



How to Get Started & Driving Schools

Racing is more than driving fast. It challenges all the sensory inputs – sense of smell, sound, feel, concentration and thought; it's about making decisions and being in the moment; about being completely connected and in control of the vehicle.

So if you're interested in finding out what that's like, my recommendation is to go to a professional driving school. It doesn't matter how young or old you are, or what part of the country you live in, there's probably a high performance racing school somewhere within traveling distance for you to attend. It's a great experience and whether or not you end up becoming a race car driver, you'll have a great time and end up being a better driver. And if you are thinking about becoming a race car driver, I suggest you start with doing some go kart racing, which is very affordable and there are both indoor and outside go kart tracks around the country. It's a blast!

I haven't attended all these schools, but I have gone to quite a few, so listed below are some high performance driving schools. You can also check out internet sites, and a few are listed below:

www.insideline.com/features/the-ultimate-high-performance-driving-school-buyers-guide;

www.motortrend.com/features/112_0407_racing_driving_school_links

www.racingschools.com

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School Name: Bondurant School of High-Performance Driving

Web site: www.bondurant.com

Phone: (800) 842-RACE

Track location: Firebird International Raceway, Phoenix (Chandler) AZ

School Name: Richard Petty Driving Experience

Web site: <http://www.1800bepetty.com>

Phone: (704) BE-PETTY

Track locations: Contact for many different race tracks

School Name: Fast Lane Driving School

Web site: www.raceschool.com

Phone: (888) 948-4888

Track location: Willow Spring Raceway, Rosamond, CA

School Name: Jim Russell Racing Drivers School
Web site: www.jimrussellusa.com
Phone: (800) 733-0345
Track location: Infineon Raceway, Sonoma, CA

School Name: Jimmy Sills School of Open-Wheel Racing
Web site: www.sprintcar.com
Phone: (800) 508-8448
Track location: Twin City Speedway, Marysville, CA

School Name: Skip Barber Racing School
Web site: www.skipbarber.com
Phone: (800) 221-1131
Track location: Check website for various locations

School Name: Finish Line Racing School
Web site: www.finishlinerracing.com
Phone: (386) 427-8522
Track location: New Smyrna Speedway, New Smyrna Beach, FL
Note: This school is for serious oval track racers

School Name: Frank Hawley's Drag Racing School
Web site: www.frankhawley.com
Phone: (866) 480-7223
Track location: Gainesville, FL

School Name: Fast Track High-Performance Racing School
Web site: www.fasttrackracing.com
Phone: (704) 455-1700
Track locations: Lowe's Motor Speedway, Charlotte, NC, Rockingham Speedway, Rockingham, NC

School Name: The Mid-Ohio School
Web site: www.midohio.com
Phone: (877) 793-8667
Track location: Mid-Ohio Sports Car Course, Lexington, OH

School Name: Bertil Roos Racing School
Web site: www.racenow.com
Phone: (800) 722-3669
Track location: check for locations

School Name: BMW Performance Driving School
Web site: www.bmwusa.com/bmwexperience/PerformanceCenter/school.htm
Phone: (888) 345-4269
Track location: Greer (near Greenville), SC

School Name: Bridgestone Racing Academy

Web site: www.race2000.com

Phone: (905) 983-1114

Track location: Canada

School Name: Jim Hall Kart Racing School

Web site: www.jimhallkart racing.com

Phone: (805) 654-1329

Track location: Ventura, CA

School Name: Johan Schwartz Endurance Karting

Web site: www.endurancekarting.com

Phone: (866) 722-3669

Location: Contact for various locations