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DAILY DRIVERS



Daily Drivers:

Everything You Need to Know About Building a Car at Home



Building a high-speed car at home requires a lot of knowledge and skill. Here are some key steps to consider:

Set a budget: Determine how much money you are willing to spend on the project, and try to stick to it. Remember that building a fast car can be expensive, so plan accordingly.

Choose a base car: Decide on a car model that you want to modify. Ideally, it should be lightweight, aerodynamic, and have a powerful engine. Examples of popular base cars include the Mazda Miata, Honda Civic, and Subaru Impreza.

Upgrade the engine: The engine is the heart of any fast car, so it's important to upgrade it for performance. You can do this by adding a turbocharger, supercharger, or nitrous oxide injection system to increase horsepower and torque.

Improve the suspension: The suspension system affects the car's handling and stability, so it's important to upgrade it as well. This can include installing stiffer springs and shocks, sway bars, and strut braces.

Enhance aerodynamics: Reducing drag and improving downforce can help your car go faster and handle better. You can achieve this by adding a front splitter, rear diffuser, and/or a wing to your car.

Upgrade the brakes: A fast car needs powerful brakes to stop quickly and

safely. Consider installing larger brake discs, calipers, and pads to improve stopping performance.

Reduce weight: Removing excess weight from your car can also help improve its performance. This can include removing unnecessary interior components, replacing heavy parts with lightweight alternatives, and using lightweight materials for body panels.

It's important to note that building a high-speed car is not without risks, and you should take safety seriously. Be sure to consult with experienced mechanics and performance experts, and follow all safety guidelines and regulations.



Daily Drivers:

Example of a High-Speed Car Built at Home



Building a high-speed car at home can take a lot of time, effort, and money, but here is an example of one such project:

Base car: For this example, we decided to choose a 1995 Nissan 240SX as the base car. The 240SX is lightweight, rear-wheel drive, and has a strong aftermarket support for performance upgrades.

Engine: The builder installed a Nissan RB26DETT engine from a Skyline GT-R, which was then upgraded with forged internals, a larger turbocharger, and a standalone ECU. It was also swapped from the original front-wheel drive layout to a rear-wheel drive configuration.

Suspension: The suspension was upgraded with adjustable coilovers, adjustable sway bars, and a custom rear subframe to accommodate the new engine placement.

Transmission: The car was fitted with a six-speed manual transmission from a Nissan 350Z.

Aerodynamics: The car was outfitted with a custom front splitter, rear diffuser, and a large rear wing to improve downforce while also reducing drag.

Brakes: The brakes were upgraded with larger rotors, calipers, and pads from a Nissan 300ZX.

