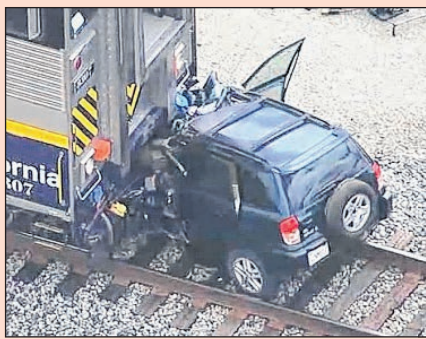


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2017 Nissan Sentra Nismo

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People will pay to personalize their purchases. That's as true for cars as it is for other commodities. This demand used to be filled in the aftermarket, until automakers (and dealers) realized that if they scratched this itch for their customers, they could keep that scratch from leaving the showroom.



Previously, Nismo — Nissan's in-house tuning division — created special versions of some of the company's performance oriented models (GT-R, 370Z, Juke). Recently Nismo turned their attention to one of the company's mainstream models for the first time. The result is the latest addition to these motorsport inspired special editions — the Nissan Sentra Nismo. With the compact

2017 Nissan Sentra Nismo

MSRP: \$24,990

sedan as the starting point, the Nismo treatment includes aerodynamic body mods, chassis enhancements and interior upgrades.

Starting with the styling, the profile view shows off black mirror caps with integrated turn signals. Below, aero-friendly side sills are bordered by 18 inches alloys shod with 215/45R 18 Michelin Pilot Sport all-season tires. (Tire Trivia Time: this is the first time that "18's" have been factory fitted to a Sentra, and stickier summer tires (Bridgestone Potenzas) are available through the dealers.) Up front, a model-specific, front fascia features a black grill and Nismo badge, framed by boomerang shaped, projector headlights (LED low beam,



LOW AND AGGRESSIVE. Nismo (Nissan Motorsport International Limited, the company's performance division) has produced a tuned-up version of the Sentra, lending a low and aggressive vibe to the popular compact sedan.

halogen high beam), and LED DRLs. Out back, there's a low profile rear spoiler, unique fascia, exhaust finisher and Nismo badging. Nismo's "layered double wing" design lends a low and aggressive

vibe that standard Sentra's don't give off. But, unlike many tuner cars, the effects aren't laid on with a trowel. It's a more low key approach, right down to the red accent striping, which should appeal to a wider audience than something bedecked with a basket wing would ever have. Even the color choices speak to a desire to avoid overstating the look (Brilliant Silver, Gun Metallic, Super Black and Aspen White).

Four outside, one inside. Color choices in the Nismo's cabin are limited to charcoal gray, which is accented

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with red stitching, accents and faux carbon fiber trim. The front bucket seats have a fine contour, with a textured covering and side bolsters to hold you in place during spirited driving. The steering wheel is suitably fat and grippy and wrapped in Alcantara and leather. Through said wheel you view a Nismo-specific meter cluster with red tachometer.

Nismo touches aside, Sentra's interior is straight forward, with controls that aren't hard to find or figure out. The standard sound system has six

speakers, and an AM/FM/CD head unit with MP3/WMA capability and satellite radio availability. Auxiliary and USB input jacks are provided, as is Bluetooth streaming. Here too is Siri Eyes Free, which allows hand's free

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