



PROGRAM: DRIVING SPORTS **GENRES:** ADVENTURE, TRAVEL **FORMAT:** 13x60, 16:9 HD **PRODUCERS:** RYAN DOUTHIT, MARC PINGRY

Three friends travel through amazing locations and create extreme challenges – putting the newest cars and trucks to the ultimate test.

Driving Sports is an exciting and innovative automotive series that follows three unique hosts as they travel the globe testing the latest in production automobiles.

Driving Sports made its debut as an online series in 2005, solidifying the current format and host lineup in late 2009. As of January 2011 the online version of Driving Sports was viewed more than 6-million times per month, making it one of the most watched car series available exclusively online.

While the newly-developed broadcast edition of Driving Sports pays homage to the BBC's legendary series "Top Gear" by employing similarly impressive cinematography and scope, Driving Sports breaks new ground with its unique narrative style and American perspective.

Testing cars can be exciting, it can also be harrowing and exhausting. Automotive journalists may find themselves in Detroit one week, in Johannesburg the next; they may have to drive through a mud bog on a Tuesday or find themselves testing top speed in a supercar on a Monday. For the first time Driving Sports draws back the curtain of this amazing world, exposing the nuts and bolts of what it takes to bring an innovative car series to the world - with a signature sense of style and subtle humor that has made the online series such a global phenomenon.

Each episode begins with the three hosts arriving in unique locations along a common route. The hosts quickly acquire the cars they'll be testing and move to putting each through their paces. As the hour-long episode unfolds, the cars and drivers have to overcome a series of challenges—

each testing a specific feature of the vehicle—until the team ultimately comes together for the episode finale: a three-way battle to determine the best.

The series is produced by Ryan Douthit, an experienced automotive journalist and online personality with connections to all the major automakers.

Driving Sports is co-produced by Marc Pingry Productions, a multiple Emmy award-winning team and early pioneer of high definition production. Pingry has traveled the globe producing "Touch the Future", "Fantastic Festivals of the World", "Over Washington" and many other shows noted for their depth and visual appeal.

Together, Douthit and Pingry will reinvent the automotive review program for a mainstream audience.



The Presenters



Ryan Douthit is an experienced automotive journalist, a professionally-trained driver, as well as the on- and off-screen producer of the show. As the leader of the trio, he provides guidance, but may also send the others on wild goose chases.



Jessie Hendrickson has a degree in environmental sciences and is the unofficial environmentalist of the trio. She may be a girl that loves speed and changes her own oil, but she is also equally driven to offset her environmental impact whenever possible.



Aaron Bartel looks for utility in whatever he drives. As an offroad enthusiast, he often ventures far from the beaten path. Aaron pays little attention to fluff and frills. Instead, focusing on what's under the skin that makes each vehicle special.

Guest Stars & Super Cars

Surprise guests and exceptional vehicles can pop up at any time along a route. We're proud to consider extreme sport stars Ken Block, Travis Pastrana, Tanner Foust, Andrew "ACP" Comrie-Picard and other notables as friends of the show. In any given episode our hosts may additionally engage in "day testing" of special cars like the McLaren MP4-12C, Chevy Volt, Ferrari 458 Italia and many others.

The Episodes

Pilot (in production)

Route: San Francisco to Maryhill, Wash., via Klamath Falls
Cars: Mitsubishi Lancer Evo, Acura TL SH-AWD, Audi S4
Challenge: Up/Down Hillclimb Time Trial

Route: Portland, Oregon to the Bonneville Salt Flats
Cars: Ford Mustang GT500, BMW 335i Coupe, Camaro SS
Challenge: Top Speed Drag Race

Route: Los Angeles to Moab
SUVs: Toyota FJ Cruiser, Nissan XTerra, Land Rover LR4
Challenge: Technical Off-Roading near Porcupine Ridge

Route: Seattle to Tahoe
Vehicles: Suzuki GSXR-750, Mazda Miata, Porsche Boxter S
Challenge: Triathlon (vehicles, mtn. bikes and canoes)

Route: Albuquerque to Goliad, Texas via Area 51
Cars: Lexus GS-F, BMW M5 (2012), Jaguar XJ Supersport
Challenge: 1-mile Drag Race

Route: Seattle to Butte, Montana
Cars: Hyundai Veloster, Ford Focus, Honda Civic
Challenge: Rallycross Time Trial

Route: Vancouver, BC, to Tijuana, Mexico
Cars: Lexus CT200h, Toyota Prius, Honda CR-Z
Challenge: Maximum Mileage

Route: San Francisco to Colorado
Cars: Scion FT-S, VW Golf R, Hyundai Genesis R-Spec
Challenge: Gymkhana Challenge

Route: Los Angeles to Lake Havasu via Phoenix
Cars: VW Bug Sport, Fiat 500 Abarth, MINI Sport Coupe
Challenge: Obstacle Course

Route: Seattle to Hyder, Alaska
Trucks: Nissan Frontier, Toyota Tacoma, Ford F150
Plus: Off-road motorcycles in-tow.
Challenge: Truck and Bike Relay

Route: New York to Connecticut
Cars: Hyundai Equus, BMW 7-Series, Lexus LS
Challenge: Lime Rock Racetrack

Route: Historic 101 up the West Coast
Cars: Tesla Roadster, Ford Focus Electric, Nissan Leaf
Challenge: Distance Shootout

Route: Montana to Yellowknife, NWT (winter)
Cars: SAAB 9-4x, Mitsubishi Outlander, MINI Countryman
Challenge: Ice Racing

Cars, routes and challenges may vary based on conditions and vehicle availability.