

# TUFT (EV Formula Car Racing)

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2023-2024 Activity Report

2025/2/20  
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- Overview (competition, team)
- Objectives and concepts
- Activities
- Conclusion
- Acknowledgement



## Purpose of the Competition

To develop human resources that, through the support of government, industry, and academia, will contribute to the development and promotion of both automobile technology and industry

## Outline of the Competition

A competition in which students compete with vehicles that they have conceived, designed, and built themselves.

Around 80 teams participate from Japan and abroad with the cooperation of nearly 250 companies, which includes major automobile manufacturers.

Formula SAE Japan 2024  
Date: 2024 Sep 9~14  
Venue: Aichi Sky Expo



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We are developing EV formula racing car

Team concept:  
**Grow as engineers**



Founding	2011
First competition	2013
Best result (EV)	3rd (2017, 2021)
Best result (Overall)	27th (2021)
Members	20

- Required Documents and Vehicle Inspections
  - Competitors must prepare and submit necessary documents, and pass technical inspection.
- Static Events
  - Design
  - Presentation
  - Cost review
- Dynamic Events
  - Acceleration
  - Skidpad
  - Autocross
  - Endurance
  - Efficiency



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## Static Events

Item	Quantity	Part Name	Material	Volume [cm³]	Weight [kg]	Cost [pt]
1	1	Front Hoop	Steel	1.426e+08	1.426	100
2	1	Front Hoop Floor	Steel	1.426e+08	1.426	100
3	1	Front Hoop Upper	Steel	1.426e+08	1.426	100
4	1	Front Hoop Lower	Steel	1.426e+08	1.426	100
5	1	Front Hoop Diagonal	Steel	1.426e+08	1.426	100
6	1	Front Hoop Side	Steel	1.426e+08	1.426	100
7	1	Front Hoop Support	Steel	1.426e+08	1.426	100
8	1	Front Hoop Bracket	Steel	1.426e+08	1.426	100
9	1	Front Hoop Mount	Steel	1.426e+08	1.426	100
10	1	Front Hoop Reinforcement	Steel	1.426e+08	1.426	100

**Cost Event 100pt**

Evaluate

- Cost report accuracy
- Problem-solving skill

**Suspension -- Manufacture Optimization (3 of 3)**

**TF23:**  
The strength was insufficient, and distortion occurred even with less than 20km of driving.

**TF24:**  
Suppressed plastic deformation by welding a reinforcing plate.

**Design Event 150pt**

Evaluate

- Technology choice
- innovation

**今後の事業展望**

競技人口の増加  
知名度向上  
車の楽しさを広める

開催サーキット数の増加  
レーシングスクールの開講

競技人口の増加  
積極的な広報活動・保険会社との協力で充実した安心補償を提供

開催サーキット数の増加  
全国からの集客を増やし、注目される新カテゴリのレースへ

レーシングスクールの開講  
手厚い技術的支援により、誰でもレーサーになるきっかけを提供

**Presentation Event 150pt**

Evaluate

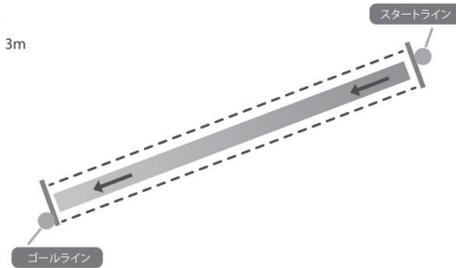
- Business plan based on concept

## Dynamic Events

### アクセラレーション<Acceleration>

#### コース概要

- 直線75m
- コース幅 3m



- ★直線 0-75m の加速タイムを競う。
- ★上位チームのタイムは3秒後半～4秒前半。
- ★スタート時のタイヤの空転を抑え、あとは動力性能の勝負となる。

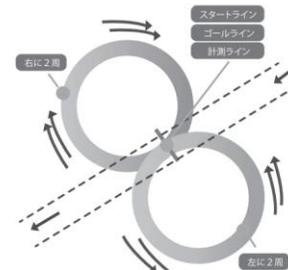
Acceleration 100pt

Accelerating from 0 to 75 meters in a straight line

### スキッドパッド<Skidpad>

#### コース概要

- 8の字コース(右2周・左2周)
- コース幅 3m

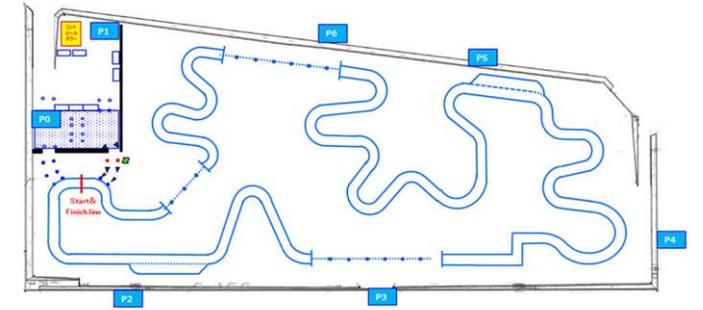


- ★左旋回と右旋回の周回タイムの平均を競う。
- ★上位チームのタイムは5秒を切る。
- ★パイロンペナルティーは、各 0.25 秒のペナルティとなり、車両の旋回性能が大切となる。

