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## THE FASTEST FRONT WHEEL DRIVE CAR IN THE WORLD HONDA CIVIC TYPE R

THE TYPE R BADGE HAS DENOTED SUPERCAR BEATING PERFORMANCE ON A BUDGET SINCE 1992. FOR OVER 24 YEARS, TYPE R HONDAS HAVE THRILLED ENTHUSIASTS AND RACERS ON THE ROAD, THE TRACK AND THE DRAGSTRIP. THERE WAS A DIP IN PERFORMANCE IN THE LATE 2000S BUT THE TYPE R BADGE IS BACK WITH A VENGEANCE. MEET THE NEW CIVIC, THE FASTEST EVER FWD CAR TO LAP NURBURGRING'S INFAMOUS NORDSCHLEIFE.

nürburgring  
NORDSCHLEIFE  
"THE GREEN HELL"

20.8 KM  
73 TURNS  
300 M TOTAL DIFF  
IN ALTITUDE

6:52.01  
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7:36.00  
HONDA NSX (2017)

7:43.80

THE CIVIC TYPE R DID IT IN...  
BEATING OUT THE VW GOLF GTI CLUBSPORT S, WHICH PREVIOUSLY HELD THE RECORD FOR FASTEST FWD CAR WITH A 7.49.21. A 7 SEC DIFF FROM PREVIOUS RECORD.



### PAST TYPE R HITS

#### NSX-R

THE NSX-R SET THE TONE FOR TYPE R HONDAS - OBSESSIVE TO THE LAST DEGREE, THE NSX EVEN HAD A LIGHTER GEARNOB FOR WEIGHT SAVINGS. LATER, THE INTEGRA TYPE R WOULD BE CALLED THE GREATEST FWD CAR OF ALL TIME. UNTIL NOW?

#### DC2 INTEGRA TYPE R



2.0 I-VTEC TURBO  
4 CYLINDER

306 HP  
295 LB-FT

6-SPD MANUAL  
ADAPTIVE DAMPERS  
DUAL AXIS FRONT STRUTS  
LIMITED SLIP DIFFERENTIAL

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## AUTO NEWS

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### Mercedes rocketship

Mercedes has released the latest AMG wagon. We love our wagons here at Shift and last week we touted the latest BMW to come sliding into the scene, the M550d x-drive. Incidentally, the new BMW 5 is yet to be officially launched in Bangladesh but we have a video walkthrough on our site.

The AMG E 63 is powered by a 4.0-litre twin-turbo V8 holding down 563 BHP, 553lb/ft torque in the standard E 63. The S gets 604 BHP and 627lb/ft. Both the massive wagons reach 100kmph in a dizzying sub 3.6 seconds. We are never seeing this in Bangladesh. Astronomical taxes will keep it out of our reach but we surely can drool from a distance.



### Fastest Porsche GT3

The latest Porsche 911 GT3 has set an incredible time on the go-to track for bragging rights, the Nürburgring. They call it a standard car, meaning it is stripped and tuned to the last inch from the factory. It is a massive 12 seconds faster than its predecessor, setting a time of 7:12.7.

It is powered by a 493 BHP 4.0-litre engine and with the new times, it is one of the top ten fastest production cars on the planet. 0-100kmph comes in 3.4 seconds leading all the way up to 318kmph.

It can also be fitted with a six-speed sports manual transmission. It makes the car a little slow in acceleration but pushes up the top speed ever so slightly.



### MG unleashing a crossover

Remember MG? The British brand started in 1923 and has been going back and forth between utter bankruptcy and mild hopefulness. Currently it is a subsidiary of Shanghai based SAIC Motor. They have revealed their new XS crossover. It looks good with hints of contemporary Hyundai and a lot of

Mazda up front. Which is actually not a bad thing at all. Built in China, it is to be offered with a 123 BHP 1.0 or a 164 BHP 1.5. That sounds like an excellent combo. Someone should consider it for Bangladesh. It's a brand with a rich history currently making cars using modern tech offering great efficiency.

### Dead Mahindra electric

Mahindra e2o is an electric car made by the Indian automaker hoping to capitalise on the green revolution. It is no Tesla though. The lithium-ion battery pack and 830 kg weight allows it to run 20 km (75 mi). It has a maximum speed of 90 km/h. It looks quite dated although considering it is an electric urban car, the looks must have come secondary on the to-do



list. So what happens now? They head back to the drawing board mostly because it is an eyesore.

## COLLECTIBLES



### CLASSIC BENZES IN 1/43

Two classic Mercs simply isn't enough Mercs. But it is definitely a good point to start. Featuring the most graceful and elegant Mercedes designs ever to roll out: the W111 series cars of the 60's.

The blue car is a 220SE made by IXO Altaya. IXO is a model maker specialising mostly in 1:43 scales. Altaya happens to be a sub brand utilizing the same body shell but made of slightly fewer parts and chrome window trim reproduced with silver paint.

The 280 SE made by Greenlight is also a W111 often mistaken for the later W108 models because the bumper and headlights are similar. The model is also available with a top raised version but then you cannot see the beautifully crafted interior. I've since added a few interior details mostly featuring chrome/aluminium highlights. Pros: Both models are similarly well built though I found the Greenlight to have thinner paint allowing more detail to be visible. Both have photoetched metal hood emblems. Interiors are well detailed with excellent gauges and realistic trim.

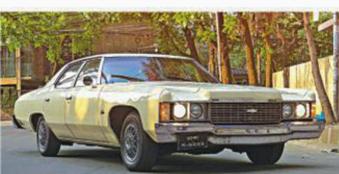
Cons: Mirrors are extremely fragile. Price: Roughly around 1200-1600 taka depending on online sellers. \$10 (roughly 800tk) directly from retail outlets outside BD. Keep an eye on our page because sometimes these go up for sale.



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## CAR SPOTTING

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70s Chevy Impala restored to working condition. Piece of Americana in pearl.



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