

Manual vs depowered racks

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Hey guys,

Just wanted to get a few opinions on what people favor for steering racks. I currently have a power rack that I took apart and removed the seals and it works fine. I do have a complete manual rack on my parts car that I am thinking about swapping to. I haven't yet because the power has a quicker ratio which I assumed would be better but I have bad shoulders and yanking that wheel around at slow speeds is a pain, literally.

I have to have more surgery soon which will most likely end racing, at least for awhile but I want to see if I can make things a bit easier first. I ran a full power setup after my last surgery and that was fine except for the leaks. I rebuilt it all once but it leaked again eventually and wasn't cheap to do. I'm hoping the manual will make a difference, however slight that will keep me going a bit longer.

Does anybody absolutely hate the manual and if so why? Is the ratio noticeably slower and gets you working too hard to catch a slide? Like most guys I like oversteer more than under steer so this might be more work because of bigger turns, although while racing I don't notice the pain.

Thanks

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Re: Manual vs depowered racks

Posted by JerryW - 12 Feb 2014 10:28

I have both. Ran a Powered rack initially, then De-powered it, and then finally swapped in a manual rack. Both the de-powered rack and manual racks were fine on the track at speed. The manual rack is significantly easier in the paddock and at low speed. I also have shoulder problems and have stuck to the manual for that reason.
