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WHY NOT GO THE EXTRA MILE?

That's the approach Robinson Restoration and Service feels is such an important part of what we're about.

STREET / TRACK OR BOTH....

Sounds so simple:

Set up your cool car to use mostly on the street, but ever so often take to a local road course event for track days or a club outing.



Truth be told, to get the performance from either, much less both, is a lesson in compromise. Everything from spring rates, shock settings, tire size and construction, to sway bars and brakes have to be considered. Again, in the interest of getting the best performance from your vehicle in both environments it can get tricky, particularly on a budget.



We recently drove a street/track setup wherein the car was set up for radial street tires and switched to a bias ply race tire. The impact to spring and shock settings, not to mention alignment, was huge, and the outcome did not make for a pleasant package to drive.

We're not saying it can't be done, but it requires more homework and some compromise to achieve the perfect setup. Do your best to locate someone else who's currently running a vehicle of this mix and learn all you can.

- Your street spring and shocks will likely be a bit stiffer than you would prefer, but at the track it will stabilize the handling.
- Larger sway bars are a favorite improvement for the track and only have a small impact on ride quality for the street.
- If you can achieve the track performance you seek with the same construction style of tire, that will help simplify your alignment issues and make your package more affordable.

- Remember what many forget — tire pressures. Street pressures and track pressures vary a great deal, not to mention the psi gain during track use. Tires are themselves a form of spring rate, so do your homework.
- Remember to direct cooling air to the brakes and coolers as many people choose to run a softer more metallic brake pad for the track, but you may find them a little harder to live with on the street - noisy and requires that they be heated to work best.

There you have it. An effective balance can be found, but it requires an investment of both research and money to hit the nail on the head.



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