## Sports Car GT FAQ Final

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This walkthrough was originally written for Sports Car GT on the PSX, but the walkthrough is still applicable to the PC version of the game.

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## INTRODUCTION

The 1998 auto racing game Sports Car GT is rather interesting. While the controls are just a bit twitchy (which could possibly cause some problems for really young players), the game does present some nice cars and some of the best racetracks in North America - including Sebring (site of the world-famous 12 Hours of Sebring endurance race, held every year in March) and Road Atlanta (site of the 10hour Petit Le Mans endurance race, held every year in October - with class winners gaining an automatic entry into the following year's 24 Hours of Le Mans endurance race in France in June) - spread across four car classes and their respective seasons.

The game manual indicates that there are two fantasy courses in the game. Without giving anything away, these are part of
a bonus season which must be unlocked, and these courses are located in a world-famous city with well-recognized landmarks. That said, these are both the hardest and the easiest race venues in Sports Car GT - hardest due to circuit configuration, and easiest (in relative terms) due to the race competition.




## ARCADE MODE

Arcade Mode is a nice place to start with Sports Car GT, as it can provide players with a good idea of how the game will play and feel. This also allows players to experiment with various cars and learn many of the circuits in the game when performance 'does not matter' (success is far more important in Season Mode).

As is typical of Arcade Mode in most racing games, there are no opportunities to tune or otherwise adjust the selected car. However, even when new parts are added to cars purchased or won in Season Mode, the handling is really not very different, so learning how to handle the cars in Arcade Mode will pay dividends later when the player progresses to Season Mode (especially with the cars with higher horsepower outputs).

## SEASON MODE

This is where the majority of a player's time will be spent in Sports Car GT. There are four car classes: GTQ (GT Qualifier), GT3, GT2, and GT1. Initially, only GTQ is available, and players must successfully complete a season in each class in order to progress to the next higher car class' season.

Initially, a player is given $\$ 50,000$ to spend, and must obviously purchase a car before beginning the first season. There are two strategies for car selection: 1.) purchase a fairly expensive car (relative to the player's budget) and hit the racetracks immediately; 2.) purchase a relatively inexpensive car, freeing up money to immediately perform upgrades in an attempt to gain an advantage over the competition on the racetracks.

In each class' season, there is a preset number and order of tracks (note that those circuits used in other racing games are likely to have some variation between the games, so care must be taken when first racing 'known' tracks due to experience attained from other racing games):

| Class | Circuit | Laps | Weather/Time |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| ----- | -------------------------- | ---- | ----------- |
| GTQ | Sebring International Short | 3 | Dry/Day |
|  | Road Atlanta | 3 | Dry/Day |
|  | Mosport Park | 3 | Dry/Day |
|  | Desert Speedway | 3 | Dry/Night |
| GT3 | Road Atlanta | 3 | Rain/Day |

Mosport Park Sebring International Short Desert Speedway Laguna Seca Raceway
GT2
Sebring International
Raceway
Desert Speedway
Mosport Park
Sebring International Short Laguna Seca Raceway Reverse Sebring International Raceway
Road Atlanta
Desert Speedway
Mosport Park
Road Atlanta Reverse
Sebring International
Raceway

## Dry/Day

Rain/Day
Dry/Twilight
Dry/Day
Dry/Day

Dry/Night
Rain/Day
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Dry/Day
Rain/Day

Dry/Day
Dry/Twilight
Dry/Day
Dry/Day
Dry/Night

It is important to note that the selection of a tire compound in the GT1 season is extremely important. Rain Tires are used for wet-weather conditions; all other tire compounds are for dry-weather conditions. The tire compounds work as follows:

| Compound | Results |
| :---: | :---: |
| Rain | Used for wet-weather conditions |
| Soft | Maximum pavement grip, minimum tire durability |
| Medium | Average pavement grip, average tire durability |
| Hard | Minimum pavement grip, maximum tire durability |

For dry-weather racing conditions, Soft Tires are definitely the best choice, but they suddenly lose their durability after approximately ten laps.

