

NAMING/DESCRIBING PROJECTS

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Because Exhibitor Cards are computer generated from Entry Form it is important that Description of Project is precise and correct so it can be properly displayed on the Exhibitor Card. Properly naming a project also helps to identify the correct class it should be in. It is also necessary that correct upper case and lower case lettering is used along with correct spelling. Using long names and or all caps may cause it to wrap around to another line on the Exhibitor Card and could cause the loss of some important information on the card. (General Rule 6 below) See Premium Book, Special Rule 1. Entry Form project names/descriptions including exhibitor names can impact Showmanship score.

General rules:

- (1) Spelling is correct and first letter of each word in description is capitalized. Do not use all caps.
- (2) **Do not use Brand names** in any project description – for example *Tumble Bug* for pull type single bale hay fork – see below.
- (3) Make sure project is entered in the correct class. Descriptions below will help you to decipher this.
- (4) When using size in feet, abbreviate feet with ft. – for example 18 ft. “space” between 18 and ft. (ft should have a period to indicate it is an abbreviation.) Normally should not abbreviate other descriptors. Normally size is not necessary in Naming a projects unless the project is extremely large. Exception is trailers since size is used to classify them.
- (5) There is no need to include the name of the class in the description of the project with a few exceptions. For example when naming a trailer project: Bumper Pull Utility – less than 10 ft. No need to include word trailer. It is also not necessary to identify that it is a bumper pull in these small sizes – any trailer less than 16 ft long will be assumed to be a bumper pull. For example a less than 10 ft. and under Bumper Pull, Describe as 8 ft. (or its length) Utility. Less than 10 ft. is not necessary since length is identified. If 10 ft describe as 10 ft. Utility. No need to identify ramps or other accessories. May identify if a tilt. See Trailer examples below.
- (6) **It is strongly recommended that you use no more than 40 spaces – including letters, periods and spaces when naming a project.**

Hay handling equipment

Names and description to use: 3 -Pt. Hay Fork, 3 -Pt. Hydraulic Hay Spear, Front Loader Hay Fork, Bucket Mounted Hay Spear, Hay Accumulator, Pull Type Single Bale Hay Fork, Hay Conveyor, Hay Grabber, etc.

Do not use brand names such as Tumble Bug

Spraying equipment

Names and descriptions to use: 500 Gallon Nurse Tank, 40 ft. Boom Type Pasture, 40 ft. Broad Jet Pasture, 5 Gallon Hand, etc.

Mounted and pull-type tractor and ATV equipment

Names and descriptions to use: 8 ft Arena Drag, 2 Cubic Yard Scraper or when describing volumes you may use abbreviations for unit measure – yd³ for cubic yard, 32 ft. crust buster. (When units of measure are less than 5 you may spell out the unit for example instead of 2, two yd³), 3-pt. Carry-all, Front End Loader, 7 ft. Rotary Brush Cutter, 8 ft. Box Blade, 14 ft. Pasture Aerator, 8 ft. Disc Harrow, Manure Spreader, etc.

Names and descriptions not to use: Bush Hog and other brand names

Hydraulic equipment

Names and descriptions to use: Thee-Point Log Splitter, Pull-Type Log Splitter, 10 ton Floor Press, Post Driver, Tree Spade, Hydraulic Blade, Pipe Bender -Table, Hydraulic Work Station, etc. (Would not include Hydraulic Hay Spear.)

Shop equipment

Names and descriptions to use: Shop Table, Jack Stands, A-Frame, Saw Horses, Cut-off Saw Table, Tire Storage Rack, Barrel Rack, Welding Table, Cutting Table, Engine Stand, Cherry Picker, Oxy-fuel Cylinder Cart, A-frame Hoist, etc. Do not confuse this class with Electrical Equipment Class 10 – Electrical tools and equipment.

