1988 - 1991
Reatta
JUDGING MANUAL
This preliminary manual was created by Stan Leslie and is believed to be accurate at the date of issue. It is based on official Buick literature, actual observations and input from others Reatta owners. All inputs and or corrections should be directed to Stan Leslie (248- 656-6626) or (stanleslie@comcast.net).

In the following sections, basic judging guidelines, as given in the BCA Judging Manual, 6th edition, are shown in italics for each category. Following the basic guidelines, in each category, is specific more detailed Reatta information to assist in judging authenticity for specific models and years as well as restoration.
The judge should not crawl under the car when judging the chassis. Inspection of the undercarriage may be accomplished by kneeling at front, rear, and at strategic points along the sides of the car to perform the necessary observations. Flashlights and other aids are not to be used in the judging process.

Bumpers / Guards / Rub Strips
Check the condition of chrome, authenticity, finish and trim. Bumpers should show painted accents where required.

Front
The front bumper assembly consists of a shiny surfaced face bar (similar to chrome) and a black or body color (optional) rub strip.

Rear
The rear bumper assembly consists of a shiny surfaced face bar (similar to chrome) and a black or body color (optional) rub strip and bumper guards.

Suspension / Steering
Check for correctness of steering gear, style of grease fittings installed, excessive amount of lube and cleanliness. Springs and shocks must be authentic and no helper springs may be installed or removed. No points are to be deducted for original factory authorized towing package if available in year of manufacture.

Front
The front suspension consists of a coil spring over shock - strut type suspension with lower control arms and a stabilizer bar. Steering is power assisted rack and pinion type. The steering rack is mounted to the lower part of the firewall / front of dash.

Rear
The rear suspension consists of a transverse composite single leaf spring with strut type shock absorbers, lower control arms and a stabilizer bar.

A factory towing package was not available.

Frame / Cradle
Check for non-authentic modifications, condition and correct paint color. Although not encouraged, no points will be deducted for appropriate type undercoating applied to frame, floorpans and sheet metal in a workmanlike fashion. Check for poor workmanship hidden by undercoating.

The frame consists of an engine / transaxle / front suspension cradle attached to the unibody at four points. The cradle is two pieces and is painted semi-gloss black.

Fuel Tank
Check for correct size, style, appearance of finish, placement and absence of severe dents.

The fuel tank is a zinc coated steel tank attached to the underbody, forward of the rear suspension, with two steel straps.
**Brakes / Cables / Lines**
Check for correct style brakes, discs, cables and lines. No points should be deducted for stainless steel brake lines. Check for proper routing.

The brake system consists of four wheel disc type brakes. The front discs (10.25”x1.00”) are vented with a single piston caliper. The rear discs (10.00”x .50”) are solid with a single piston caliper. The pad assemblies incorporate wear indicators. The parking brake consists of a cable actuated screw type mechanical actuator at the rear calipers. The parking brake cable consists of a forward cable and an intermediate cable routed along the driver’s side, connecting to two rear cables. Brake lines are coated steel with rubber hose extensions at each wheel.

**Exhaust System**
Check for correct size and style of muffler, exhaust pipes, catalytic converter, heat shields, and tailpipes. No points should be deducted for surface rust and modern high temperature coatings which protect the system. Points should be deducted for condition, non-authentic cutouts and end tips.

The exhaust system consists of a single piece low grade stainless steel welded design, consisting of a rear bank exhaust pipe, a monolithic type catalytic converter, an intermediate pipe and a muffler with twin tailpipes. The muffler is mounted transversely behind the rear suspension. The muffler and tailpipes are painted flat black. A shielded crossover pipe, crossing over the top rear of the engine, connects the front bank to the rear bank.

**Tires - Type**
Check tires for correct type (radial / bias-ply) and sidewall / whitewall style. One point is deducted for each tire which was not a factory authorized option for model and year.

All factory equipped tires were blackwall radial tires

**Tires - Size**
Check tires for correct standard or optional size for year and model. One point is deducted for each non-authentically sized tire.


No other optional tire sizes were available.

**Tires - Condition**
Check tire tread pattern; tires should match in pairs. Points should be deducted for excessive wear, dirt or damage. Non-authentic tires are not judged for condition.

**Wheelhouses**
Points should be deducted for authenticity, condition, excessive undercoating and dirt.

(Wheelhouses are defined as the area around and behind the tire, when viewed from the side of the car).

The front wheelhouses are molded black plastic with smaller separate black plastic inserts at the front. No additional paint / undercoating is used.

