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## SUBARU MOTORSPORTS USA DEBUTS 2024 WRX: PROJECT MIDNIGHT

- Quickest and fastest WRX race car to date from Subaru Motorsports USA
- Piloted by ex-F1 driver and rallycross champion Scott Speed
- 670 horsepower turbocharged BOXER engine and all-wheel drive
- Lightweight tarmac special weighs 2,469 lbs.

Camden, N.J., Jul 9, 2024 - Subaru Motorsports USA today officially revealed "Project Midnight," the quickest and fastest ever WRX making its debut July 11-14 at the 2024 Goodwood Festival of Speed. Born from the success of the record-breaking "Airlayer" Gymkhana car, Project Midnight takes things to a new level with a singular directive: outright speed. The lightweight widebody machine inherits a legacy of rallycross dominance, now evolved to break records and push the performance envelope of the platform.

Project Midnight's progenitor – Airlayer – was based on a 2020 Subaru WRX STI and starred in the viral video *Gymkhana 2020*, performing wild stunts, including a 230-foot jump where its active rear wing controlled the car's airborne attitude. While Airlayer did break records at timed events like the iconic Mt. Washington Hillclimb and *Car & Driver Magazine's Lightning Lap*, its real mission as a Gymkhana star meant it was built to be the jack of many trades. So the question arose: What if it was reimagined in the form of the current WRX with a singular focus on pure tarmac speed? And what if it were piloted by Scott Speed – a Subaru Motorsports USA driver with a star background in everything from F1 to rallycross?

Project Midnight features ultra-wide aerodynamic bodywork and a radically enlarged version of the wing found on the team's WRX ARA24 gravel rally car. The carbon fiber body and a significantly lightened chassis give it a curb weight of well under 2,500 pounds – nearly 300 pounds lighter than the Airlayer and 1,000 pounds lighter than a standard WRX! Project Midnight uses specially derived tarmac suspension geometry and swaps Airlayer's 17-inch rallycross wheel and tire package in favor of 18x11-inch OZ Racing Superturismo LMP magnesium wheels and 280/650R18 Yokohama ADVAN slicks.

Under the hood, a turbocharged and intercooled 2.0-liter flat-four engine produces 670 hp and 680 lb-ft of torque, revving to 9,500 rpm and spitting flames from its hood-exit exhaust. The powerplant is the most recent and top-performing evolution of Subaru Motorsports USA's highly successful rallycross engine that helped Scott Speed earn Subaru the Nitro Rallycross Teams Championship in 2021.

"Subaru Motorsports USA and the team at Vermont SportsCar have delivered an absolute beast. When driving the car it clearly has rallycross roots, but the wider tires, track, and geometry give it a very unique feel and incredible grip. The

ultimate driving machine; half RX, half sports car – a true joy to drive,” said Speed.

As he did in rallycross, Speed will help develop Project Midnight as the duo take on new challenges and set new records. Follow them through those adventures and stay tuned to Subaru Motorsports USA on Facebook, on Instagram @subarumotorsportsusa, and TikTok @subarumotorsportsusa for more!

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