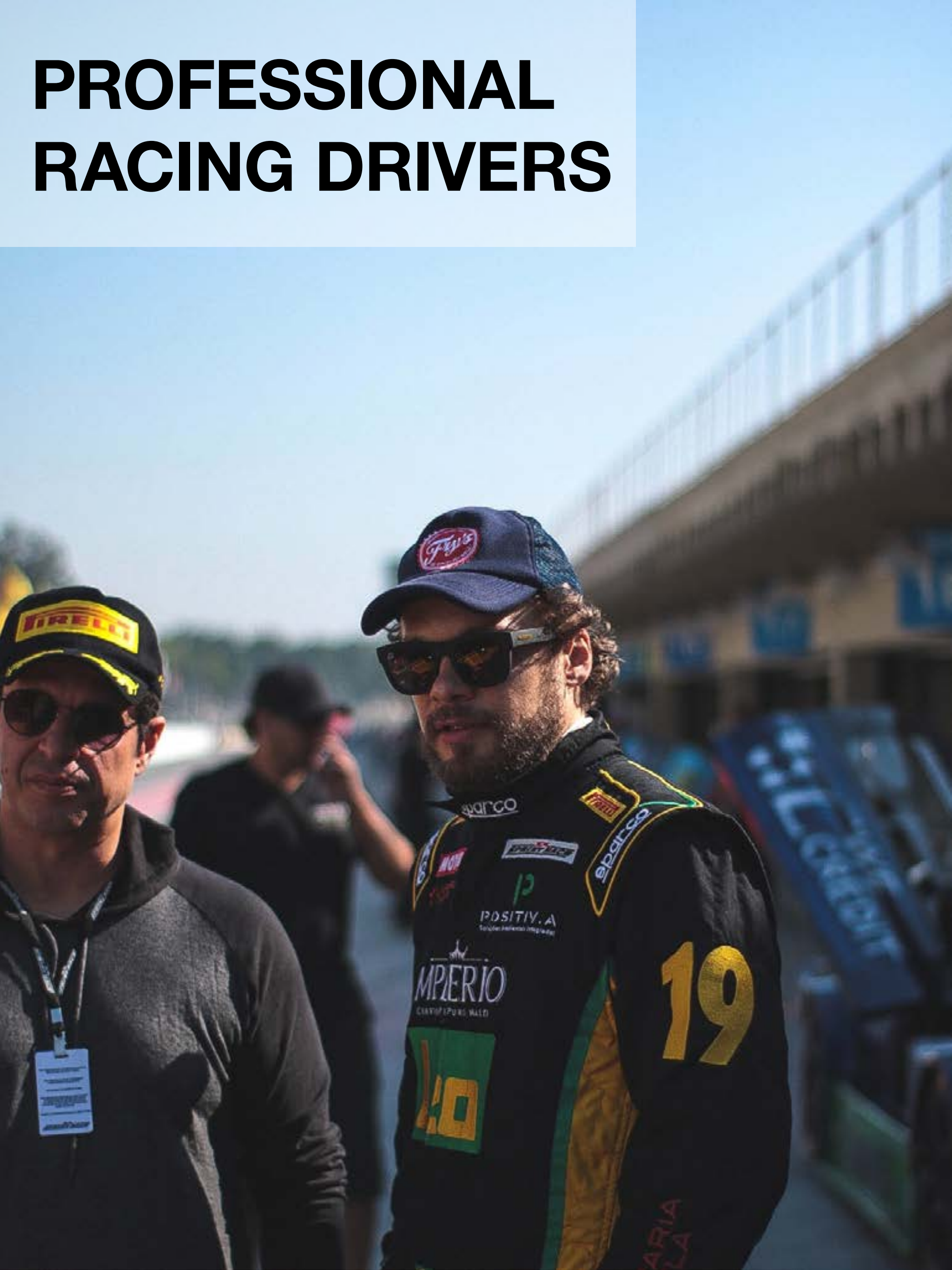
Wheels and tires: The car was fitted with lightweight forged wheels and high-performance tires for better traction and handling.

Interior: The interior was stripped down to reduce weight, and a roll cage was installed for safety.

The result was a highly modified Nissan 240SX that was capable of producing over 600 horsepower and could go from 0 to 60 mph in under three seconds. While this is just one example, it shows the level of customization and attention to detail required to build a high-speed car at home.



PROFESSIONAL RACING DRIVERS





Professional Racing Drivers:

Lewis Hamilton

Lewis Hamilton is a British Formula One racing driver who has become one of the most successful and accomplished drivers in the history of the sport. He was born on January 7, 1985, in Stevenage, Hertfordshire, England.

Hamilton began racing go-karts at a young age and quickly showed an exceptional talent for the sport. He was signed to McLaren's young driver program in 1998, and after several years of successful karting, he made his debut in Formula One in 2007 with McLaren.

In his first season, Hamilton finished second in the championship, behind his teammate Fernando Alonso. The following year, he won his first championship, becoming the youngest driver ever to win the title at the time. Hamilton went on to win six more championships in 2014, 2015, 2017, 2018, 2019, and 2020, making him one of the most successful drivers in the history of the sport.

In addition to his seven championships, Hamilton has also set numerous records in Formula One, including the most pole positions and the most career points. He is widely regarded as one of the greatest drivers of all time, and his success has made him a global icon and role model.