The rear wheelhouses are part of the body with black undercoating material applied. Separate small black plastic inserts are used at the rear of the wheelwell.
No chrome or other decorative wheelhouse moldings were used.

**Tire Valves / Stems / Caps**
Check for correct type for year of manufacture. Points should be deducted for painted stems and weights.

The 1988-1990 valve stems are 1.25” in length, black rubber with gray plastic ribbed caps.
The 1991 valve stems are 1.25” in length, black rubber with black plastic ribbed caps.

**Non-Authentic Wheels (Mandatory Deduction)**
(This category is for judging authenticity only)
Check for correct wheels for year and model. Incorrect wheels result in a mandatory 10 point deduction.

The 1988-1990 wheels are 15”x6” five spoke polished cast aluminum with clear coat finish. ‘BUICK’ is cast into one of the spokes.

The 1991 standard wheel is a 16”x7” seven spoke cast aluminum. It has the appearance of a two piece wheel. The outer part is polished aluminum with false black rivets and the inner part is painted gray. Both areas are clear coated.

An optional wheel was offered in 1991 (RPO N60). This wheel was identical to the standard 1991 wheel except the painted area of the wheel is white instead of gray. This wheel was only available on white cars. This wheel was also used on the 1990 “Select Sixty” convertibles.
Wheels / Covers
(This category is for judging workmanship and condition for wheels; authenticity also for covers)
Check for condition of wheels and covers. Points should be deducted for cracks or pits in metal, for excessive paint chips and spalls around the rims. Hub caps / trim covers should be correct for year and model.

The 1988-1990 wheels have an aluminum center hub cap which snaps in place and has an ‘R’ script emblem at its center.

The 1991 standard wheel has a plastic center hub cap which snaps in place and has an ‘R’ script emblem at its center. This cover is painted gray / clear coat to match wheel.

The 1991 optional wheel (RPO N60) has a plastic center hub cap which snaps in place and has an ‘R’ script emblem at its center. This cover is painted white / clear coat to match wheel. This hub cap was also standard on the 1990 “Select Sixty” convertibles.

Accessories
BMD options and accessories are acceptable when offered for that year and model. Points are never added for accessories, but deductions are taken for authenticity, workmanship and condition.

**Underhood / Engine / Trans. Section**

Have the owner open the hood for you. Inspect all components for cleanliness and finish. Look for gasoline stains, deteriorated finish, excess oil, grime, extra holes, water leaks, and condition of belts. Maximum point deduction should only be made when a component is missing or non-authentic.

**Block, Heads, and Crankcase**

Check for correct block, heads, rocker covers and oil pan for model and year, and for condition, cleanliness, and overall appearance.

The block and heads are cast iron. Paint coverage is incomplete in some areas. The rocker covers are gray plastic. The oil pan is steel, painted semi gloss black.

**Intake Manifold / Cover / Throttle Body**

Check that intake manifold, manifold cover and throttle body are correct for model and year and for condition, cleanliness, and overall appearance.

The intake manifold for 1988 -1990 is a one piece cast aluminum design. The 1st design 1988 is distinguished by the red painted “3800” cast into the top of the plenum. The 2nd design 88, 89, and 90 manifold have a smooth top plenum. The “3800” identification was relocated to the beauty cover.

The intake manifold for 1991 is a two piece cast aluminum design with longer length runners. A gray plastic beauty cover surrounds the runners and covers the injector area.

The throttle body is aluminum and also contains the mass air flow meter and throttle position sensor.

**Non-Authentic Engine (Mandatory Deduction)**

(This category is for judging authenticity only)

A mandatory 10 point deduction must be made if the engine is non-authentic for year and model.

All 1988 - 1991 engines were 3.8 liter displacement; 90 degree V6 normally aspirated (i.e. non turbocharged or supercharged) configuration.

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**Non-Authentic Color (Mandatory Deduction)**

(This category is for judging authenticity only)

A mandatory 5 point deduction must be made if the engine color is non-authentic for year and model.

All 1988 - 1991 engines (engine block and heads) were painted semi-gloss black. Paint coverage is incomplete in some areas.
**Tags & Decals**
Check that tags and decals are present, legible, properly mounted and correct for model and year and/or options.

**Starter**
Check that starter is correct for year and model.

Starter is of Delco Remy manufacture and mounted on the left side of the engine at the front of the car.

**Alternator**
Points should be deducted for improper size, style and color for model and year.

Alternator is of Delco manufacture and is medium gray in color.

