



Forum Rules Set & Terms



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Into to the Forum Rules

Registration to all Forumedia Inc forums is 100% free! We do insist that you abide by the rules and policies detailed below. Rules may change at any time for any reason and it is up to you, the user to maintain a level of rule awareness while you are participating on any Forumedia Inc forums.

Why a global rule set?

Most sites under the FMI umbrella have very similar rule sets. By creating a global rule set it allows us to use the best thought out rules and apply them across the network and place the rules in an easy and manageable area.

What sites does FMI operate?

<http://www.forumediainc.com/about.html>

Who owns and operates FMI?

Forumedia Inc is owned and operated by Rick P. The forums are ran by an exclusive group of volunteers who understand the needs of the community and the technology behind the forums. The forum you are on is ran by someone who spends their free time making the forum the best it can be, respect these people!

More....

Updated policies may arrive in form of attachment to this file, in way of a forum posting from staff, private message or email communication from site admins.

Forum Rules & Other Information

By utilizing FMI forums you agree to not post any messages that are obscene, vulgar, sexually orientated, hateful, threatening or illegal in nature of any North American laws.

FMI & volunteer staff reserve the right to remove, edit, move or close any thread for any reason without notification.

FMI reserves the right to read, remove, edit, move or close any private messages (within known as PM).

All postings, articles and information shared on FMI properties should be considered for entertainment purposes only and may not represent fact. Before modifying your vehicle please consult with a licensed mechanic. Always take safety measures when working on your vehicle.

Signatures

Signatures are not to contain explicit images or links to such.

Signatures are not to be used for advertising any company or business without consent from the admin staff or before becoming an authorized vendor.

Signatures may not link to ponze type sites or make money sites.

Signatures may not link to spin off or competitor forums where the sole intent is to harvest our membership.

Signatures may not contain links to shops wherein staff feel the link / banner may currently be being used to solicit business.

All signature rules and policies are policed by staff and even other members. We reserve the right to modify any and all signatures. If your signature has changed, contact the staff. The staff are under no obligation to inform you as to why your signature has changed. Failure to comply with signature rules could result in account disablement.

Point System (warnings / banning)

Within these rules there may be references to the Point System. Some FMI sites do utilize a system where as warnings may be administered to users breaking rule sets.

There is also automated warnings. If you are found to be violating a rule you will be warned at a touch of a button. The system is fully automated after that with tracking your behavior, warning counts and even administering your bans and suspensions.

The point system covers an array of offenses, if the site is equipped the staff will be able to point them out to you.

FMI and volunteers reserve the right to supersede all Point System rulings at their discretion.

Personal Attacks

Personal attacks will not be permitted throughout the forum, however, there may be 'slack' with regards to the rules if your forum is equipped with a 'beef' or unmoderated type section. Unmoderated type sections however do not null some global rules with regards to personal attacks such as:

- racial remarks
- character assault (claiming people are rapists)

Attacking members in any thread outside of an unmoderated section will always be handled on a case by case situation. Just because someone calls you a name doesn't mean they will be banned.

Trolling

Trolling, or making posts with the sole intention of creating discontent or problems on the forum is against forum guidelines.

Registering multiple accounts is considered trolling regardless if you are causing discontent. All users should only have 1 account.

Troll accounts will be locked and in some instances have their email / ip banned. Any additional accounts will also be terminated including accounts made for the sole purpose of regular forum use.

Users who have 2 accounts on the go may need to explain why they have a second account. FMI and volunteers reserve the right to disable any account which they feel falls under the trolling guidelines.

Threats

Threats of physical violence to members will not be tolerated. Threats of damage to peoples property will also not be tolerated. Users caught threatening others will be documented and possibly banned. Users who threaten physical violence or damage to users property sever their right to privacy with FMI and the forum. FMI will comply with all court ordered demands.

Spamming

Spamming our forums to be able to access new features or to bypass a forum restriction is prohibited. Failure to comply may result in your account being perm banned. Commercial spammers may see their URL blocked as well as the banning.

