

## 2011 Ford Mustang GT Daytona 500 Pace Car

Ford won the 2009 Daytona 500, and it looks like it's guaranteed to lead the field in 2010.

A 2011 Ford Mustang GT will be the pace car for NASCAR's season opener, and one lucky fan will get to buy the car... before the race.

The glass-roof Mustang is modified with a Ford Racing suspension, strut tower brace, mufflers, and has enough Daytona 500 stickers to make Lightning McQueen jealous. One of 50 that will be made, the official pace car will be auctioned off at the Barrett Jackson auction in Scottsdale, AZ on Jan. 23, three weeks before the race. Proceeds from the sale will go to the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation.

No price has been set for the other 49 cars, but since it's been 40 years since a Ford has paced the Daytona 500, don't expect to get one for sticker.



## 2011 Shelby GT350

To celebrate the 45th anniversary of the launch of the 1965-1970 GT350, Shelby American handed over a 2011 Ford Mustang GT to a team that includes a former Hot Wheels designer to create a modern version of the legendary muscle car.

With a 500 hp supercharged version of the Mustang's new 5.0-liter V8 under the hood, Borla exhaust system, 14-inch Baer brakes, Ford Racing suspension and bodywork that includes a functional hood scoop, deep side skirts, and classic louvered covers for the rear side windows, the GT350 promises to be one of the more potent ponies in the Mustang stable.

Price for the conversion is \$33,995 on top of the \$30,495 you'll pay for a new Mustang GT. Worth it? 1965 originals sell in the neighborhood of \$300,000 today, so it's definitely a bargain compared to one of those.