**Exhaust Manifolds / Shields**
Check that manifolds and shields are correct for model and year and for condition, cleanliness and overall appearance. No point deduction should be made for heat discolored manifolds. Exhaust systems were not originally painted. Surface rust or painted finish will not receive a point deduction, however, deteriorated or pitted systems did not come that way from the factory.

Exhaust manifolds are cast iron with galvanized integral shields.

**Cruise Control Actuator**
Check that actuator is correct for model and year and for condition, cleanliness and overall appearance.

**Wiring, Cables, Coil(s), Spark Plugs**
Points should be deducted for incorrect wiring size, type, loom material, connectors, coverings and clips. Also for incorrect coil(s), battery connections, and spark plugs.

Three coils in a package are used as part of the electronic ignition system. Spark plugs are of AC manufacture and spark plug wires are light gray in color. Most wiring looms are ribbed black plastic tubing type. Battery cables are side mount.

Original factory coils and wires had cylinder number identification. Service parts do not.

**Battery / Hold Down**
Check for correct size, style and “look” for year and model. A one point deduction should be made for incorrect battery manufacturer. Batteries in all are of DELCO manufacture.

The battery tray is painted body color. The side terminal battery is of Delco manufacture and is held in place by a single bolt and black rubber clamp at the base of the battery.
Fuel Lines
Points should be deducted for leaks, condition and authenticity.

Fuel Injectors / Fuel Rail
Check for correct size and type for model and year.

Water Pump
Check that the water pump is visually as installed by manufacturer.

Hoses
Points will be deducted for condition and also for flex hoses, if not original factory installed type.

Hose Clamps
Up to a maximum of 5 points should be deducted for non-authentic style clamps.

Belts / Fan
Check for original equipment for model and year. Point deductions should be made for authenticity, condition and cleanliness.

The single serpentine accessory belt drives all accessories. Two electric cooling fans are used, one ‘puller fan’ behind and one ‘pusher fan’ in front of the radiator.

Radiator Core / Air Cond. Condenser
Up to a maximum of three points each should be deducted for non-authentic fin pattern. Point deductions should also be made for condition and workmanship.

The radiator is painted black. The air conditioning condenser is painted black and mounted in front of the radiator. A power steering cooler is mounted forward of the condenser and also painted black.
**Radiator Cap / Coolant Reservoir**
Points will be deducted for rusty, missing or wrong type radiator cap. Check coolant reservoir for original equipment for year and model, as well as condition and cleanliness.

The radiator cap is chrome plated. The coolant reservoir is semi-transparent plastic with a black plastic cap.

**Firewall / Cowl**
Check for condition and original color and finish. Points should be deducted for missing or extra holes, brackets, and accessories.

The firewall is painted body color and the cowl incorporates a screen on top and a black plastic cover held in place by two black plastic wing screws.

**Hood Insulation**
Points will be deducted for condition and authenticity of insulation. A maximum point deduction would be made for missing insulation.

Hood insulation is a dark gray mat secured by several plastic retainers.

**Inner Fenders**
Check for correct finish / color as factory original. Point deductions should be made for excessive road dirt and/or rust.

(Inner fenders are defined as the inner surface as visible under the hood.)

Inner fenders / strut towers are painted body color.

**Ducts / Tubing**
Check for correct size, style, color and placement, as well as condition and workmanship.

Most ducts and tubing are black molded plastic. The air inlet duct connecting the air cleaner and the mass air flow meter is ribbed black rubber.

**Oil Filter / Air Cleaner**
Check that they are visually correct for model and year of manufacture. Points should be deducted for incorrect brand or decals.

Oil filter and air filter are of Delco manufacture. The air filter assembly is molded black plastic, mounted to the left fender / inner fender. The air filter element is enclosed and not visible for judging.
**Air Conditioning System / Heater**
*Points should be deducted for non-factory components, condition and if not correct for year and model.*

The air conditioning system uses R12 refrigerant and Harrison Radiator (Div. of GM) components. The location of the accumulator and associated plumbing was changed for 1991 (to accommodate a change in the ABS control). The 88-90 accumulator is located forward of the transmission at the left front corner of the engine compartment. The 91 accumulator is located on the right inner fender, just rearward of the coolant reservoir.

**Wiper / Washer Equipment**
*Points should be deducted for non-factory components, condition and if not correct for year and model.*

The wiper motor / transmission is located below a screen in the cowl. The washer pump is located inside the plastic fluid reservoir and the black plastic nozzles are mounted to the wiper arms.