Players can expect some rather slow advancement initially, due in large part to the low amount of money given to begin a career in Season Mode. However, rising through the car classes results in higher and higher award money for finishing in the first three positions; even within a single season, each race awards more award money than the preceding race.

Finishing the GTQ season well enough results in an invitation to the Supreme Challenge Invitational race. However, there is a $\$ 10,000$ entry fee, so failure is not an option!!!!!!!!! This is a three-lap race at Sebring International Short against a single BMW M3 Team PTG, which is also the prize car for winning this event. The beauty of a win in the Supreme Challenge Invitational is that the BMW M3 'costs' only $\$ 10,000$ (due to the $\$ 10,000$ entry fee), whereas buying it new from the Car Shop would cost $\$ 65,000!!!$ Further, winning the BMW M3 also means that no money need be spent on upgrades, as the car then comes with all parts already added - all that the player need to worry about is how to customize the car's settings for optimal performance on the race circuits :-)

Finishing the GT2 season well enough results in an invitation to the Supreme Challenge Invitational race. However, there
is a $\$ 70,000$ entry fee, so failure is not an option!!!!!!!!! This is a three-lap race at Mosport Park in the rain against a single Callaway C7R Callaway Competition, which is also the prize car for winning this event.

Finishing the GT1 season well enough results in an invitation to the Paris GT-1 Invitational Season. This will become a menu option on the season select screen.

Finishing first place overall in a season (based upon a points system which is never explained) results in winning a bonus car. See the section Bonus Cars (Spoilers!!!!!) at the end of this guide for details.

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THE CARS
For those interested in the cars available in Sports Car GT,
here is the list:
Class Car
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GTQ BMW M3 Sport Touring (x2)
    Panoz Esperante Grand Touring (x2)
    Porsche 911 Sport Touring
    Saleen S261 Sport Touring
GT3 BMW M3 Grand Touring (x2)
    Porsche 911 Grand Touring (x2)
    Saleen SR Grand Touring
    Vector M-12 Sport Touring
GT2 Callaway C7 Grand Touring (x2)
    Callaway C12 Sport Touring
    Lister Storm Grand Touring (x2)
    Mosler Raptor Grand Touring
    Vector M-12 Grand Touring (X2)
GT1 Panoz GTR-1 Grand Touring (x2)
    Porsche 911 GT1 Team Rohr
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BONUS CARS (SPOILERS!!!!!)
Here are the bonus cars awarded for achieving first place overall in a given season (a wide expanse of blank lines is being added before and after this information so that those who do not wish to view this information can easily bypass this section):

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Class Car
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GTQ Saleen S261 Sport Touring
GT3 Saleen SR Grand Touring
GT2 Callaway CT Grand Touring
GT1 Callaway C7 Grand Touring
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BONUS SEASON (SPOILERS!!!!!)
Finishing the GT1 season well enough results in an invitation to the Paris GT-1 Invitational Season. This will become a menu option on the season select screen. Should the player wish to buy a car within the Paris GT-1 Invitational Season, the cars available are those for the GT1 class/season. If the Paris GT-1 Invitational Season is selected, here are the races involved (a wide expanse of blank lines is being added before and after this information so that those who do not wish to view this information can easily bypass this
section) :

| Class | Circuit | Laps | Weather/Time |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| PGT1I | Cours de Triumph | 3 | Dry/Day |
|  | Eiffel Tour | 3 | Dry/Day |
|  | Eiffel Tour | 3 | Wet/Day |

Winning this season unlocks a credits video featuring nighttime racing action at Sebring International Raceway using a number of camera views not available in regular gameplay.




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Just as there are many parts needed to make a human a human, there's a remarkable number of things needed to make an individual what they are.

- Major Kusanagi, _Ghost in the Shell_

What isn't remembered never happened. - _Serial Experiments Lain_

