

Having picked up my Roadster auto yesterday, I agree with everything you've written.....I'm rapt with mine , and can't wait to try it at Collingrove and Mallala,.....even if I'm a bit tentative with it first up.

I can't say that I agree with everything the columnist said about them in the "Advertiser" last Saturday

Firstly , they don't have 17" wheels , they're 16" with the same 4 stud x 100pcd pattern of the original NA,.....so with luck with the callipers and offsets , I MAY be able to use my Track and Hillclimb 15" competition wheels and tyres from my NA.

Secondly, also , so far , with the very limited use I've had (It's well and truly in the garage today with this wind rain and hail thank you) it seems as though it DOES hold in intermediate gears up to and including the rev limiter, unless I just haven't belted it hard enough (it is very new). That would be great for the Hillclimb fingers crossed.

And his complaint about puffing out on hills,.....what rubbish , unless he's comparing it with a Lambo

And I just can't believe the high standard of specification and extras included in the basic model,.....I'm SO glad I didn't buy the much more expensive GTI hate it's huge Info screen above the dashboard ,....very UN Sports Car treatment in my Dinosaur book,and I much prefer my silver wheels to the black on the GT.

Did you try the Hood up and down,.....it seems to be spring loaded and almost re fastens itself , it's so easy a 5 year old could handle it.

Overall , a simply amazing car , and simply amazing value..... for the same price \$31,950 , that I paid in 1989 for my manual NA with air con.....but loaded with extras including switch off- able traction control which is great for the track I Thank you Mr. Toyota 86, !!

You're very welcome to pass this on to Members if you wish , and please let me know when the next drive day happens and I'll do my best to be there with the red shiny one for everyone's inspection.

BTW My lovely old illustrious record holding manual red NA is now for sale. For those who don't know it , it's a Mazda Adelaide delivery with full history , books, etc , only 130,000 kms , drives like new ,

Tastefully improved with coilovers (31 variable settings by hand front and rear for any road conditions soft to hard) heavy duty clutch , standard motor , but with polished cam covers , extractors and exhaust system , improved air intake, rollbar , special MX5 embossed seats , large NB brakes with drilled rotors , and fancy Bob Jane 15" alloys and good tyres , reg to 30/9 , hood almost like new (had a hardtop most of it's life until recently) other extras etc, asking \$7,900. It's never been pranged , never been on a racetrack , but has done well at Collingrove and Mt Panorama Bathurst Hillclimbs , where it still holds it's class records, A great little car , good for another 20 years.

Kind Regards
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