**Anti-Lock Brake System / Master Cylinder / Power Booster**
*Points should be deducted for non-factory components, condition and if not correct for year and model.*

1988 -1990 ABS / brake system is of Teves manufacture and uses a hydraulic pump and accumulator for power assist. This is a self contained brake / power assist / ABS control assembly mounted on the front of dash.
1991 ABS system is of Bosch manufacture and separate from the Delco brake system. The Delco master cylinder / vacuum power booster is mounted to the front of dash. The Bosch ABS control is mounted separately near the radiator on the driver’s side.

**Power Steering Pump / Brackets**
*Points should be deducted for non-factory components, condition and if not correct for year and model.*

The power steering pump is driven by the serpentine belt, incorporates an integral reservoir and is painted semi-gloss black as are the brackets.

**Transmission / Driveaxles**
*(This category is for judging condition and workmanship only)*
*Check for excess oil and grease, leaks, and finish / condition of driveline parts.*

The transmission is connected to the front drive wheels by two shafts incorporating constant velocity joints enclosed by ribbed rubber boots.
Non-Authentic Transmission (Mandatory Deduction)
(This category is for judging authenticity only)
A mandatory 4 point deduction must be made if the transmission is non-authentic for year and model.

The 1988-1990 transaxle assembly uses a mechanically controlled four speed automatic transmission (4T60) with a 2.97 final drive ratio. Identification tags are on the lower rear of the case and are not visible for judging.
The 1991 transaxle assembly uses an electronically controlled four speed automatic transmission (4T60E) with a 3.33 final drive ratio. Identification tags are on the lower rear of the case and are not visible for judging.

Accessories
BMD options and accessories are acceptable when offered for that year and model. Points are never added for accessories, but deductions are taken for authenticity, workmanship and condition.

Interior Section
When judging the interior, the owner is to provide access, however the judge does not enter the vehicle, touch anything, and must refrain from smoking or eating or drinking while judging.

Headliner
Points should be deducted for incorrect color of upholstery and/or material and style for model and year. Also for fit, wrinkles and condition.

The coupe headliner is a molded one piece cloth covered foam design, matching the interior color. The sun visors are cloth covered also, with lighted vanity mirrors.

The convertible headliner is black cloth covering the top bows. The sun visors are vinyl covered, matching the interior color, with lighted vanity mirrors.

Rear Window Shelf / Well
Up to 3 points should be deducted for worn, damaged or incorrect material used in the rear window shelf / well.

The coupe has a carpeted storage area behind the seats. A locking access door to the trunk is located at the center rear of the storage area. Two small lockable storage compartments are located in the floor of the storage area, directly behind each seat.

The convertible has no access door to the trunk, but has lockable storage compartments directly behind each seat. The control for the tonneau release and the power top pull down (1991 only) are located inside the driver’s side compartment, but not visible for judging.

Door Panels / Side Panels
Check door and side panels for incorrect material, condition, correct fit, stitching, pockets, trim pieces and kick panels.

Door panels and side panels are color keyed vinyl and carpet with chrome trim. Radio speakers are mounted in the doors. Armrests incorporate power controls. Door handles are recessed chrome.

The 88-89 windshield pillars (A-pillars) are upholstered in cloth. The 90-91 windshield pillars are molded plastic. Both types match the interior color.

Seat Cushions / Back Rests
Points should be deducted for incorrect material, fit, pleating, welting, shaping, trim, piping and condition.

The standard seats are 6-way power seats with controls on each door (90 and 91) or the center console (88 and 89). The seat backs incorporate a manual recliner. An optional 16-way power driver’s seat was optional, with three additional controls mounted on the left side of the driver’s seat. This option also included a power seat back recliner for the passenger seat, with the control mounted on the right side of the passenger seat.
Non-Authentic Upholstery Fabric (Mandatory Deduction)
(This category is for judging authenticity only)
A mandatory 5 point deduction must be made if upholstery material and pattern do not appear as original.

The seat cushions and back rests consist of leather seating areas with matching vinyl trim on sides and back. Center of seats and seat backs have horizontal pleats. The 1st design 1988 (prior to approx. VIN 901800), used a combination of leather (pleated area) and suede for the seat cushions and back rests. The 2nd design 1988 and 1989-1991 were all leather. Some factory documentation refers to the availability of standard cloth seats on early 1988 model Reattas. It is believed the cloth seats were only built on early “pilot” vehicles, which were later scrapped. No production 1988 vehicles with cloth seats have been documented.

