

Stock base weight?

Posted by joeblow - 14 Sep 2012 17:25

Guys, I am starting to strip and need to know where I am starting from. I have an 86' with all the options.

I have looked up the weight and found three answers that are significantly different. They range from:

2637# to 2822#

Obviously there is quite a difference there!

HELP!

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Re: Stock base weight?

Posted by joeblow - 17 Sep 2012 09:25

I cant believe that nobody has any stock weights! Any best guesses based on some knowledge?

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Re: Stock base weight?

Posted by Sterling Doc - 17 Sep 2012 09:37

True Ken, within limits, but you can get it pretty much where you want it within those limits. By carefully selecting where you put the cool suit, fire suppression system, and other ancillaries, you can get these cars within 20-30 lbs of being square (same weight on all corners), with an average sized driver. The is pretty amazing for a production car, and one of the keys to the great 944 handling.

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Re: Stock base weight?

Posted by norman#99 - 17 Sep 2012 13:01

Here is another weight for you Joe, my street car is a 1988 944. A/C, cruise, spare tire, p/w, p/s, p/b

2950 and change, depending on fuel,

I think earlier cars are lighter 1983-1985 not sure about 1986.

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Re: Stock base weight?

Posted by joeblow - 17 Sep 2012 13:16

Thanks for the info.

That is not very encouraging for my plan. If your 88' car is representative of what my 86' weight was, and I suppose it is likely really similar, then I am in trouble.

I was hoping to leave some amenities and basic street legality items installed. It looks like even removing everything per the rules (nothing left in not required), with my stature included, I will be lucky to make close to 2600#. If I leave all the lights, A/C and some interior I will be a few hundred pounds over at least. Very hard to be competitive that far of the mark.

Thoughts? Are the 86'-89' guys getting to 2600# or are they struggling?

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Re: Stock base weight?

Posted by norman#99 - 17 Sep 2012 13:54

I recommend that you get the car race legal and just go have fun, if your new at this, your going to have a year or two for a learning curve anyway.

To answer your question, if you weigh 200lbs and your leaving all of that stuff in your car, you will be way over. It's hard getting these cars to 2400lbs even if you strip them all of the way down.

There is good racing all of the way through the field, you don't have to be up front to have a blast!

Good luck and go have fun!

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Re: Stock base weight?

Posted by Sterling Doc - 17 Sep 2012 14:01

Norm's 944 Spec was (is?) street legal, and is very competitive (this is not the '88 he is referring to).

I've been able to get two '86's to 2300lbs (almost dead even) dry with a cage in, being fussy about weight loss. I weigh 175, and I used to carry 90lbs of ballast in the car to make weight with minimum fuel. I added a few things back in (went from tiny battery to medium sized one, added cold suit cooler, belly pan, went back to heavier stock airbox from cone filter), but even with 30lbs of cool suit equipment, I still need 50lbs bolted into the right floor pan to make weight.

You could get by keeping the lights, and basic ventilation, but much beyond that will be a problem. Windows are another issue. The stock glass, and power windows are quite heavy, and most of us gut the doors to put Nascar bars in, and save some more weight.

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