Off the track, Hamilton is known for his philanthropic work, particularly his support of environmental causes and his efforts to promote diversity and inclusion in motorsport. He is also a fashion icon and a talented musician, and he has worked as a global ambassador for several major brands.



Professional Racing Drivers:

Michael Schumacher



Michael Schumacher is a retired German racing driver who is widely regarded as one of the greatest Formula One drivers of all time. He was born on January 3, 1969, in Hürth, Germany.

Schumacher began his career in karting at a young age and quickly rose through the ranks of motorsport. He made his debut in Formula One in 1991 with the Jordan team, but it was with the Benetton team that he achieved his first two championships in 1994 and 1995.

Schumacher's greatest success came with the Ferrari team, where he won five consecutive championships from 2000 to 2004. During his career, he won a total of seven championships, which was a record at the time until it was broken by Lewis Hamilton in 2020. He also set numerous records for the most wins, pole positions, and fastest laps in Formula One.

In addition to his success on the track, Schumacher was known for his dedication and work ethic, as well as his ruthless competitiveness. He was also known for his technical knowledge and ability to work with his team to develop the car to its fullest potential.

Schumacher retired from Formula One in 2006, but returned to the sport

with the Mercedes team in 2010. He retired again in 2012, and tragically suffered a serious head injury while skiing in December 2013. He has since been in a private medical condition, and his family has been extremely private about his health status.

Schumacher's legacy as one of the greatest drivers of all time continues to inspire and influence the world of motorsport, and his records and achievements will always be remembered.



Professional Racing Drivers:

Sebastian Vettel



Sebastian Vettel is a German racing driver who was born on July 3, 1987. He is considered one of the greatest drivers in the history of Formula One (F1). Vettel began his motorsport career racing go-karts and later moved up to junior formulae before making his F1 debut in 2007 with BMW Sauber.

In 2008, he joined Scuderia Toro Rosso, and in his first race with the team, he became the youngest driver to win a Grand Prix at the age of 21. In 2010, Vettel joined Red Bull Racing, where he won his first World Championship that year and went on to win four consecutive titles from 2010 to 2013. During his time with Red Bull, Vettel won a total of 38 races and achieved 44 pole positions.

After leaving Red Bull, Vettel joined Scuderia Ferrari, where he drove from 2015 to 2020, winning a total of 14 races and earning 12 pole positions. In 2021, Vettel joined the Aston Martin F1 team.

Vettel is known for his exceptional speed, technical skill, and tireless work ethic. He has earned a reputation as a brilliant strategist and is respected by his peers for his sportsmanship and humility. Off the track, Vettel is known for his philanthropic work and has been involved in various charitable initiatives throughout his career.



Professional Racing Drivers:

Alain Prost

Alain Prost is a retired French racing driver who is considered one of the greatest Formula One drivers of all time. He was born on February 24, 1955, in Saint-Chamond, France.

Prost won four Formula One World Championships during his career, in 1985, 1986, 1989, and 1993. He drove for several teams, including McLaren, Renault, and Ferrari, and won 51 Grand Prix races, which at the time of his retirement was the most ever by a Formula One driver.

Prost was known for his smooth and calculated driving style, as well as his ability to adapt to changing track conditions. He was also known for his intense rivalry with Ayrton Senna, another legendary Formula One driver, which played out over several seasons in the late 1980s and early 1990s.

After retiring from racing, Prost has remained involved in the sport as a team owner and advisor. He has also worked as a television commentator and has been active in promoting road safety initiatives.





Professional Racing Drivers:

Ayrton Senna

Ayrton Senna was a Brazilian racing driver who is widely regarded as one of the greatest Formula One drivers of all time. He was born on March 21, 1960, in Sao Paulo, Brazil and tragically died on May 1, 1994, during the San Marino Grand Prix at Imola, Italy.