Non-Authentic Upholstery Color (Mandatory Deduction)
(This category is for judging authenticity only)
A mandatory 5 point deduction must be made if the upholstery color is not correct for exterior paint color or year and model of car.

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Upholstery Condition / Fit / Application
(This category is for judging workmanship and condition)
Check for look (pleats or mode of application), fit, condition and quality of workmanship.

Carpets / Mats / Sill Plates
Points will be deducted for condition, finish and authenticity of sill plates, mats and carpet style, binding, fit, and fasteners.

Carpet is molded cut pile matching interior color. 1988-89 mats are reversible with plastic anti-skid grid and made from similar material as carpet with ‘R’ logo in center; reverse side is different pile. The plastic grid attaches with plastic clips (88) or metal snaps (89), and matches the carpet color. 1990-91 mats are made from similar material as carpet with ‘R’ logo in center on one side; reverse has black rubber non-skid surface. Sill plates are molded black plastic with ‘Reatta’ insert and chrome trim.
**Window Frames / Weatherstripping**
Points should be deducted for incorrect finish and condition of window frame / garnish moldings; fit and condition of rubber weatherstripping.

Only the triangular fixed ‘vent’ window has a frame, painted semi-flat black. Lower window reveal molding is painted semi-flat black also.

**Seat / Shoulder Belts**
Check for missing or incorrect type and/or color for model and year. Also check condition and finish.

Seat and shoulder belts and retractor housings are color keyed to interior color. Buckles are brushed metal finish with ‘GM’ logo push button release.

**Tags / Decals : Doors / Windows / Trunk Lid**
Check that tags and decals are legible, properly mounted and correct for year, model and/or accessories.

**Steering Wheel**
Points should be deducted for cracks, color and condition. A maximum point deduction will be made for wrong or non-factory covered steering wheel.

The steering wheel design for 1988-1989 is a three spoke sport steering wheel with a center horn button. The 1988 horn button insert is a dark gray with lighter color ‘R’ design. The 1989 horn button insert is a multi-color ‘R’ design, similar to the hood ornament. The 1990-1991 steering wheel is designed to accommodate a supplemental inflatable restraint (air bag); with two horn buttons and a small ‘R” emblem. The steering wheel color should match the interior color. The steering column color is semi-flat black.

**Pedals / Levers / Handles / Knobs**
Points should be deducted for bad plating or finish, incorrect type, color or finish for year and model. Also points should be deducted for incorrect or worn covers for gear shift or pedals.

Pedals are covered with black rubber covers with chrome metal trim. Parking brake handle is black plastic with white letters.
Dash Board / Console
Points will be deducted for incorrect fit, finish, color, and condition. Also check for exposed or incorrect wiring and poor workmanship.

Dash pad is padded vinyl consisting of two pieces, incorporating a temperature sensor and the defroster duct. Some colors have a one color scheme and some have a two color scheme. Some are black and some are interior color.

The console incorporates the shifter, an ashtray compartment (with chrome ashtray and chrome lighter), a coinholder, and a center padded armrest covering a storage compartment. The shifter surround has a dark gray top surface with chrome outline trim. The armrest is vinyl covered matching the interior color. The 90 Select Sixty and all 91 models have a slide out cupholder in the armrest. The cupholder is black on the 90 Select Sixty. The cupholder matches the interior color on the 91 model. The fog lamp switch is located near the front of the console on the 91 model only.

Instruments
Points should be deducted for any non-factory installed instruments, missing gauges and fogged, scratched or cracked lenses.

The 88-89 factory instruments are electronic digital and also use a touchscreen CRT (cathode ray tube) for display. The 90-91 factory instruments are electronic analog (electro luminescent). The instrument display can be function checked with the ignition on, if desired, during a pre-qualification check.

Inside Mirrors / Glass
Points will be deducted for condition and incorrect type, finish, and/or style.

The interior rear view mirror is a manual day / night design, with two map lights and switches built in to the lower edge. Mirror is attached to windshield and has semi-flat black finish. Both sun visors include lighted vanity mirrors.

Trunk Interior
Check trunk lining and mat for correct material and pattern. Also for weatherstripping condition and/or leaks.

The trunk interior is carpeted on all sides. The trunk floor is covered by a single large carpeted mat. The color is dark gray.

