

Bid on a 'Fast and Furious' Star

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Stars of the 'Fast and Furious' movie series included Vin Diesel, rap and hip-hop artists turned actors Ja Rule and Ludcris and Tyrese; and a 1993 Toyota Supra.

The souped-up 1993 Toyota Supra that starred in both "Fast and Furious" movies, notably crashing into a Pepsi billboard after a bridge stunt scene in "2 Fast 2 Furious," is on the block.

Restored to "2 Fast 2 Furious" condition by original designer Eddie Paul, a former Hollywood stuntman who has been building high-octane movie cars for more than three decades. The rear spoiler is signed by Paul and stunt driver Kevin Jackson.

The star Supra is being auctioned by owner Gary A. Sigel, a senior research scientist for Armstrong Floor Products. Purchased over a year ago after his then-13-year-old son found it in a Midwest salvage yard following its accidental sale at a movie prop auction. The car has since been restored by Paul and featured in car shows around the country.

Paul originally bought the car stock from a dealership and, under a contract with Universal Studios, transformed it into the orange street racer driven by undercover cop Brian (Paul Walker) O'Connor in the 2001 movie blockbuster "The Fast and the Furious." Through his company EP Industries, Paul equipped the car with a BOMEX body kit, a high-rise aluminum rear spoiler, Sparco seats, and custom upholstery by Stitch Craft.

For the "2 Fast 2 Furious" sequel in 2003, Paul transformed the car into a full jump scene stunt car driven by Slap Jack, played by Michael Ealy. Today the restored Supra is the only one of the six stunt cars used in both movies that retains its stunt capabilities. It still has a working set of Lumi Needle neon speedometer gauges and comes with a certificate of authenticity from Eddie Paul.

Bids on the auto can be placed at <http://www.onlineauction.com>