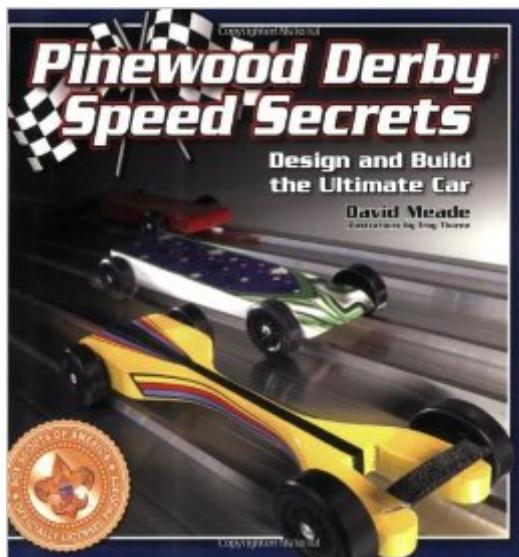


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# Pinewood Derby Speed Secrets: Design And Build The Ultimate Car



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For new competitors or seasoned racers, this informative, step-by-step guide reveals all the secrets to building a championship car. This officially licensed product of Boy Scouts of America, and written by a research scientist and father of two undefeated Derby Champs, this valuable and education manual features full-color, easy-to-follow instructions and is perfect for parents and kids alike. "I've seen a lot of first-time participants since founding the Pinewood Derby in 1953. If you want to compete successfully your first time out, or improve on last year's finish, this book is for you." -Don Murphy, founder of the Pinewood Derby and author of *Pinewood, The Story of the Pinewood Derby*

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First and foremost, this book is exceptional as a single source for a myriad of speed tips. There are many different articles online, but no sites cover as many particulars as this author. My son and I read the book and designed his car using several of the tips to the best of our abilities. We discussed the mechanical advantage of the various tips and came up with the best ways to accomplish them. We were somewhat limited by our skills and tools. As a result, our car was an ugly asymmetrical wedge, but he was proud of it and I was proud of him. He was very involved in almost every aspect (no band saw) and we spent countless hours tweaking it. Long story short, he won the entire pack competition. Now for the caution: After the competition, the pack leader

mentioned that several cars were "pushing the limits" and might not pass district inspections. I spoke with him individually afterwards about my son's car to be sure he was good to go. He mentioned our extended wheelbase (mentioned in the book) as a point of possible contention. He then mentioned that the axles needed to be viewable as well. Neither of these points was mentioned in our pack's official rules. Besides the written instructions, we got additional verbal instructions as follows: "Look at the rules. Use only official parts, don't do anything prohibited...everything else is fair game. There was an additional light-hearted comment, "Dad, make sure your son is involved." He and I were both excited for the project. I felt terrible for my son after speaking with the pack leader. He sensed my concern and basically told me not to worry about it. He said there were many cars with blatant violations like those mentioned above, and that there were some cars that definitely weren't built by a child.

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