



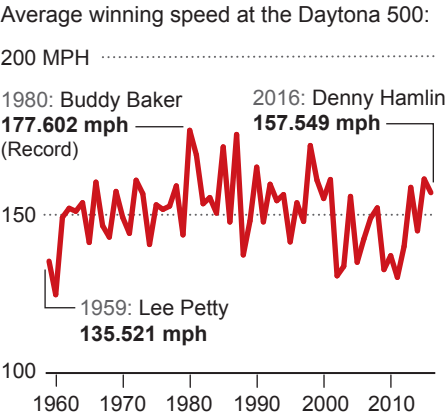
Daytona International Speedway • Daytona Beach, Fla. • Sunday, Feb. 26

RACE DISTANCE: 200 laps (500 miles)
TRACK DISTANCE: 2.5 miles BANKING IN CORNERS: 31 degrees

2016 season leaders

POINTS (top 5)	WINS	TOP 5 FINISHES
Jimmie Johnson 5040	5 J. Johnson	Kyle Busch 17
Joey Logano 5037	4 Kyle Busch	K. Harvick 17
Kyle Busch 5035	4 Kevin Harvick	B. Keselowski 16
Carl Edwards 5007	4 Brad Keselowski	J. Logano 16
Matt Kenseth 2330	4 Martin Truex Jr.	Denny Hamlin 12