Senna won three Formula One World Championships during his career, in 1988, 1990, and 1991. He drove for several teams, including Lotus, McLaren, and Williams, and won 41 Grand Prix races. Senna was known for his exceptional talent and speed on the track, as well as his intense focus and determination.

Senna was also known for his intense rivalry with Alain Prost, another legendary Formula One driver, which played out over several seasons in the late 1980s and early 1990s. Their rivalry was characterized by on-track clashes and off-track tensions, but they later reconciled and became friends.

Senna was also known for his humanitarian work, particularly his efforts to improve the lives of disadvantaged children in his native Brazil. The Ayrton Senna Foundation, which he established in 1994, has since provided assistance to millions of children in need.

Senna's death at the age of 34, following a crash during the San Marino

Grand Prix, shocked the world and prompted significant safety improvements in Formula One racing. His legacy as one of the greatest drivers of all time continues to inspire and influence generations of racing fans and drivers alike.



ON THE ROAD





On The Road

Autocross



Autocross is a type of competitive motorsport that involves racing cars through a course marked by traffic cones in a closed or open parking lot, on a runway, or on any other large, flat, paved surface. The objective of autocross is to complete the course as quickly as possible, without knocking down any cones, hitting any obstacles or other cars, or going off-course.

Autocross events typically last for a day or a weekend, and are organized by local clubs or racing organizations. Drivers usually have several runs to practice and familiarize themselves with the course before timed runs begin. Each run is timed, and the driver with the fastest time at the end of the day is declared the winner.

Autocross is a popular form of motorsport because it is relatively affordable, accessible to drivers of all skill levels, and doesn't require a specially prepared race car. Most drivers use their daily driver or a lightly modified sports car to compete, and safety equipment such as helmets, seat belts, and roll bars are mandatory.

