

V O L U M E

And now for something completely different: the All-Star Triathlon. By creating a continuous course consisting of our 0-100-0 test of acceleration and braking, 200-ft. skidpad and 700-ft. slalom, we crown the all-round performance/handling champion among the Acura NSX-T, Chevrolet Corvette, Ferrari F355 and Porsche 911 Turbo.

In the mood for something more ecologically correct? Then read Kim Reynolds' highamperage test of GM's electric car, the EV1; or perhaps Dennis Simanaitis' tête-à-tête with a rare Porsche single-seater (he really has a field day with this one).

ROAD TESTS

- GM EV1—though able to leap past unsuspecting Mustang GTs in a single bound, GM's electric marvel is no superhero when it comes to endurance
- 1958 Porsche Junior—we test a rare Volksschlepper model and come away a bit perplexed: Its feel is somewhat agricultural and it plows unmercifully

FIRST DRIVES

- 1998 Ford Escort ZX2—low monthly payments don't necessarily mean a low threshold of style—as witnessed by Ford's new affordable, sporty coupe
- Volvo S70 & V70 AWD-more horsepower, rounder corners, freshened faces and different designations for the Swedes formerly known as "850"
- 1998 Oldsmobile Intrigue—an even newer generation of Olds attempts to win over Camry and Acco<mark>rd buye</mark>rs with a new look and a stiffer structure

FEATURES

- All-Star Triathlon—Acura NSX-T vs. Chevrolet Corvette vs. Ferrari F355 vs. Porsche 911 Turbo—we devise the ultimate test of performance
- 50 Years of Road & Track-in our fourth installment, we examine the Eighties, decade of lacocca, the airbag, the X-car and the import onslaught
- Salon: 1959 Alfa Romeo Giulietta Spider Veloce—this Pininfarinadesigned convertible captured the imagination of a new generation of Alfisti
- Colorado's Grand!—Gullwings, Cunninghams, Maseratis, oh my! Our Engineering Editor, Dennis Simanaitis, is definitely not in Kansas anymore
- Long-Term Tests: Audi A4 Quattro and Toyota RAV4—California's rains and Wisconsin's freezing temperatures don't overly tax this twosome

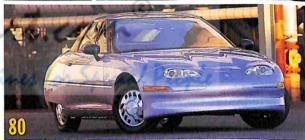
TECHNICAL

Tire Technology Test: Putting Sport in Your SUV-in the market for 125 the sport-ute equivalent of sensible shoes? We help you find the right tire.

COLUMNS

- Miscellaneous Ramblings—a half-century's worth of R&T paintings, illustrations and photos, neatly packaged; and a new venture for our ex-publisher
- Side Glances—after avoiding the thick, saline road mush that spells death for old Cadillacs and Porsches, Peter Egan ponders the true worth of old cars
- Ampersand—a largely undisguised look at Porsche's spectacular new 911. plus all the glitz and glamour from the Los Angeles and Detroit auto shows
- About the Sport-the rain-shortened results of the first "real" IRL race in Orlando, and Bornhop braves the banking at Talladega in Saab's record run









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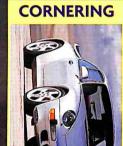
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