

The 0-to-100-to-0 test is something akin to a national anthem for sports-car lovers, symbolizing everything that performance is about. Since the Sixties, when Carroll Shelby's original Cobra met the challenge in legendary style, no one has found a more telling performance measure than that of turning the wick up to 100 mph, then snuffing it as quickly as possible. Our cover story, "The New Centurions," is a modern rediscovery of that anthem.

ROAD TESTS

- The New Centurions—faster than you can say, "red light-green lightred light," we test 10 road rockets using the 0-to-100-mph-to-0 benchmark
- Savoir-Faire Sedans—an intercontinental comparison of the BMW 325i, Mercedes-Benz C280, Saab 900SE and Volvo 850 Turbo Sedan
- **Comparison Test: Three Great Subterranean Transportation** Systems—The London Underground, Paris Métro and Tokyo Subway

FEATURES

- Show Time!—John Lamm exposes the highlights of the Detroit and Los Angeles auto shows, including a Nineties' Beetle and a passel of Chryslers
- Before the Flood—every cloud has a silver lining, and this one was Stirling: a vintage weekend at Blackhawk before the record rains of 1993
- Owner Survey: Ford Taurus, 1991–1993—we give the most recent Taurus its report card and witness a SHO of affection among R&T readers
- Long-Term Wrapup: Ford Probe GT-our Long-Term probe of our longterm Probe reaches its conclusion. Our conclusion? Four 4-star seasons.
- Long-Term Tests: Cadillac Seville Touring Sedan, Dodge Intrepid ES, Mercedes-Benz 400E and Toyota Supra

FIRST DRIVES

- Acura NSX-R—what happens when you take a lightened NSX (with a shortened final drive and a beefed-up suspension) to the Nürburgring? Magic.
- 1994 Cadillac DeVille Concours—the latest Caddy sedan gets put to work as both a country-club cruiser and luxury-emergency vehicle
- Kia Sephia—now that it's big news back home in Korea, Kia is trying to write a success story in the United States with this entry-level 4-door
- Not Quite Cars: Honda Passport and Chevrolet Blazer Turbo Diesel—on the road with Honda's Rodeo and Chevy's turbo Blazer

COMPETITION

US vs. Them!—it was 20 years ago today, Dekon Monzas joined the IMSA fray (okay, it was 19 years ago, but the Dekons still beat up the Euros)

TECHNICAL

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- Miscellaneous Ramblings—our Editor wets his thumb and pages back through the cars he has owned and driven, underlining a few favorites
- Side Glances—tonight's horror flick: Invasion of the Minivans, starring Michael Rennie and Barbara Rush, with Ralph Bellamy as The Doctor
- About the Sport-the SCCA's American Sedan class promises to keep those potent ponycars (and their American-V-8 power) on the tracks
- Inside Formula 1—the 1994 F1 season begins with new rules to soften the hardware (technology) and concentrate on the software (drivers)
- Inside Indy Car—any race season that starts out with Nigel Mansell saying, "The big problem is: We're going a bit too fast" is a good one









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