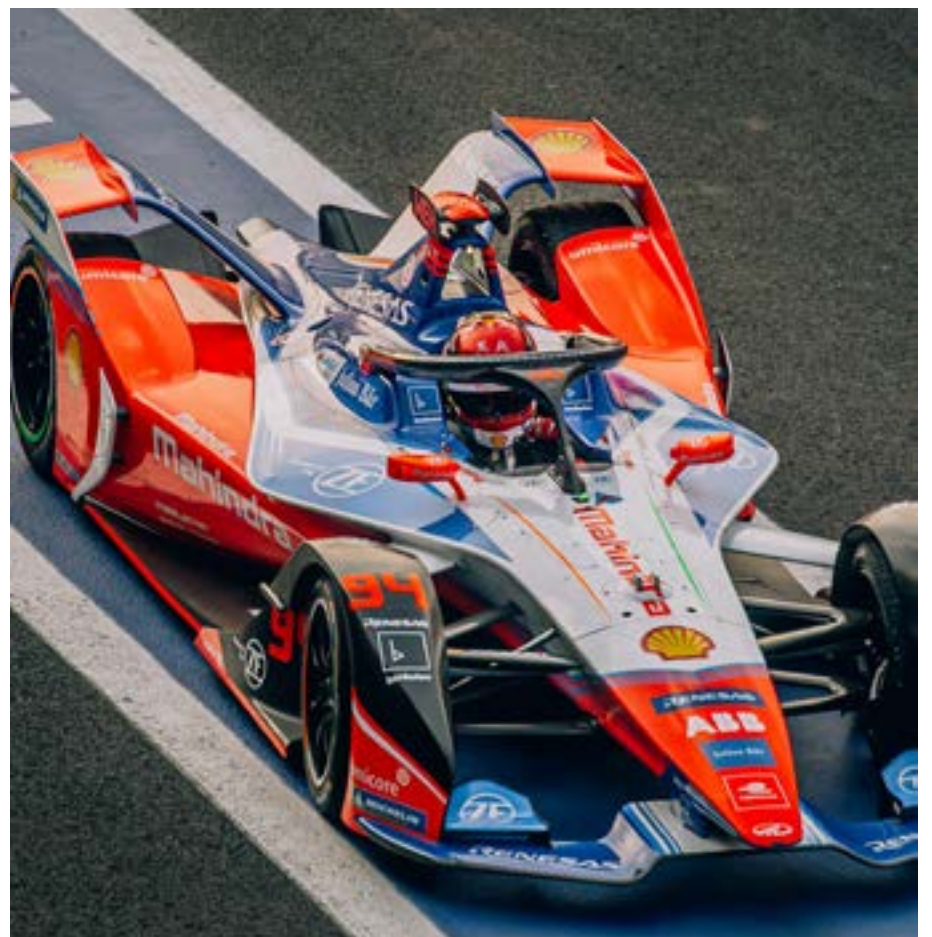
On The Road

Circuit tracks are a type of motorsport racing course that consists of a series of interconnected corners and straightaways that are designed to allow for high-speed racing. Circuit tracks can be either permanent or temporary, and can range from simple oval-shaped tracks to complex courses with twists, turns, and elevation changes.

Permanent circuit tracks are built specifically for racing and are designed to meet strict safety standards. They can be made of asphalt or concrete and typically include a combination of long straightaways and tight corners. Some of the most famous permanent circuit tracks in the world include the Nurburgring in Germany, Silverstone in the UK, and Circuit de la Sarthe in France, which hosts the famous 24 Hours of Le Mans endurance race.

Temporary circuit tracks are set up for a specific event, such as a Formula 1 or IndyCar race, and are typically built on city streets or parking lots. These tracks are designed to be fast and challenging, with tight turns and long straightaways. Temporary circuit tracks are often built with temporary barriers and fencing, and require extensive setup and teardown before and after the race.

Circuit tracks are popular with fans and drivers alike because they allow for fast-paced, high-speed racing with plenty of opportunities for overtaking and exciting finishes. They require a high level of skill and precision from drivers, who must navigate the course at high speeds while avoiding collisions and staying in control of their vehicles.





On The Road



Nurburgring Nordschleife

The Nurburgring Nordschleife is a world-renowned race track located in the Eifel mountains of western Germany. It is widely considered to be one of the most challenging and demanding circuits in the world due to its length, elevation changes, and numerous corners.

The Nordschleife is a 20.8-kilometer (12.9-mile) long track that was originally built in the 1920s as a test track for the German automotive industry. The track includes 154 corners and features a variety of high-speed straights and tight hairpin turns, as well as significant elevation changes that can make it difficult for drivers to maintain control of their vehicles.

The track has been used for a variety of motorsport events over the years, including Formula One races, endurance races, and touring car races. However, due to its challenging nature and safety concerns, the track is primarily used for testing by automotive manufacturers and racing teams.

The Nordschleife is famous for its high-speed corners and its "Green Hell" nickname, which refers to the track's reputation as one of the most dangerous circuits in the world. Despite numerous safety upgrades over the years, the track remains a challenging and unforgiving course that requires a high level of skill and precision from drivers.

The track is open to the public for tourist drives and attracts thousands of automotive enthusiasts every year who come to test their skills and experience the thrill of driving on one of the world's most challenging race tracks.

On The Road



Suzuka Circuit

Suzuka Circuit is a race track located in Suzuka City, Mie Prefecture, Japan. It was designed by Dutch engineer John Hugenholtz and was built in 1962 as a Honda test track. The track has a length of 5.807 kilometers and features 18 turns, including the famous "S" curves, which are considered one of the most challenging sections of any race track in the world.

The Suzuka Circuit is a well-known motorsport venue that hosts various events throughout the year, including the Japanese Grand Prix, which is a Formula One race held annually. The track is also used for other motorsport events such as Super GT, Super Formula, and MotoGP.

The circuit has a unique figure-eight layout, with the first half of the track running clockwise and the second half running counterclockwise. This design makes the Suzuka Circuit one of the most challenging tracks in the world, as drivers must navigate both high-speed and technical sections of the track while constantly adjusting to the changing direction.

