

Noob needs help/advice w/front struts

Posted by LanceR - 11 Apr 2010 10:36

Got a smoking deal on an '83 944 ITS racer that needs adjustable front struts and I need advice on what works best and where to get them.

Thanks in advance,

Lance in Northern Illinois

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Re:Noob needs help/advice w/front struts

Posted by LanceR - 20 Apr 2010 02:47

Thanks for the comments.

In Midwestern Council there is a 944 that is very competitive in ITS but the level of competition may not be what it is in SCCA.

Given that you're suggesting the 944 Spec setup just exactly what is that? I can't afford to spent my money twice.

Coming from a Miata I'd like to think that the 944 could be a bit faster given the extra displacement, it feels faster in a straight line and pulls past where the 1.6L Miata runs out of breath, the brakes seem to be equal, but the extra weight might hurt cornering. I'm a mediocre, elderly driver whose best time in the Miata was about a second or two off the record you mention so the car has to carry me.

What is the participation like in 944 Spec in NASA at BHF?

I might think about running a race or two this year when Council has time between events.

Do you happen know Miata driver Brian Domont?

Lance

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Re:Noob needs help/advice w/front struts

Posted by LanceR - 20 Apr 2010 02:50

Just saw your comments, Joe, and they pretty much match up with my conclusions. The tightness of the nut behind the wheel still determines the result once the car is capable, and mine is definitely not capable, at least not yet.

The current springs and bars allowed me to run over the curbs like a Cadillac would, they're not nearly as stiff as on the Miata.

Let the fun begin!

Lance

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Re:Noob needs help/advice w/front struts

Posted by Sterling Doc - 20 Apr 2010 12:47

Lance,

A 944 Spec setup is 30mm rear torsions, 350 or 400 front springs (I've run both, and prefer the 400's, allows me to run a softer front swaybar, and have a bit less dive under braking.

Anti sway bars are open. Most use Weltmeisters, some 968 M030 bars, and a few Tarret bars (probably the nicest, but most costly).

We should see around 10 cars at the Blackhawk event. Your MW council comp license would get you a NASA comp license if you apply. Hope to see you out there!

944s have to compete with the dominating E36 BMW's in ITS on a national level, but maybe no one has brought one out in the MW council yet?

I know Brian Domont pretty well. Very good driver in a SM.

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Re:Noob needs help/advice w/front struts

Posted by LanceR - 20 Apr 2010 21:49

Thanks for the comments Eric, hope to see you someday soon. Say HI to Brian for me the next time you see him, I used to rent his Miata back in 2002-2003.

Lance

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Re:Noob needs help/advice w/front struts

Posted by Sterling Doc - 21 Apr 2010 08:35

Cool.

Lance, send me an email: Eric dot Kuhns at Gmail dot com, and I'll put you on the 944 Spec MW mailing list.

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