

## The 2012 Nissan GT-R: What the critics say

### Road & Track

Three years after the GT-R's launch, Nissan has turned its "tough brute" of a supercar into a "polished gentleman." Stomp the gas and you now reach "warp speed" with assurance, thanks to an improved launch-control feature. Sleeker aerodynamics and a unique twist—yaw-rate feedback control—have meanwhile upgraded the backroads ride. All this technology is comparatively bargain-priced, too. "Get in line now if you consider value to be a priority for supercar performance."

### EdmundsInsideLine.com

Once a machine with about as much

personality as "a digital coffee maker," the GT-R has matured into a "wildly capable supercar." Its twin-turbo engine puts out 530 hp, the suspension is substantially redesigned, and a remapped vehicle dynamic control system helps to coordinate it all. But don't mistake control for blandness. "There's nothing bland about the GT-R."

### Automobile

Despite the many improvements, this car continues to confound us. We're not faulting its performance, exactly: Its handling "remains unbelievably forgiving" and, overall, the car is "incredibly adept at reading the intentions of the driver." Upgrades



A 'wildly capable supercar,' from \$89,950

have even made the seats wider, softer, and more supportive. But the GT-R lacks personality, especially when it's not being pushed to its limit. It offers "computer-controlled, emotionless speed" where we had expected more charm.

## The best...sunblocks



### Rodan + Fields Reverse Environmental Shield

San Francisco's celebrity dermatologists have rethought sunscreen chemistry. This shield uses vitamin A from seaweed to extend the life of a key ingredient.

\$41, [rodanandfields.com](http://rodanandfields.com)  
Source: Vogue



### MDSolarSciences Mineral Screen Lotion SPF 40

Even vitamin A is potentially hazardous. To avoid all suspect sunscreen chemicals, buy a lotion whose active ingredients are zinc oxide and titanium oxide, like this one.

\$36, [mdsolarsciences.com](http://mdsolarsciences.com)  
Source: Real Simple



### La Roche-Posay Anthelios 60

Originally a cult buy available only in Europe, La Roche-Posay is a favorite of dermatologists. It now comes in this "ultra-light" version, ideal for oily skin.

\$29.50, [larocheposay.us](http://larocheposay.us)  
Source: Real Simple



### Avon Anew Solar Advance SPF 30

Anew's formula stimulates enzymes within skin cells in order to switch on a natural antioxidant defense system. Among dermatologists, this rates as big news.

\$34, [shop.avon.com](http://shop.avon.com)  
Source: Vogue



### Up & Up Sport Continuous SPF 30

"Don't pay too much" if all you care about is UVA and UVB protection. For that, this Target product outscores La Roche-Posay, and costs less than 88 cents an ounce.

\$9 for two, [target.com](http://target.com)  
Source: Consumer Reports

## Tip of the week...

### How to use less fuel while driving

■ **Don't be a tortoise.** It's obviously inefficient to make a "jackrabbit" start from a full stop. But because fuel economy is poorer in lower gears, "nursing your speed up to the limit too slowly also lowers mpg." Be moderately bold: Taking 15 seconds to reach 50 mph uses less fuel than taking 30.

■ **Don't coast in neutral.** Many fuel-conscious drivers choose to coast down hills in neutral. "This is a bad idea." Not only is the tactic dangerous, it often wastes fuel. A fuel-injected engine consumes no gas at all when the vehicle is in gear, the accelerator is released, and the tires are rolling. If the engine is in neutral, it's costing about two cents a minute.

■ **Don't turn on the air.** Keep the air conditioning off when you're just driving in town. It's not until a car tops 55 mph that open windows create enough aerodynamic drag to offset the energy that the AC uses.

Source: Popular Mechanics

## And for those who have everything...

Even when you're playing host at a summer cookout, there's no reason to be "sweating over the coals."

Turn your smartphone into a BBQ sous chef with the iGrill, a thermometer that "relays the progress of your precious slabs of meat" while you do more important things—like down a beer with guests on the other side of the house. Insert the device's probe into a steak and set the desired temperature. iGrill's free app will cause your phone to buzz when the meat's done to your liking. Currently only for iPhone, iPad, and iPod Touch.

\$99, [igrillinc.com](http://igrillinc.com)

Source: Men's Journal



## The Internet...

### Sites for selling used baby items

■ **Storkbrokers.com** is one of several sites designed for parents who want to sell or trade their baby stuff, "but don't want to deal with eBay or don't trust selling on Craigslist." After a free registration, you can immediately begin buying and selling.

■ **thredUP.com** is basically an "online clothing swap." To sell, members fill up a medium U.S. Postal Service box and list its contents on the site. Buyers choose the box of items they want, then pay a flat service fee and shipping costs to receive the box.

■ **SwapBabyGoods.com** allows you to trade or sell baby gear online through listings. "Peruse the numerous categories" to find an item you're interested in, then contact the seller to see if they would rather take payment for the item or swap it for something you're trying to unload.

Source: Parenting.com