Truck, tractor and agricultural equipment accessories

Names and descriptions to use: Pickup Headache Rack, Pickup Brush Guard, Front and/or rear Pickup Bumper, Tractor Grille Guard, Tractor Brush Guard, 3-pt. Trailer Coupler, Pickup Grille Guard, Truck Tool Box Receiver Hitch Carrier, ATV Rack, Fuel Tank, Bio-diesel Machine, Welder Bed for Truck, Air Flow Tailgate, etc.

Names and descriptions not to use: Ranch Hand bumper or grille guard, Western Hauler truck bed

Show and Livestock Equipment (electrical only)

Names and descriptions to use: Grooming Light Stand, Grooming Stand with Lights and Outlets, (Too long shorter to Grooming Stand) Livestock Show Display, Lamb Treadmill, Chicken Brooder, Clipper Blade Sharpener, Livestock Blower, Horse Walker, etc.

Names and descriptions not to use: brand names

Electrical tools and equipment (electrical only)

Names and descriptions to use: Table with Electrical, (Table including Electrical Outlets make the description too long.) Electrical Outlet Stand, Parts Cleaner, Electric over Hydraulic Press, Pipe Bender, Sheet Metal Roller, Trailer Light Tester, Pipe Roller, Cut-off Saw, etc.

Names and descriptions not to use: brand names

Gates and livestock panels

Names and descriptions to use: 10 ft. Entrance Gate, 10 ft. Pasture Gate, 10 ft. Livestock Panel, 24 ft. Double Entrance Gate with Arch Way, (Too long leave with Arch Way out of description) Set of 8 Livestock Panels. Notice that gates and panels are used in description to differentiate between gate and panel. Remember that gates must include hinges and latches.

Names and descriptions not to use: brand names

Squeeze chutes and restraining equipment

Names and descriptions to use: Hydraulic Squeeze Chute, Squeeze Chute, Hoof Trimming Table, Crowding Pens, Working Pens, Calf Tilt Table, etc. Chutes, Tables, Pens are included in description.

Names and descriptions not to use: brand names equipment resembles

Trim chutes, blocking stands, livestock crates, and head gates

Names and descriptions to use: Cattle Trim Chute, Sheep Trimming Stand, Goat Trimming Stand, Hog Clipping Stand, Small Animal Crate (for Pickup not necessary), Hog Weighing Station, etc.

Feeders

Note: All feeders including self and creep feeders. Feeders equipped with storage hoppers or bins are to be entered in this class. Hay and hay/grain feeders should be entered in this class. Note: Houston separates self feeders and creep feeders. JAM does not, all feeders are shown in one class.

Names and descriptions to use: 8 ft. Covered Mineral Feeder, (Shorten to Covered Feeder) Wind-Vane Mineral feeder, (Mineral not needed in name), 8 ft. open feed trough, 6 x 4 ft. (*Note:* size in not necessary) Mineral and Salt Feeder, (and salt not necessary) Hanging Hay Feeder for Horse Stall, (To shorten this Horse Feeder) 12 ft. Hay/Grain Feeder, 8 ft. Self Feeder, One ton Self Feeder, 8 ft. Creep Feeder, 12 ft. Trailer Mounted Self Feeder, (Size not necessary in description) 10 ft. Combination Self Feeder/Creep Feeder. (Size not necessary in description – makes name too long.) Also to shorten name Combination Self/Creep is 22 characters spaces long. Feeder is implied

Other livestock equipment

Names and descriptions to use: Farrowing Crate, Stall, Storage Building, Post Puller, Auction Stands, Roping Chutes, Loading Chutes, Feed Dollie, Hammer Mill, Feed Mixer, Spurs, 14 ft. Cattle Guard with Gates (Remove size – makes name too long), Grain Storage Bin, Sales Ring, Horse Walker, Portable Alley Way, Show Box, etc. All leather items including Saddles are to be shown in this class.

