

Making a Statement

Z NISMO Adds Power, Style, Features for Enthusiasts

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The 2024 Nissan Z NISMO is not just a car. It's a statement. This souped-up version of Nissan's classic two-seater pushes the boundaries of what a sports car can be, offering a blend of exhilarating performance and sophisticated design.

At the heart of the Z NISMO is a twin-turbo engine that's been fine-tuned to deliver more power—420 horsepower and 384 lb-ft of torque, to be precise.

This increase in power is noticeable, especially when you push the car to its limits. The engine's roar under full throttle is intoxicating, a deep and satisfying sound that enthusiasts will love.

The Z NISMO isn't just about straight-line speed. It's about delivering a dynamic, track-ready experience that excites drivers of all abilities.

The NISMO-tuned suspension and brakes, along with a stiffened chassis, ensure that the car handles as well as it accelerates. Whether you're carving corners on a back road or hitting the apex on a race track, the Z NISMO is designed to deliver a thrilling drive.

The car's exterior has been thoughtfully designed to enhance its performance.



The 2024 Nissan Z NISMO showcases a striking exterior with its aerodynamic “Grand-Nose” front design.

The distinctive “Grand-Nose” front end not only pays homage to Nissan's racing heritage but also improves the car's aerodynamics.

The revised bodywork and wider wheels contribute to a more aggressive stance and better handling. The attention to detail is evident, with each element designed to improve the car's performance and aesthetics.

Inside, the Z NISMO offers a cockpit that's driv-

er-focused. The manual-adjust Recaro seats, leather and Alcantara-wrapped steering wheel, and red-anodized engine-start and drive mode buttons create an environment that's both premium and performance-oriented.

The cabin is a place where drivers can feel connected to the car, enhancing the overall driving experience.

However, one of the Z NISMO's potential drawbacks

is its transmission. The car is available only with a nine-speed automatic gearbox, which might disappoint some purists who prefer the control and engagement of a manual transmission.

While the automatic is tuned for performance, offering quick shifts and a Sport+ mode for track use, the absence of a manual option feels like a missed opportunity to fully connect with the car's capabilities.

The price point of the Z

NISMO is another consideration. Starting at \$65,090, it's a significant investment. While the car offers good performance and content for the money, its cost may put it out of reach for some enthusiasts. It also strays from the Z's long reputation for being reasonably affordable.

It's a premium proposition, but for those who can afford it, the Z NISMO promises a thrilling driving experience.

AT A GLANCE

What was tested?

2024 Nissan Z NISMO (\$64,900). Options: Premium paint (\$1,695), floor mat package (\$410), illuminated kick plate (\$500). Price as tested (including \$1,095 destination charge): \$68,690

By The Numbers

Wheelbase: 100.4 in.
Length: 173.2 in.
Width: 73.6 in.
Height: 51.8 in.
Engine: 3.0-liter twin turbocharged V6 (420 hp, 384 lbs.-ft.)
Transmission: Nine-speed automatic
Fuel economy: 17 city, 24 highway

RATINGS

Style: 10
Performance: 10
Price: 4
Handling: 9
Ride: 3
Comfort: 4
Quality: 8
Overall: 9

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