Vaughn Gittin Jr., is one of drifting’s most iconic figures and his machine, the Monster Energy Nitto Tire Ford Mustang RTR, one of the sport’s most identifiable cars. Vaughn is known best by his aggressive, foot to the floor, big smoke driving style and is the face of the Ford Mustang RTR. Vaughn is one of the most winningest drivers in the world and earned his first Formula Drift Championship in 2010.

“Aside from the amazing styling, our biggest advantage from the new Mustang comes from the new independent rear suspension, which will give us significant adjustability to dial in the car perfectly at each track and the instrumental light weighting technology is aligned with Ford direct initiatives,” Gittin said.

“The light weighting that we use in the car is a mixture of using lighter materials where applicable and not compromising safety (similar to production vehicles),” he said.

“Everywhere possible we replace metal with carbon fiber or other composite materials. We use lighter materials in all possible instances including crash structures, miscellaneous hardware, wheels and other components.”

“I think another wild fact is that these cars are essentially 9-second drag cars that are setup for drifting,” he said. “That really puts it in perspective for some people.”

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Engine - Ford Performance/Roush Yates built 436 cubic inch V8
Weight - 2,800 Lbs
Horsepower – 900-hp
Transmission - Andrews 4-speed dog box
Axles - Drive Shaft shop

Tires - Nitto NT05
Wheels - RTR Tech 7 3-piece by HRE Wheels
Exterior - RTR carbon body panels: RTR wide body panels, RTR chin, RTR rear spoiler, RTR rocker splitter
Interior - Recaro seats, Takata racing harnesses