Racism

Threads or replies expressing intolerant views of religious groups or ethnicity will not be tolerated. Users are free to express their opinions in a calm and presentable manner, however, outright calling people derogatory names will be cause for warning and possibly banning. We don't need to all like each other, we can even say that, however there is a way to go about it on the forums. Each 'racism' offense will be handled on a case by case basis.

Controversial Topics

Controversial topics such as religion, political debates are allowed here. However, it is expected that you conduct these discussions in a calm, civil manner without resorting to personal attacks or flaming. Regardless of the thread you are involved in, you are bound by the rules of the site. Your forum may handle these topics differently.

Props System

Your site may be equipped with a Props system in place. This system allows you to + or – a users post in a specific thread. The idea of the system is to reward users who contribute a quality type of post to the thread topic. A how to, or information to answer a question is generally what deserves a +. Posts which receive a – may be of spam nature, racism, thread crapping etc. You do not need to Props a post.

The staff reserve the right to reverse a Props at any time for any reason. If we believe your Props rating is questionable then it will be reversed. There is no formal discussion or mediation over these ratings. We will only review Props upon complaint or our own discovery.

People who abuse the system and create an un-enjoyable environment will be subject to a ban for a duration of our picking. An example of abusing the system may be giving out 25 negative props to the same user in 1 hour.

Remember, the Props system is in place to reward people for quality posts, not to point every post you feel is not up to your standards. While you can give both + & -, consider what we as the forum are trying to achieve, encouragement towards quality posts. Quality posts will make our community that much better.

*you can disabled the Props system in your USERCP.

Auto Attach

Some sections of the site employ a technique of auto attaching images that you hotlink to. We have created such a system as to stop broken image links for our how to threads etc. We reserve the right to edit, change, delete any image that has been attached to our system.

Request of removal of any images must be accompanied by the proper DMCA notification.

Classifieds / Buy Trade Sell

Buyer beware. Protect yourself in all dealings both financially and physically.

FMI and the staff are not responsible for any transactions that take place due to our forums.

Use services such as escrow if need be and always meet in a public place and bring a friend along. Stay safe!

Each forum has different rules with regards to their classifieds, even different sections. We ask as a global rule that all users include a price and location. Failure to do so may result in your thread being locked or deleted.

Selling multiple items such as parts, please make descriptive titles of the item your selling.

Ie: 1989 Ford Topaz Leather seats - **good title!**

Not

ie: seats - **ugggg!**

Please update your threads with pertinent information such as item sold or x amount of pieces sold. 1 bump per 72 hours is sufficient. Continually bumping may result in your thread being locked or deleted.

If you feel the need to comment on someones classified posting, please be factual and professional. Do not slander, degrade or put down their ad. Do not lay claim that their price is absurd. You may however ask questions that may help you or other potential buyers.

Posting in peoples threads and disrupting their flow may result in you being warned and banned.

Most of the forums come with a SOLD button, use it.

Post only parts you have in your possession. Do not post what you found on other sites just to inform members. Either you own it or you don't.

Do not repost your classified ad if it is already posted. If you require a change to your thread update in the thread with a new reply.

Want To Buy area in Classifieds

Want to buy ads must always be posted in the correct section. If your forum has a want to buy section, please post in there. Failure to post your WTB thread in the correct section will result in it possibly being deleted without notice. Continually reposting your add in the wrong section may result in a denial to the classified section.

Commercial Posts / Vendors

Please contact the administrator of the site or sales@forumediainc.com before attempting to post your product or service for sale.

All site sponsors are considered Authorized Vendors. As an authorized vendor you are permitted to use your signature for sales, have a forum section to promote products, a shop name as your user name and the right and ability to participate in the forum with your knowledge of the topic at hand while using your sig to promote.

All Authorized Vendors are subject to the same rules as everyone else, there are no exceptions. Failure to comply with the rules may subject you to termination of your account with no refund. All sales are final.

FMI reserves the right to cancel your advertising for any reason whatsoever, at any time. On FMI cancellations that are not due to our rules and guidelines, vendors will be refunded within 30 days what they are owed in the remaining advertising.

ie: we remove your ad because of reason abc - refunded in 30 days

ie: we remove your ad because you continually break our racism rule – no refund

Users posting items or services as a shop who are not authorized will be censored and or banned. Your company URL may be removed as well.

