

# TOYO TIRE TALK

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## Subject : Toyo is at the top of "Drift Nationals 2005 Series" in Australia

We've received good news from Australia recently !  
 We, Toyo, won the 1st prize in first round of the  
 "Toyo Drift Nationals 2005 Series" .  
 Toyo Tyre & Rubber Australia Limited is a main sponsor.



The winner, car and tires are as follows.

Winner	Mr. James Vahoumis from D1 Garage *	
	(* D1 Garage is an auto parts dealer (including tires) in Australia and is sponsored by Toyo Australia.)	
Vehicle	Silvia S15	
Tire (Size)	Front	Proxes RA1 (235/40ZR17)
	Rear	Trampio GU:WN (245/40ZR18)
Number of participants	22 cars*	



Proxes RA1



Trampio  
GU:WN

\* There are two categories in this race.

a) Street Class

This category is for ordinary drivers with their own cars.  
 41 cars were participated in this series.

b) Pro Class

This category is not for professional drivers, but for upper grade drivers. 22 cars participated in this series, including D1 garage.

Basically the tires are selected from products which are available in Australia (including size availability). The reason for the selection is as follows.

a) Front tire : to approach the apex of the corner at high speed very high grip is required. "Semi-Race" tires are favourable for the front axle.

b) Rear tire : conversely, controllability is more important than high grip. The sidewall of the Trampio GU:WN is more flexible than those of the "Semi-Race" tires. For this reason, the Trampio GU:WN is suitable for rear axle.

Note : Mr. Mark Marchesan, who is the second driver in D1 Garage, achieved 3rd prize in the same race.

This series is promoted by "Full Lock Motorsport", and has been held in Australia since 2004. This is the 2nd year this series has been held, and Drift racing is becoming increasingly more popular in Australia, as well as Drag racing. There are a total of 5 rounds in this year's series, and we'll continue support to achieve good results in the remaining events.

We believe this result will give a very good impression of our products, and will increase the recognition of our products.

The Toyo Drift Nationals 2005 Series calendar, photo gallery, and a brief description of what is Drifting is on the next page.

**Toyo Drift Nationals 2005 Series Calendar**

Round 1	April 16-17	Calder Park, Victoria
Round 2	June 4-5	Queensland Raceway, Queensland
Round 3	August 6-7	Mallala Raceway, South Australia
Round 4	October 29-30	Oran Park, New South Wales
Round 5	December 10-11	Calder Park, Victoria

**We won !**



**What is Drifting ?**

The origin of Drifting is in Japan.

Drifting is a high-skill level motor-sport in which drivers control a car while it slides from side to side at high speed (approx. 80 ~ 100 kph (50 ~ 62 mph)) through a fixed course.

It is similar to rally racing on ice barn, but is conducted on tarmac (paved course). Drift cars are typically compact to small rear-wheel-drive sport cars. The goal is to apply enough power to the rear wheels to break the tire's traction and initiate a slide while accelerating the vehicle forward, or "drifting". Once a drift is initiated, it must be maintained through the turn using nearly full power, a tap of braking, and precise counter steering



**Very Smoky !  
It's so cool !**



**How is drifting judged ?**

It is judged by former professional drifters or racing drivers. These expert judges evaluate speed, angle of attack, showmanship and vehicle control. It is based on a subjective evaluation

**Photo Gallery**



**You can see many "Toyo" logos !**

