

SEMA SHOW 2015



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SEMA is the Specialty Equipment Market Association and every year they put on the SEMA Show in Las Vegas, Nevada. The show lasts for 4 days officially, from Tuesday to Friday. On Monday there are some events that go on but the show floors are inaccessible until the start of the show Tuesday.

Now that I have the informational section aside, let's talk the actual show! For those that have never been, this is by far the most overwhelming trade event I have ever been to. It spans multiple buildings and has outside events, and booths going on as well. What everyone fails to tell you when you attend the show is how much walking you will be doing! I swear I lost weight just from walking for 5 days nonstop. As an aside, good shoes are a must when attending.

As I aforementioned, the trade event spans multiple buildings, which SEMA thankfully breaks down into sections, so depending on your interests you can go directly to the hall you want to peruse. This makes your life as show attendee so much easier! In each of the halls there were a number of car manufactures, Ford

had a huge spread, Chevrolet was being competitive with theirs as well. Whatever your favorite manufacturer you could find the manufacture and see some of the concept vehicles they had designed in the past year. Kia had some pretty interesting concept vehicles. Personally, not a Kia fan, but the minivan that they had transformed is definitely my kind of mom-mobile.

Not only can you walk the show floor but SEMA also had educational events that were happening throughout each day. Some were for company owners, others discussed particular automotive themes, like where racing was going, or engine oil. Other seminars tackled social media and how to use it, how to make videos, and the list can go on.

Overall, this event is an amazing week for the automotive enthusiast. The amount of vehicles you can see, the people you can talk to, it's overwhelming and exciting all at once. Peruse the gallery of photos here, then go online to girlsngarages.com to see even more photos from the SEMA show.

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This van is our idea of the ideal "mom-mobile," don't you agree?



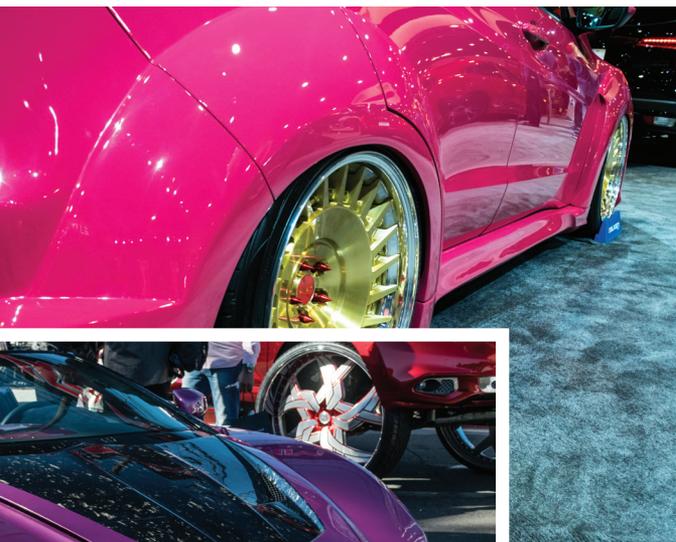
The highly anticipated all-wheel drive Ford Focus RS is set to be released next year 2016.



Hydrogen-fueled Toyota Mirai modified for Back to the Future movie tribute.



Sung Kang and GReddy sat down for an interview about their Nissan 240Z build. 



Want to see more from our coverage from the SEMA show in Las Vegas? Go to www.girlsngarages.com for the full photo gallery.



ABOVE: The Hogie Shine rat-rod was a real attention-getter with a matching hauler!
RIGHT: GNG Editor-in-Chief Karen Sullivan waits in line for NHRA women celebrity signing after SEMA Business Network's women's event.



Female NHRA Drag racer Alexis DeJoria's dragster during signing after SBN Women's Event.



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DRIFTING 101:

BASIC DRIFT CAR SETUP

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Drifting is quickly becoming a well-known motorsport. You may have seen it in the movies, on television, or maybe you've attended an event in person. For those that don't know what drifting is, drifting is the intentional oversteer of the car to lose traction in the rear wheels. The driver maintains the drift through the turns by counter steering and throttle control. If you have seen someone drifting before have you ever thought to yourself "that looks like so much fun, I wish I could do that too"? Well I have fantastic news because you absolutely CAN do it! I am not a professional, but I

can provide you with the basics to get yourself setup with the proper beginner car.

A good beginner car is one with just a few basic modifications. If you have the funds you could build an insane car, but without experience you could be setting yourself up for failure. It is beneficial to start with the basics and as you start to understand your driving style you can decide which modifications will be beneficial to you. In order to get out on the track for the first time you will need:

- A rear wheel drive car. (Some of the most common are 240sx, 350z/



G35, RX7, E30/E36, and AE86)

- Manual transmission.
- A limited slip differential or a welded differential, you want to keep both rear wheels spinning not just one. I highly recommend this because drifting with an open differential is not fun.
- A working e-brake. (This is not a serious requirement, but I recommend it)
- Rear wheels with tires to drift on and rear wheels with tires that you can safely drive home on, if you don't have a truck and trailer.
- **TIP:** if you have a newer car make sure your ABS is disabled and traction control is off.

Safety is a big concern in drifting. Accidents do happen all the time and you are going to want to make sure that you have the proper safety gear to keep you safe. At most drift events that basic safety equipment you will need for a beginner drift

car is a SNELL SA2005 or newer helmet, battery secured properly with the positive terminal covered, seatbelts that work properly and are mounted in the correct location, a fire extinguisher, and a safety kill switch on the outside of the vehicle. Each track has their own tech rules so make sure to check with your local track before you attend their event to make sure you have the proper equipment.

At your first drift event don't be scared to ask advanced drivers for help and advice. Most people are always willing to help out beginner drivers. Drifting is all about having fun, so go out, try something new and shred some tires! If you have specific questions about car setup or you are unsure of where drift events are held in your area feel free to email me at brittanydonuts@gmail.com.