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Son of Godzilla

**Next generation Nissan GT-R
spotted testing at the Nurburgring**





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Love the shape and the detail such as the vents behind the front wheel arches. Interesting that the badging has been covered up. Car was being driven very hard showing Nissan are committed to The Business



❖ GT-R spotted testing continued

Does it? Or doesn't it? These are the best shots yet of the next generation Nissan GT-R snapped here doing do fast laps of the legendary Nurburgring in Germany. The relative lack of disguise means that we can now get a pretty good idea of what the finished article will look like.

But we do not yet have a definitive answer to the most burning question of them all — does it have a high-performance V8 motor? Or will it rely on a twin-turbo V6? The only sure thing here is that the traditional powerplant, the turbo inline six, is a thing of the past. The talk in Europe is it is a 4.5 litre V8 that delivers around 340kW.

Nissan aren't saying anything at this stage. . .

The photographs show that the new car will draw quite strongly on the last

GT-R for its design cues rather than the 350Z. You can see the traditional GT-R look about the rectangular grille and the shoulders over the rear guards.

The lack of disguise here means details like the air scoops in the bonnet and the front guards are quite visible as are an impressive looking pair of exhaust pipes.

The new car is expected to be launched about the time of the Frankfurt Show in time for launch as a 2008 model car.

With the expected launch of the Mitsubishi Evo X and the just announced Subaru WRX STi, enthusiasts for Japanese performance cars are in for a treat. The GT-R's opposition is likely to include the upcoming Lexus sports car as well as established Europeans including the Audi R8. ●