local competitors to help them fill out the 'Declaration Form' and introduce them to the **Pf** concept. By doing this, the FIA personnel can gather the following information and help disseminate information about **Pf** to the end users.

- Entrant information;
- Car information;
- Driver equipment information.

b) Access to multi-lingual information will be important and this is why a dedicated translator will be required.

c) It is also hoped that the FIA **Pf** website will be accessible during the event to demonstrate to the competitors how potential car changes affect the **Pf** classification.

SCRUTINEERS

a) During the event, the scrutineers will be shown how the **Pf** classification will be used and how the FIA **Pf** website could facilitate and enhance their checking ability. They will be able to check the following to aid their technical checks:

- Check car data to confirm correct classification;
- See reports on the car from preceding events.

b) Scrutineers can input notes into a car's data file relating to the specific event. FIA personnel will demonstrate this data access and input procedure.



COMPARISON / ELIGIBLE CARS

THE FOLLOWING PAGES ILLUSTRATE A SAMPLE OF POTENTIAL HILL CLIMB CARS AND COMPARE THEIR 2019 ELIGIBILITY WITH THEIR POTENTIAL 2020 ELIGIBILITY.





COMPARISON OF CARS ELIGIBLE FOR 2019 FIA EUROPEAN HILL CLIMB CHAMPIONSHIP AND THEIR POTENTIAL ELIGIBILITY FOR 2020 LIST (NOT EXHAUSTIVE)

Organisers can get a larger variety of entries into the FIA Competition with the use of the **Pf**. Examples are in the table below.

Car	2019	2020	Pf Specifications
 Mitsubishi Lancer Evo IX	ELIGIBLE Category I Group N	→ ELIGIBLE Category I	2.1. Turbo 4WD 1400kg
 Honda Civic	ELIGIBLE Category I Group N	→ ELIGIBLE Category I	2.0 l. N/A FWD 1200kg
 Citroën DS3 R1	ELIGIBLE Category I Group A (R3T)	→ ELIGIBLE Category I	1.6 l. N/A FWD 1095kg
 Honda Integra Type R	ELIGIBLE Category I Group A	→ ELIGIBLE Category I	1.8 l. N/A FWD 1250kg
 Audi Sport Quattro	NOT ELIGIBLE Group E1	→ ELIGIBLE Category I	2.2 l. Turbo 4WD 1250kg
 Lancia Delta Integrale EVO	NOT ELIGIBLE Group E1	→ ELIGIBLE Category I	2.0 l. Turbo 4WD 1200kg
 Mitsubishi Lancer Evo VIII	NOT ELIGIBLE Out of Group A homologation	→ ELIGIBLE Category I	2.1. Turbo 4WD 1325kg
 Opel Kadett C V8 GT/R	Eligible in Category II Group E2-SH	→ ELIGIBLE Category I	5.7 l. N/A RWD 1250kg

Car	2019	2020	Pf Specifications
 Mitsubishi Lancer Evo IX	Eligible in Category II Group E2SH	→ ELIGIBLE Category I	2.0 l. Turbo 4WD 1380kg
 Seat León Super Coppa	NOT ELIGIBLE Group FFSA/A	→ ELIGIBLE Category I	1.9l. Turbo FWD 1120kg
 Peugeot 106 XSi	NOT ELIGIBLE Group FFSA/FN	→ ELIGIBLE Category I	1.4l. N/A FWD 925kg
 BMW M3 E46 GTR	NOT ELIGIBLE Group FFSA/GTTS	→ ELIGIBLE Category I	3.2l. Turbo RWD 1200kg
 BMW 320 WTCC	NOT ELIGIBLE Group E1	→ ELIGIBLE Category I	2 l. N/A RWD 1180kg
 Subaru Imprez VRX STI	NOT ELIGIBLE Group E1	→ ELIGIBLE Category I	2 l. Turbo 4WD 1300kg
 Audi 80 Quattro	NOT ELIGIBLE Group E1	→ ELIGIBLE Category I	1.7l. Turbo 4WD 1070kg
 Honda Civic	NOT ELIGIBLE Group E1	→ ELIGIBLE Category I	1.6l. N/A FWD 1120kg
 Peugeot 106 GTi	NOT ELIGIBLE Group E1	→ ELIGIBLE Category I	1.6l. N/A FWD 950kg
 VW Scirocco	NOT ELIGIBLE Group E1	→ ELIGIBLE Category I	2.0l. N/A FWD 830kg



