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205/50/15 RA1 vs. 225/50/15 R-88	38 testing
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Posted by Sterling Doc - 09 Aug 2009 22:44

I got in late last night from the 3 race weekend, and time is tight this morning, but I'll give a quick synopsis and expand later as I can get the time.

Both tires were fresh & shaved to 3/32nd's to give each their best shot. The two fastest drivers in teh region used them over the weekend.

Times were within 1/10 second for one driver 3/10's for the other, one favoring the RA-1, the other the R-888 (time wise. Both drivers preferred the RA-1. One issues that was worse than expected is the look. The RA-1's are much narrower, and look as though your running late-offset wheels on an early offset car. Several comments were made by racers and spectators about this. Pics to come.

Re:205/50/15 RA1 vs. 225/50/15 R-888 testing

Posted by joepaluch - 09 Aug 2009 23:39

how did this impact the gearing and gear selection.

Re:205/50/15 RA1 vs. 225/50/15 R-888 testing

Posted by SvoChuck - 10 Aug 2009 00:40

" better a smokin hole than look bad" US Navy fighter pilot

Re:205/50/15 RA1 vs. 225/50/15 R-888 testing

Posted by Sterling Doc - 10 Aug 2009 02:34

At this track, all the corners were taken into he same gear. There was one spot where the rev limiter came into play for 3-4 cuts with the RA-1, but not the R-888's I still did not need to use 5th at this track with the shorter tires. I'll dig into the Tragmate data later.