The Suzuka Circuit has been the site of many memorable moments in motorsport history, including the famous battles between Ayrton Senna and Alain Prost in the late 1980s and early 1990s, as well as Michael Schumacher's championship-winning performances in 2000 and 2003.

Overall, the Suzuka Circuit is an iconic race track that is renowned for its unique layout and challenging nature. It has become a favorite among drivers and fans alike, and continues to host some of the most prestigious motorsport events in the world.



On The Road: Spa-Francorchamps



Spa-Francorchamps is a race track located in the Ardennes forest in eastern Belgium, near the town of Spa. It is a historic and famous circuit that has been in use since 1921, and is considered to be one of the most challenging and exciting tracks in the world.

The circuit has a length of 7.004 kilometers and features 20 turns, including famous corners such as Eau Rouge and Blanchimont. The track is known for its high-speed sections and undulating terrain, which makes it a favorite among drivers and fans alike.

Spa-Francorchamps is a popular venue for a variety of motorsport events, including the Formula One Belgian Grand Prix, the World Endurance Championship, and the 24 Hours of Spa. It has also been used for other events such as cycling and music festivals.

The track has undergone several renovations and safety improvements over the years, but it still retains much of its original character and charm. It is considered by many to be one of the most beautiful and scenic circuits in the world, with its location in the Ardennes forest providing a stunning backdrop to the racing action.

Overall, Spa-Francorchamps is an iconic race track that has a rich history and a reputation for being one of the most challenging and exciting cir-

cuits in the world. It is a true gem in the world of motorsport and a must-visit for any racing fan.



On The Road:

Circuit de la Sarthe



The Circuit de la Sarthe is a motorsport race track located in Le Mans, France. It is most famous for hosting the annual 24 Hours of Le Mans, which is one of the most prestigious and grueling endurance races in the world.

The circuit has a length of 13.626 kilometers and features a combination of public roads and purpose-built sections, including the famous Mulsanne Straight, which is one of the longest straight sections of any race track in the world.

The 24 Hours of Le Mans is a unique event that tests the limits of both drivers and machines. The race requires drivers to compete continuously for 24 hours, with only brief stops for refueling, tire changes, and driver changes. The cars used in the race are specially designed and built to withstand the intense demands of the circuit, and must be driven with precision and skill to avoid mechanical failures or accidents.

In addition to the 24 Hours of Le Mans, the Circuit de la Sarthe is also used for other motorsport events, including the French motorcycle Grand Prix and the Le Mans Classic, which features vintage cars from the 1920s to the 1970s.

Overall, the Circuit de la Sarthe is a legendary race track that is steeped in history and tradition. It is an iconic venue that has hosted some of the most memorable moments in motorsport history, and continues to be a favorite among drivers and fans alike.



On The Road: The Silverstone Circuit



The Silverstone Circuit is a motorsport race track located in Silverstone, Northamptonshire, England. It is one of the oldest and most historic circuits in the world, having been in use since 1948.

The circuit has a length of 5.891 kilometers and features 18 turns, including famous corners such as Copse, Becketts, and Stowe. It is known for its high-speed sections and technical corners, which make it a favorite among drivers and fans alike.

Silverstone is a popular venue for a variety of motorsport events, including the Formula One British Grand Prix, the MotoGP British Grand Prix, and the World Endurance Championship. It has also been used for other

events such as cycling and music festivals.

The track has undergone several renovations and improvements over the years, but it still retains much of its original character and charm. In recent years, a new pit and paddock complex has been built, as well as other facilities to enhance the fan experience.

Overall, Silverstone is an iconic race track that has a rich history and a reputation for being one of the most challenging and exciting circuits in the world. It is a true gem in the world of motorsport and a must-visit for any racing fan.

KART RACING





Kart Racing



Kart racing is a type of motorsport that involves racing small, four-wheeled vehicles called go-karts or simply karts. These vehicles are typically powered by small, single-cylinder engines and have no suspension, which means that they are very responsive to driver input and require a high level of skill and precision to drive.