COMPARISON OF CARS ELIGIBLE FOR 2019 FIA EUROPEAN HILL CLIMB CHAMPIONSHIP AND THEIR POTENTIAL ELIGIBILITY FOR 2020 LIST (NOT EXHAUSTIVE)

Car	2019	2020	Pf Specifications		
 Opel Kadett	NOT ELIGIBLE	→ ELIGIBLE	2.3 l. N/A	RWD	980kg
	Group E1	Category I			
 Volvo TC10	NOT ELIGIBLE	→ ELIGIBLE	N/A	RWD	1150kg
	Group FFSA/GTTS	Category I			
 Renault Williams BTCC	NOT ELIGIBLE	→ ELIGIBLE	2.0 l. N/A	FWD	960kg
	BTCC	Category I			
 Suzuki Swift Sport 1.6	NOT ELIGIBLE	→ ELIGIBLE	1.6 l. N/A	FWD	1130kg
	Swift Cup	Category I			
 Mitsubishi Mirage R5 WRT Evo2	NOT ELIGIBLE	→ ELIGIBLE	2.0 l. Turbo	4WD	1270kg
	Group E1	Category I			
 BMW Mini JCW	NOT ELIGIBLE	→ ELIGIBLE	1.6 l. Turbo	FWD	1130kg
	Group E1 (Italian Starter Class - Racing start)	Category I			
 Vauxhall Nova-Suzuki	NOT ELIGIBLE	→ ELIGIBLE	1.3 l. N/A	FWD	800kg
	Group National ("class 1A - Bantam Saloon Class" / Irish Hill Climb Championship)	Category I			

* N/A Naturally Aspirated Induction



APPENDIX 1

PERFORMANCE FACTOR
INPUT DATA FOR THE FIA **Pf** WEBSITE





1. GENERAL INFORMATION

Input #		
1	Entrant name	
2	Driver name	
3	Contact email	
4	Car - make	
5	Car - model	
6	Engine - make	

2. RACE WEIGHT

Input #		
7	Race weight	kg
	<i>(weight of the car, driver and fluids incl.)</i>	

3. ENGINE

Input #		
8	Origin	<input type="checkbox"/> Car <input type="checkbox"/> Moto
9	Cylinder layout	<input type="checkbox"/> L <input type="checkbox"/> V <input type="checkbox"/> W <input type="checkbox"/> H
10	No. of cylinders	
11	No. of valves <i>(total in the engine)</i>	
12	Bore	mm
13	Stroke	
14	Displacement	cm ³
15	Oil Sump type	<input type="checkbox"/> Dry <input type="checkbox"/> Wet
16	Fuel type	<input type="checkbox"/> Petrol <input type="checkbox"/> Diesel
17	Induction type	<input type="checkbox"/> Turbo / Supercharger <input type="checkbox"/> Normally aspirated
18	No. of restrictors	
19	Restrictor inside diameter	mm

4. DRIVETRAIN

Input #		
20	Driven wheels position	<input type="checkbox"/> FWD <input type="checkbox"/> RWD <input type="checkbox"/> AWD
21	No. of gears	
22	Shifting mechanism	<input type="checkbox"/> Manual <input type="checkbox"/> Sequential
23	Wheel diameter	Inches

5. AERODYNAMIC

Input #		
24	Wheelbase	mm
25	Front overhang (max)	mm
26	Splitter ahead of bumper	mm
27	Rear overhang (max)	mm
28	Diffuser rearward of rear bumper	mm
29	Rear wing position rearward of rear wheel centreline	mm
30	Rear wing height above ground level	mm
31	Front width of car on front axle centreline	mm
32	Rear width of car on rear axle centreline	mm

6. CHASSIS

Input #		
33	Roll cage type <i>(see Appendix 4)</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> 1 <input type="checkbox"/> 2 <input type="checkbox"/> 3
34	Chassis structure type <i>(see Appendix 4)</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> 1 <input type="checkbox"/> 2 <input type="checkbox"/> 3 <input type="checkbox"/> 4
35	No. of operable doors and rear hatch (if applicable)	<input type="checkbox"/> 2 <input type="checkbox"/> 3 <input type="checkbox"/> 4 <input type="checkbox"/> 5
36	Fuel tank type	<input type="checkbox"/> Production <input type="checkbox"/> FIA
37	Windscreen	<input type="checkbox"/> Glass <input type="checkbox"/> Plastic

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PF PERFORMANCE FACTOR

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Discovery mode

The Discovery mode allows you to test the Performance Factor configurator. No need to sign in, you can do that later.

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