Accessories
BMD options and accessories are acceptable when offered for that year and model. Points are never added for accessories, but deductions are taken for authenticity, workmanship and condition. No points will be deducted for mounting a fire extinguisher if done in a workmanlike manner.

No factory accessories were offered.
**TOP, SOFT**
No points should be deducted unless car being judged is a convertible. Check that top is correct for model and year.

**Down or Missing (Mandatory Deduction)**
Owner must have top up or the mandatory 15 point deduction will be taken.

**Condition**
Points will be deducted for wear, wrinkles, and sags in the top. Remember that original factory tops had “some” wrinkles and sags.

**Non-Authentic Material (Mandatory Deduction)**
(This category is for authenticity only)
The mandatory 10 point deduction must be made for all cars that have the wrong material or top color for model, body color and year.

Convertibles for 1990 were offered with both vinyl (black, white, or saddle) and cloth (black) top material.
Convertibles for 1991 were offered with vinyl (black, white, or saddle) top material only.
Blue and red colors were listed in dealer order guides but none are known to have been built.

**Edges / Seams**
Check for correct type, finish, correct placement and condition.

The convertible top has two flush cross seams. The outside edge of the vinyl top has a vinyl stitched edging.

**Top Boot / Tonneau Cover**
Check condition, fastener type and authenticity.

The convertible top stows below a hinged steel tonneau cover. The 1990 convertible has a power top release only. The 1991 convertible has a power top release and pull down. The 1990 and 1991 convertibles both have power release for the tonneau cover. These controls are inside a compartment behind the driver’s seat and are not visible for judging.

**Non-Authentic Back Window (Mandatory Deduction)**
(This category is for judging authenticity only)
A mandatory 4 point deduction must be made for incorrect size, placement, material or style for model and year.

The 1990 and 1991 convertibles were factory equipped with a heated glass rear window.
Exterior Section
First do a quick walk around the car. Check each of the components (fenders, doors, hood, etc.), the color scheme and presence of items which should not be there, as well as the absence of things which should be there. Make a mental note of any discrepancies. If in doubt, discuss them with your Team Captain. If necessary the Team Captain should ask the owner for documentation while you are judging the details. Check for authenticity, condition, workmanship and maintenance.

BODY (FIT, QUALITY, PAINT)
Each of the body components should be judged in the following area. Judges should consider the degree to which a defect may be less than factory original when assigning point deductions. Check for even spacing and proper alignment around all doors, hood, windshield, trunk lid and fenders. Stripping, moldings and belt lines should all line up. Points should be deducted if dents or ripples are more noticeable than factory original. Use of non-authentic materials for repairs, such as body lead or plastic, is not encouraged. However, point deductions will be taken only if these repairs are observed without the use of testing methods to determine their composition.

Doors
The doors are two side galvanized steel, incorporating a body side molding.

Fenders / Quarter Panels
The front fenders are plastic and are bolted on. The rear quarter panels are two side galvanized steel.

Hood
The hood is two side galvanized steel consisting of an inner and outer panel painted body color. Hood hinges are painted body color with two black gas springs / struts.

Trunk Lid
The trunk lid is two side galvanized steel consisting of an inner and outer panel painted body color. Hinges are painted body color also.

Rear Fascia
The rear fascia is flexible plastic, painted body color and extends below the rear bumper. A separate black plastic panel is attached to the lower part of the painted panel, with a cutout on the left side for the tailpipes.

Hard Top / Roof
The roof panel on the coupe is non-galvanized steel. A steel sliding sunroof was optional (CA1). No standard or optional factory hardtop was available for the convertible.

Rocker Panels
Check for authenticity, condition and workmanship. Points should be deducted for incorrect color, ripples, rust and dents.

The rocker panels are painted semi-flat black. They consist of three pieces. The main or center rocker panel and a front and rear cap. The front and rear caps are attached with screws. the main panel is attached with screws and hidden clips.
Exterior Trim / Emblems / Stripping
Look at chrome as well as painted moldings, emblems and pin striping. Plating should be of the proper type and should be applied to the proper areas only. Parts and trim should be properly finished. Check for pits, blisters, cracks and corrosion. Check for removal of detail and correct painted accent areas if applicable. Point deductions should be made for tape striping or non-authentic color and style of paint striping.

