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Are you brave enough to wrestle this Team Taisan R32 Nissan GT-R around the track?

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This 1991 Nissan Skyline R32 GT-R Japanese Touring Car veteran helped earn the "Godzilla" nickname, and now it's going up for auction at BH Auction's Collection No. 8 sale on 23rd January.





The R32 Nissan Skyline GT-R was one of the most dominant race cars of all time, overwhelming the competition in the Japanese Touring Car championships to such an extent that it basically became a single-make race series, with almost all teams opting to field a Godzilla of their own. This particular car raced in Group A of the JTC in 1991, with Kenji Takahashi, the development driver for the R32 Skyline GT-R, and Keiichi Tsuchiya, the "Drift King" himself, behind the wheel under Team Taisan - a formidable combination





In the 1991 JTC season's opening race, this Taisan GT-R's brakes were cooled the old fashioned way: by air. However, the GT-R's monstrous power proved too much for not just the competition, but the brakes too, and the car's on track performance suffered as a result. Taisan's team principal, Chiba, overcame this issue by installing a 20 litre water tank with pumps manufactured by Taisan Industrial that sprayed water directly onto the brakes to cool them down. This was an inspired move, and the team finished 2nd in round 2 at Suzuka, and 2nd again in the next round at Tsukuba. As it sits today, the engine has been replaced by a stock N1 engine, while the ingenious brake cooling system remains. If you're looking for an edge on the competition at Goodwood this year, this would be a mighty choice. This historically significant GT-R goes up for auction at BH Auction's Collection No. 8 sale on 23rd January in Chiyoda-ku, Japan

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