

Toyota Supra

How many of you were around when the Supra rolled onto the Toyota Show Room Floors in 1979? Those that drooled over it, raise your hands. The sports car that was a luxury car that was a sports car that was light-years ahead of its time in looks, performance, and desirability made a lot of other automobile manufacturers stand up and take notice; we did, too.

The Toyota Supra was indeed a high-performance luxury car and was the first turbo charged engine manufactured by Toyota, and as if that wasn't enough, it eventually evolved into a twin turbocharged engine. But not many know the original design was actually derived from another popular seller, the Toyota Celica, although the visible differences and performance between the Celica's 4-cylinder and the Supra's inline six were very noticeable.

This car had it all from the very beginning—from leather seats and power windows/locks, sunroof, to rack-and-pinion steering to McPherson struts, and heated side view mirrors. The sound system, at the time, was unrivaled by any other. Face it: it was simply *the* car you wanted to drive on curvy roads and just cut loose.

The Supra was originally called the Celica-Supra and was meant to become a major competitor with the Nissan Z car; it worked. Although the last Supra was produced in 2002, you still see many on the road today as they have (no surprise) held their value and then some. The Toyota Supra's look is iconic and has been featured in several movies where it was allowed to flaunt its stuff and to show us what a high-performance luxury car is all about.

At the time of this writing, there is some buzz concerning the return of a new, revamped Supra, but this remains totally unconfirmed at the time. Call it wishful thinking, but we can only hope that one day we will see them roll back onto the showroom floors in their new, decked out style, and live to drool once again.

References:

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