The body side moldings are approx. 2.5” wide and consist of three pieces. The front piece is attached to the front fender. The middle piece is attached to the door. The rear piece is attached to the rear quarter panel. The standard color is black. Body color is optional (B84). This color choice will also match the front and rear bumper rub strips. The body side moldings also include a chrome insert approx. .5” wide, running the length of the moldings. A chrome and black ‘Reatta’ emblem is also attached to the door molding near the front of each door. A similar chrome and black ‘Reatta’ emblem is also attached to the right rear of the body. Pin striping extends from the front of the front fender to the door area near the mirror and from the door handle area rearward and around the rear of the car. Pin striping was standard in several coordinating paint colors (14A Lt. Gray, 18A Dk. Gray/Slate, 21A Dark Blue, 11A/40A White, 19A/41A Black, 55A Gold, 73A Dk. Red, 75A Red, and 85A Dark Gray), but could also be deleted (YL6). The 1990 Select Sixty vehicles had the pin stripe deleted.

Non-Authentic Sunroof (Mandatory Deduction)
(This category is for judging authenticity only)
A mandatory 8 point deduction must be made if sunroof is not authentic for year and model.

Factory original steel sliding sunroof was optional on coupes (CA1). It is power operated.

Non-Authentic Color (Mandatory Deduction)
(This category is for judging authenticity only)
A mandatory 10 point deduction must be made if paint color is non-authentic for year and model. A slight variation of shade is acceptable and no point deduction should be made. If paint looks as original, no point deduction should be made for the type of paint. Paint colors applied may be in any color combination and location available from the factory for that model and year and need not be the color originally applied to that particular car. Paint should be of the type originally applied or have the appearance of the original finish.

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Paint / Detailing / Condition
Check for workmanship, condition and maintenance of the finish. Points should be deducted for excessive orange peel, overspray, over-rubbing, sanding scratches, difference in color between panels, fish eyes, cracks, crazing, blisters, dull finish, chalking, excessive chips, touch up areas and poor masking. Point may be deducted for anything that detracts from the finish of the car but the judge should not make an intensive search for painting or maintenance defects.

FRONT END

Front Fascia / Air Dam
Check for correct finish, condition and proper alignment to fenders, grille and bumper.

The front fascia is flexible plastic, attached to the front bumper face bar, painted body color and has openings for the front fog lamps and grille.

The air dam is flat black molded flexible plastic, attached to brackets below the front fascia.

Grille
Check for proper fit, style, condition, finish and mounting hardware.

The grille is rigid plastic with multiple vertical ribs/slots. It is painted silver with chrome plating on the front surface and is attached to the front fascia.

Hood Ornament
Ornament should be correct for year and model. The finish should be correct and have required detailing. Check for pits, blisters, cracks, corrosion, dents and surface polish. No point deductions will be made unless flaws noticeably detract from the overall look of the ornament.

The 1988 hood ornament is approx. 1.5” diameter consisting of an ‘R’ on a gold starburst with chrome outline. The 1989-1991 hood ornament is approx. 2.5” diameter. Design is similar consisting of an ‘R’ on a gold starburst with chrome outline and the words ‘Buick’ and ‘Reatta’. A special hood ornament, approx. 2.5” diameter, which has the inscription “Select Sixty” and “Buick Dealers” was also made for the 1988 “Select Sixty” cars.

LIGHTS
Check that lights are correct for year of manufacture. Point deductions should be made for incorrect sealed beam or halogen lights if not offered as original factory equipment, headlamp housings that are not the correct finish, material, lack the correct trim, and/or are in poor condition. Points also should be deducted for non-authentic lights, cracked, improper or faded lenses.

Headlamp Doors
Headlamp doors are normally closed mostly concealing the headlamps. They are painted body color and should be properly aligned to the hood and fenders. The factory headlamps were halogen sealed beams.

Side Lamps / Parking Lamps
Side lamps / park lamps wrap around the front of the car below the headlamps. The lenses are part clear and part amber with a chrome housing.
**Tail Lamps**
The tail lamp assembly extends across the back of the car, wrapping around the corners, also incorporating back up lamps. License plate lamps are located to each side of the license plate area. The vehicles are also equipped with a separate high mounted brake lamp; inside at the base of the rear window on the coupe and outside at the rear of the tonneau cover on the convertible. The word “BUICK” is embedded in the center of the tail lamp lens in chrome letters.

**Driving Lamps / Fog Lamps**
The fog lamps are mounted to the front bumper attachments with a separate bracket and protrude through the front fascia. The housings are chromed plastic with clear lenses and screw adjusters on the back for aiming.

