

15 x 9 Jonbloed wheels

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I bought a set of the 944 +55mm Jonbloed wheels from Phils tire for my 87 944 chassis. I installed the same Toyo RR 225/50/15 tire. Car was spec legal except for wheels when I tested this tire and wheel package.

The car was raced at Willow Springs in California at a Nasa event two weeks ago. The current lap record is 1:35.9 My fastest lap that weekend was a 1:34.2

This was not a particularly fast weekend as most classes were nowhere near the lap records for their class.

The wheel change appears to be good for a minimum of 1.7 second reduction in lap time for \$800 plus shipping.

The wheel weight difference was -2.5 lbs per wheel.

The stack height difference of 4 mounted tires between the 15x7 stock wheel and the 15x9 wheel with was 4.5".

I am in no way proposing going to a wider wheel for spec944. But if you run additional classes like I do such as Gts1 or PTD this certainly gives you a more competitive car for minimal dollars.

I will be testing the new 225/45/15 RR tire at Buttonwillow next month. Surprisingly the 45 series tire is not wider than the 50. It does help with acceleration because it is shorter.

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Re: 15 x 9 Jonbloed wheels

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