Skid Pad 75pt

Run figure-of-eight course  
Evaluate turning ability

### Autocross/Endurance



Autocross 125pt  
1 Lap time

Endurance 275pt  
Complete 20km

**Enter all events, complete the endurance event**

## TF-24

### Perfect Foundation

Create a foundation for the machine as well as the team

Machine's foundation:

- Gain understanding of evaluation methods
- Obtain data

Team foundation:

- Team management
- Sponsorship
- Way of thinking



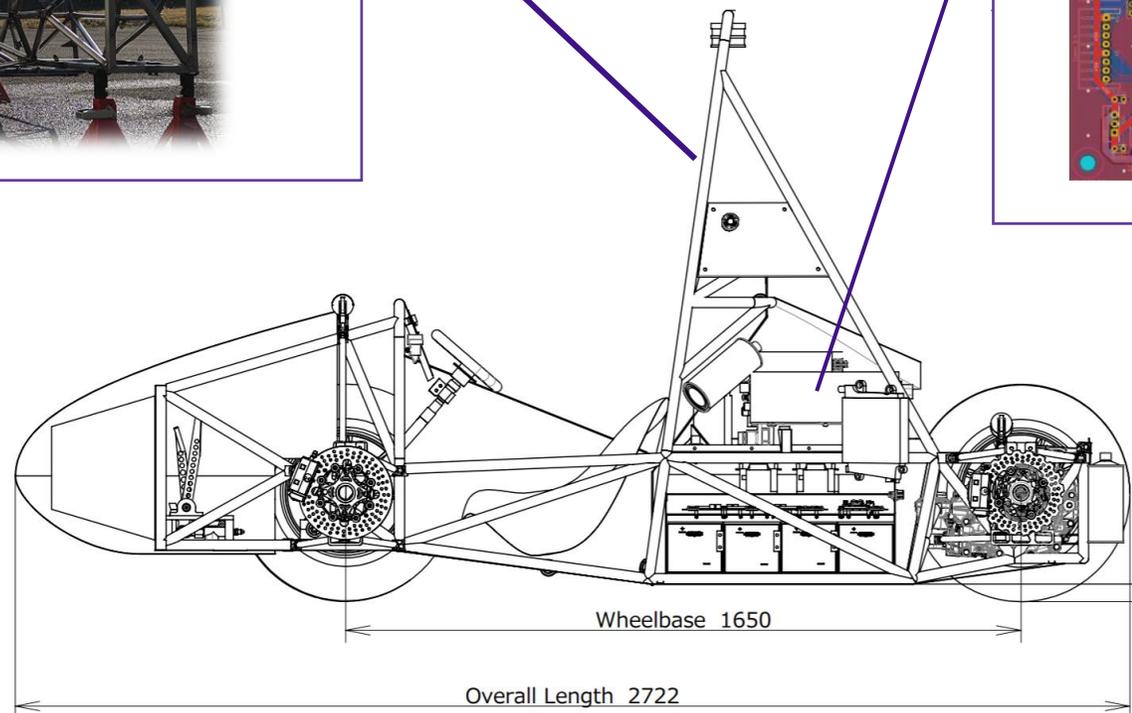
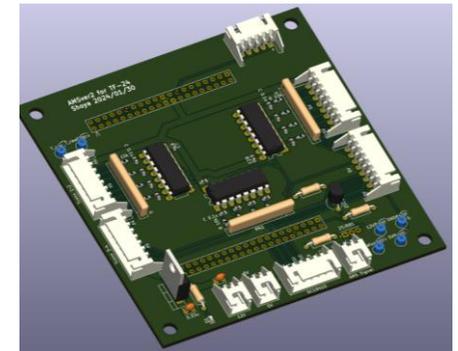
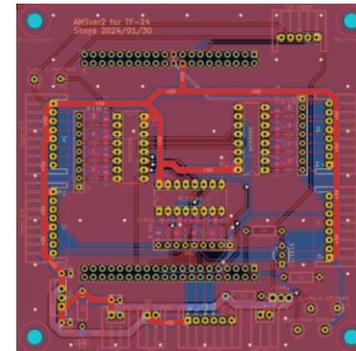
## Reusing frame