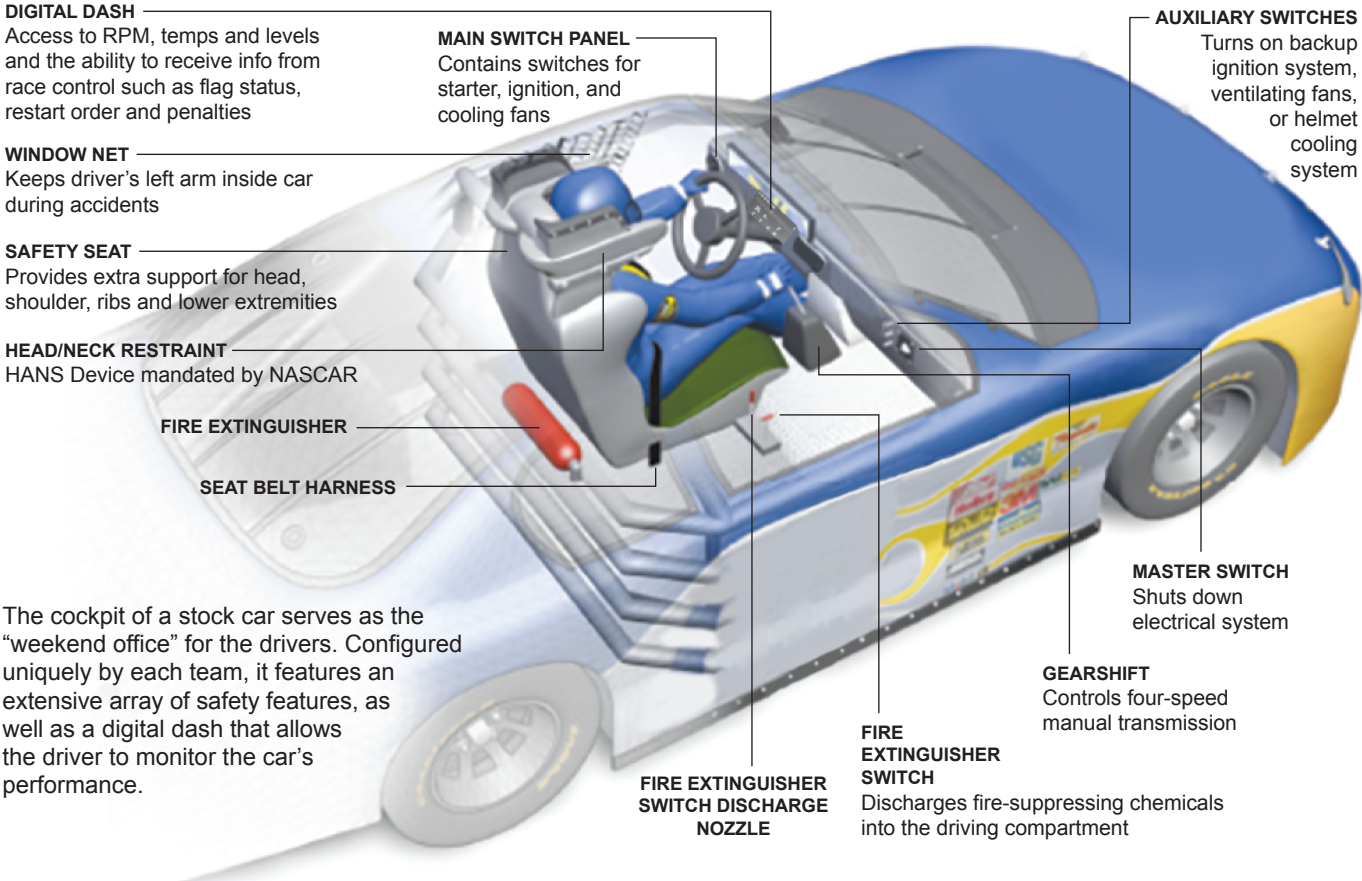
Need for speed



Daytona 500 lineup

POS	CAR	DRIVER	MAKE
1	(24)	Chase Elliott	Chevrolet
2	(88)	Dale Earnhardt Jr.	Chevrolet
3	(1)	Jamie McMurray	Chevrolet
4	(11)	Denny Hamlin	Toyota
5	(4)	Kevin Harvick	Ford
6	(14)	Clint Bowyer	Ford
7	(2)	Brad Keselowski	Ford
8	(41)	Kurt Busch	Ford
9	(20)	Matt Kenseth	Toyota
10	(3)	Austin Dillon	Chevrolet
11	(6)	Trevor Bayne	Ford
12	(10)	Danica Patrick	Ford
13	(43)	Aric Almirola	Ford
14	(31)	Ryan Newman	Chevrolet
15	(22)	Joey Logano	Ford
16	(42)	Kyle Larson	Chevrolet
17	(72)	Cole Whitt	Ford
18	(13)	Ty Dillon	Chevrolet
19	(19)	Daniel Suarez	Toyota
20	(38)	David Ragan	Ford
21	(18)	Kyle Busch	Toyota
22	(95)	Michael McDowell	Chevrolet
23	(17)	Ricky Stenhouse Jr.	Ford
24	(48)	Jimmie Johnson	Chevrolet
25	(32)	Matt DiBenedetto	Ford
26	(5)	Kasey Kahne	Chevrolet
27	(34)	Landon Cassill	Ford
28	(96)	DJ Kennington	Toyota
29	(23)	Joey Gase	Toyota
30	(15)	Michael Waltrip	Toyota
31	(83)	Corey LaJoie	Toyota
32	(33)	Jeffrey Earnhardt	Chevrolet
33	(27)	Paul Menard	Chevrolet
34	(77)	Erik Jones	Toyota
35	(78)	Martin Truex Jr.	Toyota
36	(21)	Ryan Blaney	Ford
37	(37)	Chris Buescher	Chevrolet
38	(47)	AJ Allmendinger	Chevrolet
39	(75)	Brendan Gaughan	Chevrolet
40	(7)	Elliott Sadler	Chevrolet

Inside the cockpit



In the driver's seat

The top 10 favorites to win the championship this season:

 Kevin Harvick The 2014 champion was in contention for a second title all of last year. He'll be the anchor at Stewart-Haas Racing, as it adjusts to a manufacturer move to Ford.	 Jimmie Johnson Tied NASCAR record with his seventh championship last year; goes into this season trying to surpass Hall of Famers Richard Petty and Dale Earnhardt Jr., with an eighth title.	 Kyle Busch The 2015 champion failed in his bid to win back-to-back championships last season despite a dominating year with Joe Gibbs Racing and Toyota.	 Denny Hamlin Won Daytona 500 last year but failed for second season in a row to make it to the finals of NASCAR's playoffs. Set career highs with 22 top 10s and 11.8 average finish in 2016.	 Brad Keselowski Taken a little bit of a backseat to Penske Racing teammate Joey Logano. He also has to now juggle the growth of Ford, which just brought in four new drivers with Stewart-Haas Racing.	 Joey Logano Made it to the finals of the Chase for the second time in his career last year, but again came up short after a late wreck. He's still looking for his first Cup title.	 Martin Truex Jr. Easily the most dominating driver in the opening round of NASCAR's playoffs, but he was unexpectedly eliminated after the second round.	 Chase Elliott Opened his rookie season last year by winning the pole for the Daytona 500, but had a horrible race. Seeking first career Cup win, but came awfully close a handful of times last year.	 Matt Kenseth Drives for Joe Gibbs Racing and those Toyotas have consistently been the best in NASCAR. He's a two-time Daytona 500 winner but could have had more with many lost opportunities.	 Dale Earnhardt Jr. NASCAR's most popular driver returns after missing the second half of the season with a concussion. He's eager to run again and he's a two-time Daytona winner.
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