## $15 \times 9$ Jonbloed wheels <br> Posted by cbuzzetti - 26 Mar 2016 23:44

I bought a set of the $944+55 \mathrm{~mm}$ Jonbloed wheels from Phils tire for my 87944 chassis. I installed the same Toyo RR 225/50/15 tire. Car was spec legal except for wheels when I tested this tire and wheel package.

The car was raced at Willow Springs in California at a Nasa event two weeks ago. The current lap record is 1:35.9 My fastest lap that weekend was a 1:34.2

This was not a particularly fast weekend as most classes were nowhere near the lap records for their class.

The wheel change appears to be good for a minimum of 1.7 second reduction in lap time for $\$ 800$ plus shipping.

The wheel weight difference was -2.5 lbs per wheel.

The stack height difference of 4 mounted tires between the $15 \times 7$ stock wheel and the $15 \times 9$ wheel with was $4.5 \& q u o t ;$.

I am in no way proposing going to a wider wheel for spec944. But if you run additional classes like I do such as Gts1 or PTD this certainly gives you a more competitive car for minimal dollars.

I will be testing the new 225/45/15 RR tire at Buttonwillow next month. Surprisingly the 45 series tire is not wider than the 50. It does help with acceleration because it is shorter.

Re: $15 \times 9$ Jonbloed wheels
Posted by dpRacing Dan - 13 Apr 2016 06:06

Very cool information Charlie- thank you for sharing!

Update, we ran the 944 in the enduro at Buttonwillow 2 weeks ago. We ran the 45 series tire and the performance was lacking. Just barely faster than the Spec track record. The entry and mid corner speed is sub par.

I switched to the 50 series tire and the car was 4 seconds faster. The corner speed is so much higher.
The only change was the tire. Both sets are using the same wheel.
I raced the car in PTD at 2740 lbs due to car prep rules and points. I had to add weight due to internal engine mods.

I qualified on the pole and won the race with 7 cars in class.
Was DQ for being light by 10 lbs at weigh in. Car burs alot more fuel in sprint races as compared to enduro shift points.

Re: $15 \times 9$ Jonbloed wheels
Posted by RacerX - 30 Apr 2016 07:24

So you stretched a 225 on to a 9\" rim and went faster? That's pretty good!
I would have thought the 8\" rim to be optimal for that size.

## Re: $15 \times 9$ Jonbloed wheels

Posted by cbuzzetti - 30 Apr 2016 21:51

There was no streching going on. The rim is not wider than the tire.
Now with the $225 / 45 / 15$ the rim is wider than the tire. You wouldnt think that would the case but it is. The 45 series tire on the 9 \" rim is just slightly faster than the spec setup.

Some of the Miata PT guys are putting a 205/50/15 Hoosier on a 9\" wheel and going alot faster. Not sure you could pull that off with the RR.

Re: $15 \times 9$ Jonbloed wheels
Posted by RacerX - 02 May 2016 12:37

OK so help me out here. I too will be running a different series so I
don't have to use the stock wheel. I have an 85.5 which is the early offset of +15 ?? I'd like to get the $9 \& q u o t ;$ rim for all 4 corners. Which offset do I get? The +35 or +55 ?? I want to keep it square. Is that possible?

Thanks,

Ken