**Radio Antenna**
*Check for correct style and type for model and year of manufacture.*

The radio antenna is a power operated antenna mounted in the right rear quarter panel. The visible portion, when powered off, consists of a black plastic bushing, a chrome metal retaining nut, another black plastic bushing and a chrome ‘button’ (top of the mast). When extended (only with ignition and radio on), the antenna consists of three sections.

**Windshield Wipers / Wiper Arms**
*Wiper arms should be checked for correct type, style and finish.*

Wiper arms and blades are painted semi-flat black.

**Window Frames / Moldings (Exterior)**
*Check for proper fit, finish and condition of plastic and / or rubber.*

The windows do not have frames except for the fixed triangular ‘vent’ window. These frames are painted a semi-flat black.

**Window Glass**
*All vehicles must have safety glass in the windshield or they will not be judged. Other may or may not be safety glass. These may be original glass, laminated or tempered glass depending on the year. Points will be deducted for non-authentic tint, cracked, fogged, discolored, delaminated or missing glass.*

All glass is Soft-Ray tinted. The rear window is electrically heated.

**Door Handles**
*Check escutcheon, rubber, proper fit, detailing and finish.*

The exterior door handles are chrome plated flush design. The 88-90 door key escutcheon incorporates a circular courtesy light.

**Mirrors**
*Points are to be deducted for incorrect finish and condition.*

The outside rearview mirrors are painted semi-flat black and are power operated. The passenger side mirror is convex. The driver side mirror is heated.
Accessories

No points are to be deducted for BCA decals, stickers, badges, and license frames. BCA does not recommend, but will not deduct points for inspection stickers or other legally required identification, such as parking or military stickers. A point deduction should be made for commercial or non-auto related stickers and/or decals. BMD options and accessories are acceptable when offered for that year and model. Points are never added for accessories, but deductions are taken for authenticity, workmanship and condition.
Select Sixty

The term “Select Sixty” is used to describe a sales incentive program used by Buick Motor Division to recognize select Buick dealers who exceeded specific sale or lease program objectives. The recognition would be in the form of a special edition Buick vehicle made available to the dealer for display and future disposition. These awards would usually be announced at a Buick sponsored dealer convention, with delivery of the vehicle to the dealer shortly thereafter. The top sixty Buick dealers were usually recognized, hence the name “Select Sixty”. The Reatta was featured in two of these programs.

1988 “Select Sixty” Buick Reatta

The 1988 “Select Sixty” program featured a Reatta coupe. The only distinguishing identification is a special hood ornament about one inch larger in diameter, bearing the inscription ‘Select Sixty’ at the top and ‘Buick Dealers’ at the bottom and the SPO label in the trunk bears the code ‘X22’ designated as ‘Fleet Sales Incentive’, believed to distinguish the Select 60 program. All information indicates that each Select 60 dealer was allotted one additional Reatta coupe and the hood ornament was shipped separately to the dealer. The actual number built is unknown, but assumed to be sixty. Only one vehicle has been documented to date with the “Select Sixty” hood ornament installed. It has a black exterior and saddle interior. Two other vehicles, also with black exterior and tan interior, have been noted but not documented. Several “Select Sixty” hood ornaments have been seen at swap meets, indicating that all may not have been installed by the dealers when received.

1990 “Select Sixty” Buick Reatta

The 1990 “Select Sixty” program featured a Reatta convertible. It is very distinguishable with white exterior, white vinyl top and a 1991 style flame red interior (carpet, instrument panel, seat belts, console, and speaker covers) with special white seats and door panels. The wheels are 1991 style 16”x7” aluminum wheels painted white with P215/60R16 Goodyear Eagle GT+4 tires. The body side molding was black and the pin stripe was deleted. They were also equipped with the optional 16-way driver’s seat and the optional CD player. The console armrest incorporated a black plastic pop out cupholder similar to the 1991. The top of the dash pad is black. A special additional portfolio was also included with a letter to the selected dealer, signed by Ed Mertz. The SPO label in the trunk and the window sticker bear the option code ‘R1V’ designated as ‘Special Appearance Package’. The actual number built was sixty five; it is believed sixty were awarded to dealers and five were kept by Buick as spares in case of ties. Twenty three have been documented to date.
REGULAR PRODUCTION OPTIONS (RPO)

CA1  Power Sunroof (“Astrorooft”)
N60  White Wheels (1991 only)
U1H  CD Player (1990-91 only)
B84  Body Color Side Molding
xxx  16 way Power Drivers Seat
YL6  Paint Stripe Delete
YF5  California Emissions