

Tire cost?

Posted by Sterling Doc - 01 Mar 2011 06:40

Guys,

What are you guys seeing for RA-1 costs out West?

Locally, RA-1's run from \$152-\$160 per tire, plus \$15 for shaving. For the \$160 cost, I get them delivered to the track, and don't pay tax.

I just bought a set of 4 for \$668 + tax, that I pick up locally.

I'm curious if we can leverage the size of our class for a group buy to lower the cost for the upcoming season, and also see how much costs vary regionally

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Re: Tire cost?

Posted by Weston - 02 Mar 2011 18:23

The last time I bought RA-1's, it was right around \$200 per tire, shaved and mounted up. I also got the last set of tires that were available in the country at that time... other racers were left out in the cold, which is certainly nothing new.

We can make the case for Nitto NT-01's all day long, prove how much of an obviously better deal they are, etc., but the reality is that there's no way 944-Spec is going to change anytime soon. NASA is in bed with Toyo, and nobody here has authority to change 944-Spec. No sense in arguing it anymore.

Like any of their decisions, it's all about money. It's in our best interests to stop pretending that they're our best friends, and treat this like the business/customer relationship that it is. Those who prefer to race with their checkbooks have an automatic advantage with such organizations, but there's still hope for those of us who want an honest race, or who simply don't feel the need to piss away money just because we can... We're just going to run our own deal in PTE and stop interfering with NASA's destruction of 944-Spec and themselves. Besides, there are much more effective ways to flaunt our income levels (since that's obviously very important here) than to spend excessively on 25 year old cars that can barely beat some high school girl's Miata.

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Re: Tire cost?

Posted by cbuzzetti - 02 Mar 2011 20:11

Good bye and good riddance.

The best of luck to you.

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Re: Tire cost?

Posted by Sterling Doc - 02 Mar 2011 21:41

Take it offline, guys. *Not appropriate here.*

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Re: Tire cost?

Posted by rd7839 - 02 Mar 2011 21:52

Just as a side note; when RA1's were hard to find, I walked in to Les Scwhab tires and they got me a set next day cheaper than anybody else, of course they wouldn't shave them but they did offer to sipe them, whatever that is.

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Re: Tire cost?

Posted by cbuzzetti - 02 Mar 2011 22:19

Sorry Erik, but I do wish them the best if they go their own way.

Have a great time at Cal Speed this weekend.