



TEAM MONSTER SPORT RACE TO THE SKY 2015 CHALLENGE

TEAM MONSTER SPORT will compete in New Zealand's Race to the Sky 2015 hill climb event at its return on April 2015 after 8 years of dormancy.

"Race to the Sky" is a hill climb race comparable to America's Pikes Peak International Hill Climb. It was held during 1998 to 2007 where "MONSTER" Nobuhiro Tajima claimed Champion with overwhelming results in eight victories out of nine starts (Total 10 events held). The newly reborn Race to the Sky invites participants based on their previous records. Without a doubt the world-renowned "Monster" intends to bring excitement to the event as the legendary 'King of the Hill'.

MONSTER SPORT is bringing in the "Super 86" which was developed based on the hot sports car 'Toyota GT86'. The super machine boasts a mid-ship layout 670ps V6 Twin Turbo engine. In evolving the beast for hill climb competition, improvements such as over-sized wing, redesigning the induction-exhaust layout and full tuning was made.

The Super 86, since its debut in 2013 won two championships in the All Japan Dirt Trials and pleased many motorsport fans with its many demonstration performances at locations such as: Tokyo Odaiba MEGAWEB, Fuji Speedway, and in the audience of 48,000 at Shinshiro Rally 2014.

Going further, Monster Tajima actively seeks to inspire hope and strength to the people who have experienced the Great East Japan earthquake by participating in Dirt Trial Tohoku Rally in Fukushima prefecture as a surprise competitor and continues to partake in activities to spread hope by presenting the joy of cars through motorsport. In 2015, his activities will become larger scale to convey MONSTER Tajima's passion worldwide.

Participating Competition Event

Event: Race to the Sky 2015
Venue: Cardrona Valley, Otago, New Zealand
Date: April 17 through 19, 2015



Entry Class: Unlimited Division
Entry Machine: MONSTER SPORT Super 86 Hill Climb Special 2015 Model
Driver: Nobuhiro Tajima

About the Race

What 'Race to the Sky' is...

Located in close proximity of Queenstown resort area South East of New Zealand, Race to the Sky is staged in Waiorau Snow Farm within Cardrona Valley. Its first race was in 1998, despite having a young history, the popularity matches with Pikes Peak International Hill Climb held in the USA.

The event became discontinued with its last race in 2007 which has since gathered much wishes from fans all over the world for its revival. Now, the once popular event shall breath again in 2015 with all its original goodness; Totally gravel road, 14.5km course length, 135 corners, and harsh altitude differences up to 1050m.

As the Pikes Peak International Hill Climb has now become a totally paved race course, Race to the Sky is now the largest and longest gravel hill climb race. Gravel course is a condition demanding high driving technique from the driver. With pluming clouds of smoke from hard drifting on the gravel course, spectators would surely be pleased.

Already, many contenders are entering the race to challenge Monster Tajima's course record. Monster Tajima and company intends to take on all challenges head-on as defending champion and to achieve a ninth overall win and break the course record to set anew.

Event Official Web Site

<http://www.highlands.co.nz/events/highlands-race-to-the-sky-2015/>



Race Car Specifications

2015 MONSTER SPORT Super 86

Make		TAJIMA Motor Corporation
Body	Chassis	Steel space frame
	Panels	Carbon fiber composite
Engine	Type	Monster Original V6 Twin Turbo Water cooled, 4 valve DOHC, Dry sump
	Capacity	2977cc (90.0×78.0mm)
	Max Power/Torque	670ps/7800rpm 82.5kg-m/5000rpm
Power Train	Transmission	6 Speed Sequential
	Differential	Front/Rear: Hydraulic control Center: Mechanical multi-plate
Suspension	Type	Front/Rear: Double wishbone
Tire & Wheel	Tire	Front/Rear:310/800-18 Giti Tire
	Wheel	Front/Rear: 18x11J RAYS
Dimension	Overall	Length 5200 x Width 1960 x Height 1580 mm *Aero wings included
	Wheelbase	2820mm
	Weight	1080kg (Without Driver and Fuel)

The Driver



Nobuhiro Tajima

Born: June 28, 1950

Origination: Ishikawa Prefecture, now residing in Tokyo

TAJIMA Motor Corporation, CEO

IRD Corporation, CEO

SIM-Drive Corporation, President and CEO

A1 Corporation President and CEO

APEV Chief Commissioner

Iwata creation of new industries council, Director

JEVRA (Japan EV Race Association), Director

JAF Certified Team Monster Chairman

Tokyo University Contract Teacher

Nobuhiro Tajima Hill Climb Race Record

Race to the Sky (2003-2007)

Queenstown Gold Rush (1998-2002)

(Otago, Newzealand)

1998	Unlimited Division	Overall Win	8m13s60
1999	Unlimited Division	Overall Win	8m33s31
2000	Unlimited Division	Overall Win	8m40s91
2001	Unlimited Division	Overall 3rd	8m56s
2002	Did not compete		
2003	Unlimited Division	Overall Win	8m10s02
2004	Unlimited Division	Overall Win	8m17s84
2005	Unlimited Division	Overall Win	8m10s84
2006	Unlimited Division	Overall Win	8m01s17
COURSE RECORD			
2007	Unlimited Division	Overall Win	8m03s93

Pikes Peak International Hill Climb

(Colorado, U.S.A.)

1988	Showroom Stock Div.	Class 3rd	---
1989	Unlimited Division	DNF	---
1990	Open Rally Division	DNS	---
1991	PP Open Div.	Class 3rd	12m34s51
1992	Unlimited Div.	Class Win	12m51s63
1993	Unlimited Div.	Class Win/Overall	2 nd 10m44s22
1994	Unlimited Div.	Class 2nd / Overall 5th	10m51s15
1995	Unlimited Div.	Class Win / Overall Win	7m53s00

*First Japanese national to win *Short course

1996	Unlimited Div.	Class 2nd / Overall 2nd	10m21s88
1997	Unlimited Div.	DNF	---
1998	Unlimited Div.	Class 2nd / Overall 2nd	10m32s57
1999	Unlimited Div.	Class 2nd / Overall 2nd	10m37s35
2000	PP Open Div.	DNF	---
2001	Unlimited Div.	DNF	---
2006	Unlimited Div.	Class Win / Overall Win	7m38s

*Short course

2007	Unlimited Div.	Class Win / Overall Win	10m01s408
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****NEW WORLD RECORD****

2008	Unlimited Div.	Class Win / Overall Win	10m18s250
2009	Unlimited Div.	Class Win / Overall Win	10m15s368
2010	Unlimited Div.	Class Win / Overall Win	10m11s490
2011	Unlimited Div.	Class Win / Overall Win	9m51s278

****NEW WORLD RECORD****

2012	Electric Div.	Qualifying 1st / Finals: DNF	
2013	Electric Div.	Class Win / Overall 5th	9m46s530

****EV CLASS WORLD RECORD****

2014	Electric Modified Div.	Class 3rd / Overall 4th	9m43s900
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