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## Final Limited Edition of Mazda RX-7 'Spirit R' Unleashed

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- It boasts the best driving performance in its history featuring enhanced braking system and lightweight bucket seats -

Mazda Motor Corporation today announces the launch of three models in the RX-7 "Spirit R," a limited-production series of the RX-7 rotary engine sports car. As the final limited-production series of the RX-7, the Spirit R series goes on sale on April 22 at Mazda Anfini and selected Mazda dealerships throughout Japan.

The third-generation RX-7, first launched in 1991, has a particularly distinctive exterior design. Its lightweight, compact and high-output rotary engine enables the driver to feel superb driving pleasure. Epitomizing Mazda's spirit of sports car, the RX-7 has won popularity among the customers since its 1978 launch. Mazda envisions the production of the current RX-7 model (FD-3S) to come to an end in August 2002.

The Spirit R series is available in three models: the Type A, a two-seater with a five-speed manual transmission; the Type-B, a four-seater with a five-speed manual transmission; and the Type-C, a four-seater with a four-speed automatic transmission. All three models are equipped with common interior and exterior features, such as BBS-manufactured 17-inch wheels, red brake calipers, and interior panels with a special soft coating, while each model shows off its own equipment to make a difference from the other.

The Type-A Spirit R is a two-seater model fitted with the Recaro-made exclusive red full bucket seats. These lightweight seats reduce the overall chassis weight of the vehicle by approximately 10 kg. Braking performance is enhanced through the use of large drilled type ventilated disk brakes for all four wheels and high rigid stainless mesh brake hoses. The Type-A Spirit R model is the ultimate RX-7, boasting the most outstanding driving performance in its history.

Applicable to any model of the Spirit R, five outer panel colors including Titanium Gray Metallic are available.

1,500 units of the RX-7 'Spirit R' series are sold only in Japan.

The RX-7 line-up is available with the Spirit R series and the special edition model "Type R Bathurst" that was launched last December.



### Final Limited Edition RX-7 'Spirit R' (Type-A model)

#### Product Outline of Limited-Production Model 'Spirit R'

##### Features common to all three series models

- Interior panels with soft coating (meter panel, center panel, center console, power window switch panels)
- Steering wheel and knob with red stitching (Nardi-made leather steering wheel, leather shift knob, leather parking brake lever, and shift boot for manual transmission model)
- Red brake calipers and front strut tower bars
- 17-inch aluminum wheels manufactured by BBS (gun metallic color for Type-A, and silver for Type-B and Type-C)
- Spirit R exclusive ornament
- Spirit R exclusive meters

##### Exclusive features

- Large drilled type bench rated disk brakes for all four wheels (Type-A and Type-B)
- High rigid stainless mesh brake hoses (Type-A and Type-B)
- Exclusive dampers manufactured by Bilstein (Type-A and Type-B)
- Recaro lightweight full bucket seats (Type-A)
- Authentic leather red bucket seats (Type-B and Type-C)

##### Body Colors

Titanium Gray Metallic (exclusive color for Spirit R series), Innocent Blue Mica, Pure White, Brilliant Black, and Vintage Red

#### Manufacturer's Suggested Retail Prices (Excluding Tax)

(Unit: 1,000 yen)

| Engine    | Model  | Seat | Transmission | Maximum Output | Retail Price |
|-----------|--------|------|--------------|----------------|--------------|
| 13B - REW | Type-A | 2    | 5MT          | 206kW (280PS)  | 3,998        |
|           | Type-B | 4    | 5MT          | 206kW (280PS)  | 3,998        |
|           | Type-C | 4    | 4AT          | 188kW (255PS)  | 3,398        |

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