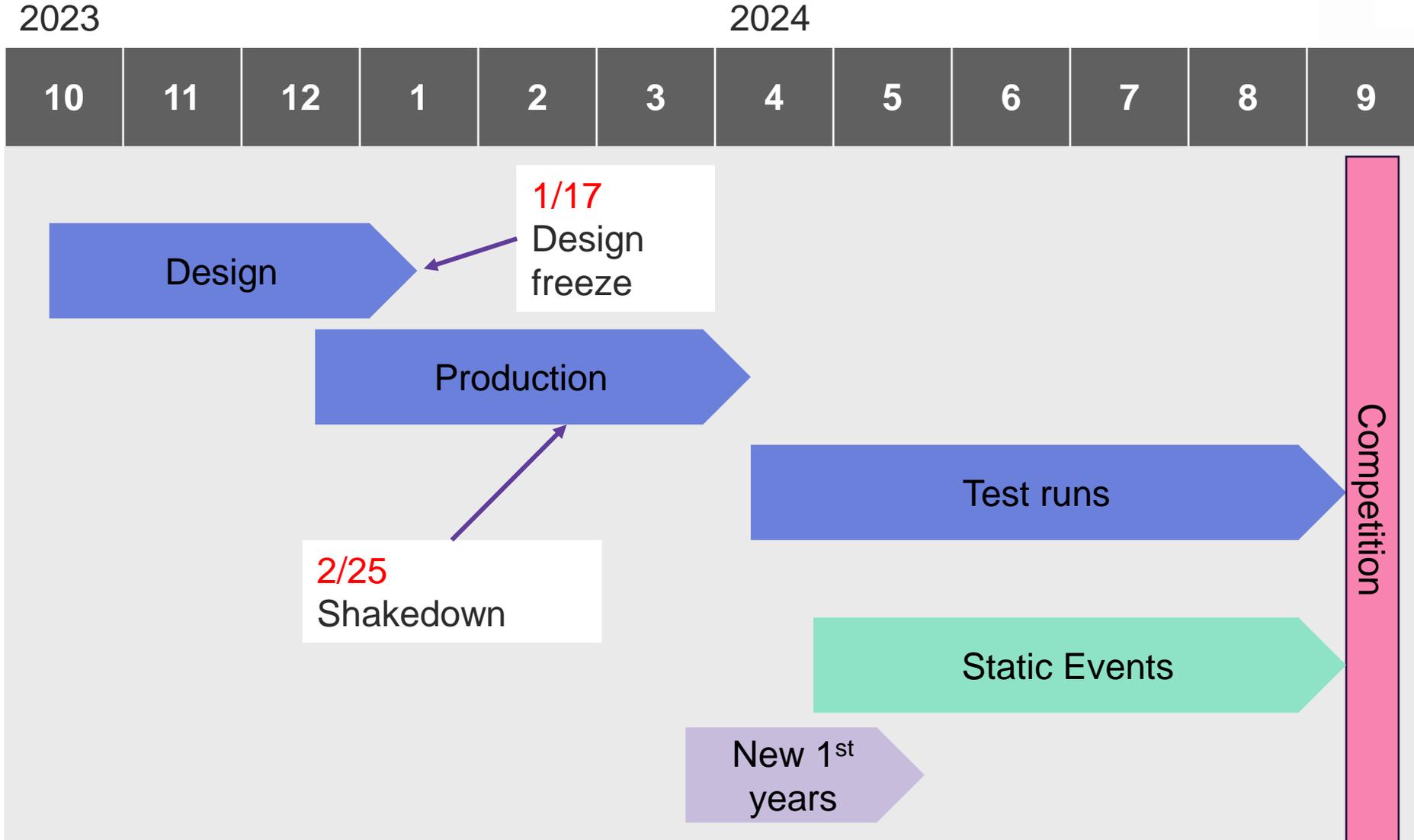
Local rule allows for EV machines to use a frame for 2 years  
→Cut down production time



## Electrical system

Remake the defective print circuit board  
Improve the safety of the battery management system  
→Improve reliability





Test Runs:      Test distance  
**10**              **Over 200 km**



Most in TUFT history



Event	Points	Ranking
Presentation	27.19/75	63rd
Design	54/150	42nd
Cost	26.9/100	35th
Acceleration	4.50/100	33rd
Skidpad	33.36/75	25th
Autocross	54.84/125	34th
Endurance	88.74/275	24th
Efficiency	47.51/100	5th
Penalty	0	
Total	335.04/900	29th/5th (EV)

## Awards:

- Japan Automobile Manufacturers Association Chairman's Award
- **1<sup>st</sup> Place** Best Mechanical Inspection

Mechanical and electrical inspection passed on first attempt

First time since 2017 to enter all dynamic events

First time for team to finish the endurance event



- Time for troubleshooting and testing from reusing frame
- A reliable car foundation
- Participated in every event
- Finished endurance event for the first time
- Hunger for more speed



- This season we have received support from over 50 corporate organizations and individuals. This activity would not be possible without their support. We would like to express our sincere gratitude to all for making our activities possible and fruitful.



We look forward to your continued support of the  
Tohoku University Formula Team