

TOPPING IT OFF: MAZDA MOTORSPORTS ADDS HARDTOP AVAILABILITY EXCLUSIVELY FOR RACING CUSTOMERS

HARDTOP AVAILABLE FOR CLUB RACERS AND PIRELLI WORLD CHALLENGE COMPETITORS

IRVINE, Calif. (March 21, 2017) – Mazda Motorsports introduced the MX-5 Global Cup race car in 2014 as nature intended: as an open-top roadster. Now, those who compete in series that require a hardtop have a factory-approved option, as today Mazda Motorsports has confirmed pricing and availability for the track-only, removable MX-5 Cup hardtop.

The hardtop will be priced at \$4420.00, with orders being accepted exclusively through Mazda Motorsports from owners and those who have committed to purchasing an MX-5 Global Cup race car. Deliveries will begin in April.

"While our first year was spent concentrating on the successful launch of the MX-5 Cup car in our Battery Tender Global Mazda MX-5 Cup presented by BFGoodrich Tires, we knew that was just one arena for customers. Now with an available hardtop, Mazda racers can compete in SCCA and NASA Club Racing and in the Pirelli World Challenge TCA class," said David Cook, business development manager, Mazda Motorsports.

Information on all of Mazda Motorsports, including complete details on the Global MX-5 program can be found online at www.mazdamotorsports.com.

About Mazda Motorsports:

Mazda Motorsports boasts the most comprehensive auto racing development ladder system of any auto manufacturer in the world. The Mazda Road to 24 (#MRT24) program offers a number of scholarships to advance drivers up the sports car racing ladder, beginning with the Global MX-5 Cup series and culminating with the Mazda Prototype team. The Mazda Road to Indy (#MRTI) is a similar program that includes Mazda-powered categories of USF2000, Pro Mazda and Indy Lights. In grassroots road racing, more Mazdas race on any given weekend in North America than any other manufacturer. Mazda is also the title sponsor of the renowned Mazda Raceway Laguna Seca in Monterey, Calif. Follow all of the latest news at MazdaMotorsports.com, @MazdaRacing on Twitter, and MazdaMotorsports on Instagram and Facebook.

Mazda North American Operations is headquartered in Irvine, California, and oversees the sales, marketing, parts and customer service support of Mazda vehicles in the United States and Mexico through more than 600 dealers. Operations in Mexico are managed by Mazda Motor de Mexico in Mexico City. For more information on Mazda vehicles, including photography and B-roll, please visit the online Mazda media center at InsideMazda.MazdaUSA.com/Newsroom.

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