Kart racing is often seen as a stepping stone to higher levels of motorsport, such as car racing. It is also a popular recreational activity that can be enjoyed by people of all ages and skill levels. Many kart racing tracks offer rental karts and instruction for beginners, as well as organized races and leagues for more experienced drivers.

Kart racing can take place on a variety of track types, including outdoor tracks made of asphalt or concrete, as well as indoor tracks that can be made of various materials such as wood, concrete, or plastic. Tracks can range in size from small, tight courses to large, high-speed circuits.

Kart racing can be a highly competitive sport, with drivers competing for position and trying to set the fastest lap times possible. There are a variety of classes and categories based on driver age, weight, and skill level, as well as different types of karts that can be used.

Overall, kart racing is a fun and exciting form of motorsport that is accessible to people of all ages and skill levels. It is a great way to experience the thrill of racing and develop driving skills that can be useful in other areas of motorsport or everyday driving.

Kart Racing:

Interview With Alfonso Garcia



What experience do you have with kart racing? I have been involved in kart racing for about two years now. I started out as a spectator and then became interested in the sport. I have since taken classes and participated in several races.

What do you think are the most important skills for a kart racer to have? The most important skills for a kart racer to have are good hand-eye coordination, quick reflexes, and the ability to make split-second decisions. A good understanding of the physics of racing and the mechanics of a kart is also essential.

How do you approach a race? I approach a race by first studying the track layout and conditions, and then developing a strategy for each section of the race. I focus on maintaining good speed and control throughout the race while also conserving energy for the final stretch.

How do you handle mistakes or setbacks during a race? I try to stay focused and maintain my composure. If I make a mistake, I quickly assess

the situation and make adjustments to my driving to recover as quickly as possible. I also try to learn from my mistakes and avoid making the same mistake twice.

How do you keep your kart in top condition? I keep my kart in top condition by regularly inspecting it and performing routine maintenance. This includes checking the oil and air filters, cleaning the carburetor, and ensuring the brakes and steering are functioning properly. I also make sure to replace any worn or damaged parts promptly.

What advice would you give to someone who is interested in kart racing? My advice to someone interested in kart racing would be to start by taking classes or lessons to learn the basics of the sport. Then, find a local kart racing club or track to practice and compete with other racers. Always remember to prioritize safety and have fun!

MOTORCYCLE RACING



Motorcycle Racing



Motorcycle racing is a form of motorsport that involves racing motorcycles on a closed circuit or on a dirt track. There are several different types of motorcycle racing, each with its own rules, regulations, and equipment.

The most popular form of motorcycle racing is road racing, which takes place on a paved circuit. In road racing, riders compete to complete a set number of laps in the shortest amount of time possible. There are several different classes of road racing, ranging from entry-level classes for novice riders to elite classes for professional racers.

Another type of motorcycle racing is motocross, which takes place on a dirt track that includes jumps and other obstacles. In motocross, riders compete in several heats, with the top riders advancing to the final round. The winner is the rider who completes the final round in the shortest amount of time.

Superbike racing is another popular type of motorcycle racing, which is similar to road racing but features modified production motorcycles with

enhanced performance capabilities. Superbike racing is typically held on road courses, and the riders compete in multiple races over the course of a weekend.

Other types of motorcycle racing include flat track racing, endurance racing, and drag racing. In flat track racing, riders compete on a flat, oval track with no jumps or obstacles. Endurance racing involves teams of riders competing in long-distance races, while drag racing involves riders competing to cover a quarter-mile distance in the shortest amount of time possible.

Regardless of the type of racing, motorcycle racing requires skill, physical fitness, and a high level of concentration. Riders must have excellent reflexes, coordination, and balance to navigate the course at high speeds while avoiding obstacles and other riders. Additionally, motorcycle racing requires a significant investment in equipment, including a high-performance motorcycle, safety gear, and specialized tools and equipment.

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