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# Back to Basics: What You Should Know about Nitro RC Cars by Javed Khan

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With the popularity of movies like â€˜The Fast and the Furiousâ€™, many of todayâ€™s population think th nitro is synonymous to having something extra in a car that not onlymaximizes but also boosts its speed. Aside from this, people actually think that nitro RC cars are able to run on gasoline because it is a gas-powered car: these assumptions can never me more wrong. While it is true that the nitro RC cars are termed as a gas powered car it uses a specific mixture of nitro methane, methanol, and castor oil as fuel to be able to run. Here are some of the things you need to have before you go out of your way to purchase nitro RC cars and get into the hobby of RC car racing.

1. Experience. Before buying yourself a nitro-fuelled RC car, make sure that you have sufficient experience with handling electric RC cars. Nitro RC cars may be a handful to RC car usage noobs. If you are truly interested in RC car racing, start with electric RC cars first before moving on the more advance nitro RC cars.

2. Interest. Gas (or Nitro)-powered RC cars can cost a lot of money. If you are not particularly interest with RC cars, then donâ€™t get into RC car driving. There is no monetary profit to be had in purchasing nitro RC cars.

3. Information. RC car racing is a very tricky business. Gather sufficient amount of information before you get started, and this hobby might give you financial gain eventually.

4. The right materials. You should always know the perfect set of materials to use on your nitro RC cars. For reference, here are some of them:

a. RC car kit. RC car kits include virtually everything you need to build yourself a basic nitro RC car. It includes all the parts needed to build yourself the car, engine, chassis, and then some. If you are a beginner, stick to the basic specifications you may find at the manual that goes with the kit. Customizing your RC car will be easier as you progress with the hobby. You will also eventually find yourself more at ease with handling your RC car. If you find that you will have a hard time building an RC car from scratch, there are always some ready-to-run nitro RC cars available in the market.

b. Fuel. The nitro-fuelled RC cars use a mixture of nitro methane, methanol, and castor oil to power its engine. This fuel is available for purchase in almost all hobby shops and stores. This alcohol-based fuel is slightly less volatile than gasoline; so you must never, ever attempt to make your RC car run on gasoline. Doing so may lead for the engine to explode. If you want to make the hobby of RC car enjoyable, always stick to the recommended fuel and other things for its maintenance. You will be safer this way, and you will ensure that your RC car grows with you.

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