Conducting sales in threads or in private messages that are commercial in nature will get you banned. If you need vendor rates please contact the administration.

Authorized vendors may only promote the URL / Company for which they have paid for, ie:

Shop 123 sells car audio but they open up a DVD store. Shop 123 is only authorized to sell car audio gear and NOT the DVD items.

Vendor Complaints

Our paying sponsors deserve respect and restraint. Attacking a sponsor on the board is inappropriate without first trying to resolve any issues. If you have a complaint against a Authorized Vendor, you may post in the appropriate section the facts pertinent to the problem you are having with them. When disputing with a sponsor we ask that all users first take it to private message with the sponsor. If pm discussions fail remain calm, state the facts in a thread and allow the thread to run its course. Do not 'bump' the thread, however, you may update the thread if there are facts to be added about the complaint, ie: a time line update where updates come in weekly.

Do not let emotion cloud the issue at hand. As a user you are still bound to the rules of the site, do not get banned while expressing your opinion.

FMI and volunteers will not prohibit a statement of fact claimed by a member. However, we reserve the right to audit, change, modify, delete any postings on the forum including complaints.

“Me too” replies to complaint threads will be removed as the staff feels fit.

Vendor Response to complaints

All sponsors of the FMI network have an obligation to try and amend all outstanding issues that took place through dealings on our sites. While we cannot force you to repair, refund or acknowledge an error or mistake on your part (or the consumers), we do ask that you too respond with fact and not to allow emotion cloud your post.

If both the forum user and vendor agree that the post should be removed, an admin upon notification will remove the thread.

If there is no resolve to the issue, the thread will be locked and left on the site.

Note: Threads with content nature such as “this thread sucks because I said so” or anything we deem not factual or of value may be removed at the staffs discretion. What we are after to police is threads such as, “shop a installed item b and because they failed to do such and such the car exploded into 1 million pieces. Here are photos, time line and facts”.

Our Privacy Policy

We respect your privacy! Any and all information collected at this site will be kept strictly confidential and will not be sold, reused, rented, loaned, or otherwise disclosed. any information you give to the Forumedia Inc will be held with the utmost care, and will not be used in ways that you have not consented to. A more detailed explanation about how we safeguard your personal information is described below. We reserve the right to all digital communication on our forums.

Resale or Disclosure of Information to Third Parties

Forumedia Inc does not sell, rent, loan, trade, or lease any personal information collected at our site, including membership forms or email lists.

Browser information collected on the website:

Forumedia Inc analyzes our website logs to constantly improve the value of the materials available on website. Our website logs are not personally identifiable , and we make no attempt to link them with the individuals that actually browse the site.

Privacy of our email lists

Forumedia Inc maintains several email lists to keep Forumedia Inc members informed about breaking events. Individuals must affirmatively ask to join our mailing lists by contacting Forumedia Inc staff directly . We do not sell, rent, loan, trade, or lease the addresses on our list to anyone. In addition, we configure our list server software to refuse to divulge the email addresses of our list subscribers to anyone but authorized Forumedia Inc staff, including other list subscribers.

Filing legal / court complaints

All proceedings should be filed in the jurisdiction of Ontario, Canada.

Final Note

First off. These rules were created to combat those who have tested the boundaries of our forums that we enjoy and manage. These rules are in place so that when staff are questioned they can refer to them, it also outlines a certain level of expectations that we impose on you the user. 99% of you who use the forum will likely never be banned or reprimanded, however, there are those who log onto our sites who like to test the limits, these rules are there for us to help us be consistent in the way we handle those users.

These rules are a culmination of policies and rules from other boards and their staff.

The FMI forum you are on is privately owned.

It is free to use at any time. The forum services is provided free to you from Forumedia Inc and its volunteer staff. This is our house, our rules. We only want to have the best environment online so that users may have a great experience when they land on our forum.

We adhere to our provincial and federal laws and comply with all legal filings.