

Instrument No. 1

Field Kit

A printable scorecard for the egg roll test.

AUTHORITY RECORD – SUBJECT HEADING (FIELD USE)

- UF Finding dinner after a move; Scouting, culinary
- BT American Chinese cuisine – Regional variation
- RT Dorado (P.R.) – Benchmarks, childhood
- SN One egg roll per establishment. Six axes, 0–2 each. Total /12. Record remains open.

How to find good Chinese food in a new town: map every place in radius, order one egg roll at each, and trust the instrument. This kit is the field copy. The type specimen lives in Dorado, Puerto Rico. Everything else is measured against it.

HOW TO RUN THE TEST

Four steps. No review pre-filter.

1. **MAP THE TERRITORY.** Every Chinese restaurant within your radius goes on the list. No pre-filtering by reviews: the reviews were written by people without a benchmark.
2. **ONE EGG ROLL PER ESTABLISHMENT.** Order at the counter; eat it fresh if humanly possible. An egg roll that survives ten minutes in a paper bag earns bonus respect, but judge the fresh state.
3. **SCORE THE SIX AXES IMMEDIATELY.** Egg roll memory decays faster than egg roll grease. Mark 0, 1, or 2 on each axis; sum to /12.
4. **RANK, THEN EXPAND.** The top scorer earns a full combination-plate audit. Everyone else stays on file: kitchens change hands, and the index is never closed.

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Field scorecard

ESTABLISHMENT

CITY / STATE

DATE

ORDER NOTES

1 · SHATTER	Wrapper crack audible? Blistered surface, structural crunch.	0	1	2
2 · INTEGRITY	Holds together to the last bite. No mid-roll collapse.	0	1	2
3 · FILLING	Cabbage with a point of view. Not wet mulch.	0	1	2
4 · GREASE	Wax bag translucent; shirt / forearm threat. Dry = failure.	0	1	2
5 · HEAT	Interior steams when broken. Lukewarm is a category error.	0	1	2
6 · SAUCE	Apricot-based jellies, unprompted, in quantity.	0	1	2

TOTAL

/12

WOULD I CHASE THIS AGAIN?

YES

NO

DORADO-CLASS

RE-TEST LATER

ONE-LINE VERDICT

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Axis definitions — Instrument No. 1

Score 0, 1, or 2 on each axis. Sum is the filed total out of 12. Definitions match the field manual; bring this page when the site is not available.

1 · SHATTER

Does the wrapper crack audibly? Blistered surface, structural crunch.

- 0 – silent; no audible crack
- 1 – some crack; incomplete blister
- 2 – audible blister; structural crunch

2 · INTEGRITY

Holds together to the last bite. No mid-roll structural collapse.

- 0 – collapse before the last bite
- 1 – holds with damage
- 2 – intact to the last bite

3 · FILLING CHARACTER

Cabbage with a point of view. Seasoned, distinct, not wet mulch.

- 0 – wet mulch
- 1 – present but indistinct
- 2 – cabbage with a point of view

4 · GREASE YIELD

Wax bag gone translucent. A credible threat to the shirt. Dry is a failure state, not restraint.

- 0 – dry – failure, not restraint
- 1 – some evidence on the bag
- 2 – forearm threatened; bag translucent

5 · HEAT ON ARRIVAL

Interior steams when broken. Lukewarm is a category error.

- 0 – lukewarm – category error
- 1 – warm, no steam
- 2 – interior steams when broken

6 · SAUCE SITUATION

Apricot-based jellies, unprompted and in quantity. Packets, not testimony. Repeatability over folklore.

- 0 – none offered
- 1 – available if asked
- 2 – unprompted and in quantity

Chase line (file one): Yes · No · Dorado-class (type specimen or equal – use sparingly) · Re-test later (changed kitchen, cold bag, incomplete conditions). Top scorer in a territory earns the combo-plate audit. ~~This kit does not score the rest of the menu.~~
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