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NISSAN (SKYLINE) GT-R

The Nissan Skyline GT-R, rechristened just the GT-R in its latest avatar is a Japanese legend. The car is known to provide astonishing performance, comparable to the likes of Posche 911 at a heavy discount



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NISSAN GT-R (2007)

In its latest iteration the GT-R has shed the Skyline prefix borne by its ancestors. Powered by a 3.8-litre twin-turbo V6, that puts out a stupendous 473bhp of power, this holy grail of Japanese performance cars accelerates from 0 to 100km/h in a mind numbing 3.6 seconds. The predecessors of the GT-R have several performance records in their name. Unassuming, fast and ferocious, the GT-R is a car that is truly unstoppable

PRINCE SKYLINE

The Skyline was the first luxury car endeavour of the Prince Motor Company. Previously known as Tachikawa Aircraft Company and accused with the production of the Zero fighter planes that bombed Pearl Harbour, the company merged with Nissan in 1966. Powered with a 1482cc, 60bhp engine, the car had a top speed of more than 125km/h. Quite fast for its time.



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NISSAN SKYLINE RS TURBO

Introduced in 1983, the RS turbo came fitted with the most powerful engine in Japan at that time. The car reintroduced Nissan to the racetrack, leading to the formation of the company's motorsport division - Nismo. The 2.0 litre engine on the car produced 202bhp, propelling the car from 0 to 100km/h in 7.5s.



NISSAN SKYLINE GT-R (1999)

The 1999 GT-R was the last car carrying the Skyline badge. The R34's LCD dash was a nothing less than an advanced physics lab with a display of real-time driving stats including a lateral g-force meter and a turbocharger pressure gauge. The 2568cc, 330bhp car did 0-100km/h sprint in a mere 4.5s.



NISSAN SKYLINE GT-R (1989)

The Skyline GT-R R32 won all 29 Japanese Touring Car Championship races in 1989 and lapped the Nordschleife in 8min 20s, a production car record at that time. The GT-R tech-test really began here, with all-wheel drive, four-wheel steering and two ceramic turbochargers. The 2568cc twin turbo engine on the car produced 280bhp and accelerated from 0-100km/h in 4.7s.



NISSAN SKYLINE GT-R (1995)

The R33 Skyline achieved two landmarks for Nissan: 200mph from a production car (this was with the highly tuned Vespac) and a sub eight minute lap of the Nordschleife. The 400R variants were in a league of their own, putting out 400bhp. The stock car with a 2568cc twin-turbo engine produced 300bhp and reached 100km/h from a standstill in 4.9s.