Names and descriptions not to use; brand names

Wildlife and exotic game

Names and descriptions to use: Wildlife Observation Tower, Wildlife Timed Feeder, Deere Chute, Fish Aquarium, Quail Feeder etc.

Names and descriptions not to use: brand names. Do not use Deere Feeder or Hunting Blind in names.

Small utility trailers-10 ft. and under in length – bumper pull

Names and descriptions to use: 8 ft. Utility Less Than 10 ft. (This is too long – since length is identified not necessary to use less than 10 ft in description.) 8 ft. Utility is appropriate name. Tilt-bed Utility, 10 ft. Tandem Axle Utility, etc.

Names and descriptions not to use: brand names

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Utility trailers- 10 to 16 ft. – bumper pull

Names and descriptions to use: 12 ft. Utility Tandem axle, 12 ft. Tilt-bed Utility, etc.

Names and descriptions not to use: brand names

Bumper pull utility trailer – over 16 ft.

Names and descriptions to use: 18 ft. Utility Bumper Pull Tandem Axle, (Tandem Axle is optional in that any trailer this length is most likely to have tandem axles. .

Names and descriptions not to use: brand names

Bumper pull stock trailer– all lengths

Names and descriptions to use: Bumper Pull Stock, 16 ft., Bumper Pull Stock, Covered Top, Tandem Axle, 16 ft. Lamb and/or Pig Low Profile, etc. See Premium List for other examples.

Gooseneck lowboy (bed between the wheels)

Names and descriptions to use: 24 ft. Gooseneck Lowboy, 20 ft. Gooseneck Lowboy incl. Ramps, etc.

Names and descriptions not to use: name brands

Gooseneck flatbed/float (bed over wheels)

Names and descriptions to use: 32 ft. Gooseneck Float, 32 ft. Gooseneck Dovetail Float, (Float makes the name too long.) Dovetail implies float or flatbed.

Names and descriptions not to use: name brands

Gooseneck stock trailers – all lengths

Names and descriptions to use: 24 ft. Gooseneck Stock, 24 ft. Porta-frame, Gooseneck Stock, etc.

Names and descriptions not to use: name brands

Multi-bale trailers

Names and descriptions to use: Two-Bale Hay, Five Bale Gooseneck Hay Trailer, etc. Lengths in ft not necessary

Names and descriptions not to use: Hay-Van or other name brands

Other Trailers, all lengths

Note: Drop-bed trailers, trailers without side rails, landscape trailers, and other special purpose trailers that do not fit into the traditional trailer classes are to be entered in this class.

Names and descriptions to use: 14 ft. Flatbed Equipment Trailer, 16 ft. Landscape, 10 ft. Drop-bed Utility etc (since the trailers may be varied in this class you may use trailer in the description if it helps to describe it.). 14 ft. Welder trailer, (14 ft. Welder would be confusing without trailer.) 12 ft. Hydraulic Dump Trailer, 28 ft. Gooseneck Combine Hauler, 36 ft. Slant Load Horse Trailer with Living Quarters, 28 ft. Drop Bed Implement Trailer. You will notice that some of these descriptions are too long – to shorter length in ft can be eliminated – also the name trailer is not necessary.

Names and descriptions not to use: car haulers (For show purposes enter them as equipment trailers as shown above.)

Tractors

Names and descriptions to use: year, make, model (identify model do not use the word model) and SN (serial number) Use SN for serial number – this will save the characters needed. Example: 1953 John Deere AR –SN 282350 (Although this is less than 40 characters it can be shortened. To shorten use JD instead of John Deere. This example – tractor would be entered in Class 52. Tractors 1951- 1960. Do not use restored in the name. Do not use un-styled in name, year identifies this.

Note:

Naming and Describing a projects along with the other rules and suggestions when entering it is used in Judging Showmanship. Showmanship Judges will inspect the Exhibitor Cards for Spelling, Capitalization and Projects Description. These corrections will not be made when printing the Exhibitor Card.