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The Ford Mustang GT and the Camaro SS are two well-known sports cars. They have been around for a very long time. Next year Ford is announcing the 50th anniversary Mustang, I’m sure that the Camaro has been out just as long, if not longer. For decades there has been an argument over which one is a better car. All of the Ford Mustang guys might say that the Mustang is the better car. All of the Camaro lovers will say that the Camaro that is the better car. Which one is really the best car? I test drove both of these muscle cars to find out. The driving experience of both of these cars was very intense. One of the most fun times I have actually had in a car, and the owner said to give it all it has, so I did, and think I scared him a lot while doing it. It was a really fun experience, and I learned a lot about both of the cars from it.

There are really a lot of similarities in both of the cars. For one, they are both high-powered muscle cars. Both of them can really get up to speed fast, and they are both made mainly for racing. However, they both have their strong points and their weak points. One car is better then the other doing track racing or drag racing. Another similarity is the interior of both the cars. They both have a really sporty looking interior that looks perfect for the car, so that one knows one is in a true muscle car. They also have around the same horsepower and torque, so that they can be really competitive with each other. The two that are going to be compared are the newest models out. Why the newest models? Well, because that is what really matters now.

The new Camaro SS has 426 horsepower and 400 foot pounds of torque. That is a lot of power for such a small car. But, can the car put the power to the ground like it needs to be? Well, yes and no. It does a great job putting all of that power to the ground if the driver is going to be racing on a track with a lot of corners and turns. It is able to do this because of the rear axel. The rear axel on this car is made for racing on tracks that have lots of turns and corners. The axel is an independent suspension that means the rear wheels can do like the front on almost every vehicle; they are not tied together with a solid axel, so they can handle really sharp turns at higher speeds then the solid axel cars. So, yes it can put the power to the ground actually very well, but only while turning and just not going straight. This axel is not the
The Mustang GT has 420 horsepower and 390 foot pounds of torque. This is slightly lower than the Camaro SS, but it actually puts it to the ground a lot better than the Camaro SS. We all know that we don’t get the same amount of horsepower to the back wheels as your engine puts out, but you still get a lot of it. Well the Mustang GT actually puts more horsepower and torque to the ground than the Camaro does. The Mustang is mainly made for drag racing, so that’s why it is able to do this. For drag racing it is best to have a solid rear axle because that is what puts more horsepower and torque to the ground. The Mustang has the solid rear axle making it amazing at drag racing. The safety on this car is pretty good too; it got a 4 star crash test rating. That is also really good for a muscle car. It might not be as good as the Camaro, but it is almost as good. We still have a good chance of being okay in a wreck in the Mustang.

So what is really the better car? I know exactly which one I would pick. I would pick the Mustang GT. Why would I pick this car when the other one has more power for a muscle car? The Mustang GT actually has more horsepower and torque than the Camaro SS, because of the rear axle types. The Mustang is the one that puts the most power to the ground. Let’s be real about this also, some people who buy these muscle cars are mostly going to drag race them. There are a few that actually take the car out to a track to race. The Mustang will win in a drag race hands down against the Camaro. They are both very fast muscle cars made for racing. Every year they come out with new ones that have even more horsepower and torque than they did last year. Just like Henry Ford said, “Everything can always be done faster and better.” He was very right about that, there will continue to be lots of improvements to the two muscle cars in the future. As far as the safety, yes, the Camaro has better safety, but not by much. In a crash going too fast in these cars, I don’t think that the safety rating would matter as much. Look at it this way, the Mustang is like a true muscle car lover’s performance, and the Camaro is like baby performance.