



OUR MISSION STATEMENT

Establish professional standards and Code of Conduct that our member appraisers adhere to in providing specialty vehicle appraisals.

Recognized and endorsed by insurance brokers offering collector and specialty vehicle insurance.

For a current list of independent SVAI accredited vehicle appraisers and for further information, check out our web site.

VISIT: SVAI.CA

OUR GOAL

Our goal is to improve the level of professionalism in the specialty vehicle appraisal business. We accomplish this by maintaining an open dialogue between member appraisers, insurers, collectors and hobbyists. The SVAI conducts research relative to vehicle appraisals and offers education programs to our members, to continually improve the quality, competence and professionalism of our independent appraisers.



SPECIALTY VEHICLE APPRAISAL INSTITUTE

*Canada's Accredited Specialty
Vehicle Appraisers*



We value your ride.

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What is the Specialty Vehicle Appraisal Institute?

The Specialty Vehicle Appraisal Institute is an organization that prescribes professional standards and requirements that members must attain to be accredited as a qualified, trained appraiser to ascertain the value of your vehicle and provide the highest standards of a specialty vehicle appraisal.

SVAI vehicle appraisers must re-qualify for accreditation every three years.

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Why do I need a specialty vehicle appraisal?

A specialty vehicle appraisal is for your benefit so that you have an accurate dollar value of your vehicle, if your vehicle is stolen, damaged, or even for estate or resale purposes. When you obtain vehicle insurance, your insurance broker will ask you for the assessed value of your vehicle.

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What type of vehicles are appraised by accredited specialty vehicle appraisers?

Specialty vehicles may include vintage, customized or modified vehicles including cars, trucks, vans, hot rods or motorcycles.

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What will my appraisal include?

You can expect a detailed report outlining specific features, options, modifications and enhancements accurately describing your vehicle. To ensure you get the most accurate report, we recommend that you provide your appraiser with pertinent documentation, receipts and records. The appraiser will photograph the interior and exterior of your vehicle, providing you with a well-documented, researched appraisal.

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Are accredited appraisers Insured?

All accredited SVAI appraisers are insured.

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How does an accredited vehicle appraiser determine the value of my vehicle?

The SVAI appraiser considers several criteria including the condition (i.e. excellent, very good, restorable); reference material; history; rarity; and comparisons with vehicles recently listed for sale. The value of a vehicle can increase or decrease depending on the market, not unlike any other commodity. Therefore, it's advisable to obtain an appraisal every three to five years.



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Do all insurance companies require a specialty vehicle appraisal?

No, some insurance companies do not require a specialty vehicle appraisal for your classic or vintage vehicle, however, it may be more difficult for you to be compensated for the actual market value of your unique vehicle in the event of an insurance claim.

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What is the difference between a vehicle appraiser and vehicle claims adjuster or assessor?

An independent vehicle appraiser assesses the condition, upgrades, options and unique features to determine the current market value of your vehicle. A vehicle adjuster or assessor represents an insurance company and he determines the damage repair/ replacement costs for your vehicle insurance claim.