



Louis Perea's Daily-Driven 1985 RX-7

Story and interview by Judge Ito

Best Run: E.T. 9.94 @ 141.84 mph
Weight: 2775 lbs.

Motor:

- Street Ported J-Spec 13B-REW
- 2mm Factory Apex seals
- T-76 Turbonetics ball-bearing turbo
- HKS GT Wastegate
- NX EFI Wet Nitrous system
- NPR air to air intercooler
- Haltech F10-8A
- 6 RC Injectors
- MSD Digital 6 ignition

Drive Train:

- J-Spec FD 5 speed transmission
- ACT Clutch (Extreme)
- Custom drive shaft
- Ford 8.8 Rear-end with Moser components
- 33 Spline axles

Tires:

- 26x10.5 E.T. Streets

Accomplishments:

- Won numerous Survival Series Events
- Two time Runner up in the IDRC Quick class
- Two time Runner up in the IDRC Street class
- Winner in the NIRA Power 6

The car is fully built by the owner including the following:

- Engine porting and building
- Haltech install and tuning
- Engine, Transmission and Rear differential conversion

Judge Ito: What got you involved with rotaries?

Louis Perea: Seeing a combination of a 1971 rotary powered street driven Datsun, and being a victim back in 1989 to Carlos "Pepeloco" Montano's 1980 street-ported 13B Mazda RX-7. I thought the Mitsubishi Starion we ran was the shit! But man was I wrong!

Ji: What kept your passion and interest going for 11 years with the rotary engine?

LP: The challenge to make a high horsepower, reliable rotary engine. It's a gratifying feeling to have achieved it.

Ji: Do you see yourself racing Mazda's in the future?

LP: I see myself racing my RX-7 way into the future. Hopefully Mazda will introduce a 4th Gen RX-7. When I get my hands on one, I'll continue drag racing with Mazda's.

Ji: How does a 630rwhp feel on a street driven first generation Rx7?

LP: I just have 2 words, "TUNNEL VISION".

Ji: Do you have any closing statement?

LP: I want to see total domination by the rotary engine.



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