

USGP Drive Video Is On The Web!

If you missed the Downtown Drive put on during the USGP weekend last June, Gary Marconi will let you see how much fun it was!

Gary was the second car behind Rick and Susie Booe (that's one of the perks of being President, you lead the drive!) and had his video camera rolling during the seventeen minute, police escorted cruise through downtown.

Gary has graciously posted on the web for us to enjoy! Follow the link from the topic in the member forum section of the club website (indymiata.org) or type in the following URL and hold on! Wheeeeeee! <http://web.mac.com/gmarconi1/iWeb/Site/USGP-06Fast.html>

Gary, thanks for doing this!



More Miata Power Retractable Hard Top Info

The Miata MX-5 Power Retractable Hard Top that carries Mazda's unique power retractable roof system steps in as the top-of-the-range model of the third-generation Roadster. The new hardtop provides both a high level of comfort for an open-top sports car and the traditional Roadster "Jinba Ittai" ("Rider and horse as one") driving pleasure at the same time. The lightweight hard top has a simple one-touch open/close electric control, and boasts an unprecedented mechanism which folds the roof away into the same space behind the seats and inside the wheelbase that the soft-top model requires.

The design of the lightweight compact roof makes allowances for the expanded aperture necessary for a power retractable roof, minimizes the weight increase while ensuring durability, and maintains the same small, lightweight, highly-rigid body as the soft-top; the key to achieving "Jinba Ittai".

The roof is installed in the space behind the seats near the vehicle's center-of-gravity, maintaining the 50:50 weight distribution. Also, it keeps a low yaw inertia moment that is important for a lightweight sports car feel.

The suspension system is optimized to suit the characteristics of the model - such as the rigid body - maintaining the same "Jinba Ittai" performance as the soft top.

It is the first power retractable roof system in the world that doesn't reduce trunk size, stowing the roof behind the seats inside the wheelbase. In addition, it boasts the world's fastest roof operation (for roadsters) - only 12 seconds.

A choice of six colors, including the new Stormy Blue Mica and existing Copper Red, True Red, Galaxy Gray Mica, Sunlight Silver Metallic and Brilliant Black could be the color options for this car.

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For Sale - Hard top for 1st Gen Miata. MINT, seldom used. Price negotiable. Email or call Bob Wiley with offer. wileekyot@aol.com or 317-838-0263

For Sale - 1994 Miata, red w/ black interior, supercharged w/ intercooler, leather seats, new tires, body is perfect, looks new and drives out like new. This car took a "best of show" at Kazoom's "Miatas & More" in 2005. All the essential accessories to make this car a winner. \$12,200 OBO - Must sell to make room for Mini Cooper. Call Bill Florent at 260-356-4270 or email: billjean3@localnet.com.

Congratulations - Steve, Angela and Riley Jacobson added a new driver to their family on August 22nd. Daughter Brooklyn Rachel was born at 8:29am and weighed 6lbs. 11oz. and was 22" long with dark hair! Mom and daughter are doing great!