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TWO SPOKES A different kind of feeling

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The new Steering Wheel **Two Spokes** by Nardi
tested on the track of **Pirelli in Vizzola Ticino**
with the **Porsche GT2** driven by **Giampaolo Tenchini**



“A different kind of feeling”: these are the first words by **Stefan Küster**, Manager Tyre Testing of Pirelli Deutschland GmbH, after the test with **Two Spokes** on the Porsche GT2.

To the event took also part the Pirelli outdoor testing manager, eng. Stefano Bonardi, the tester Marcello Defabiano and the driver Giampaolo Tenchini.

Giampaolo Tenchini, after more than 25 laps on the Vizzola Ticino circuit, said: *“I first heard about Two Spokes from my friend Dindo Capello, the Audi Le Mans’ Champion that successfully proved Two Spokes on the road: this was a very good herald. Still, I couldn’t even imagine what amazing new sensations a tool as classic as the steering wheel was able to convey.*

As soon as I got into the Porsche GT2 I felt it was a brave new world. I took in the situation in one glance. The cockpit was driver-friendly: very visible tools and enough space for legs, and all this thanks to Two Spokes, another planet from a traditional Steering Wheel. At first, I drove the 500-horsepower Porsche in a low speed chicane and on the road around the circuit, to assess my handling reaction with Two Spokes. It was wonderful, comfortable and fast: Two Spokes treats the driver with a safe and a very effective handling on the steering.

And now to the track, fast and furious as in a racing day. Two Spokes was wonderful as on the road: the speed control was perfect and the handling too. I think Two Spokes is not just cool in its design, but also safe and innovative. Nardi Two Spokes has all the characteristics for racing driving. Its turning was perfect until 180 degrees and also in sudden oversteering (sorry, but this is a GT2!). So I think Two Spokes could be the right answer for cars with active power steering.

Today Two Spokes passed the track test with full marks.”



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Two Spokes, first presented in 2006 at Las Vegas SEMA SHOW, is a big revolution among the steering wheels for both concept and use: in fact the big crown disappears and the shape is totally new! The frame is made of two simple spokes (from which the name) whose design reminds the shape of classical wooden steering wheels which have characterized Nardi's trademark history. At the end of the spokes there are two handles, covered by soft leather, that remind the airplanes cloches. The invention is based on the fact that this two handles are free to move and turn around on their own axle, as they are connected with the steering wheel with balls bearing. The feeling with this product is immediate: if it is true that you can drive the car with a single hand, it is also true that this creation increases security both in a challenging and in a relaxed drive: the driver is, in fact, obliged to have both hands on the steering wheel and, last but not least, at the right position of 9:15! Evolutions of this new wheel could be innumerable.

Now, **Two Spokes** has gained its degree on a racing car and on the track.



Lorenzo Cerofolini, CEO of Nardi-Personal Spa, expressed satisfaction for the track test: *“Today, thanks to Pirelli and to the talented Tenchini, we've proved the effectiveness of Two Spokes on the track and on a supercar as the GT2. Our first goal, now, is equipping an official racing car with our new Two Spokes, to test its effectiveness in a world championship race on the track or in the rally world.*

Our highest mission, for the next years, is a partnership with an established Vehicle Manufacturer House in a project for a new car, built around Two Spokes.”

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