



NOBUHIRO “MONSTER” TAJIMA

The Broadmoor Pikes Peak International Hill Climb

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Nobuhiro “Monster” Tajima has almost singlehandedly put a face on the world's most famous motorsport hill climb, and established himself as one of the event's legends in a made-for-TV career on Pikes Peak - America's Mountain. The Japanese driver was the first in history to break the elusive 10-minute mark when he piloted his twin-turbo Suzuki SX4 to the summit of the 14,115-foot peak with a historic time of 9:51.278 in 2011. He made his debut on the Peak in 1988, taking third in the Showroom Stock Division in a Mazda 323 4WD auto, which launched a brilliant relationship with the race that now spans three decades.

The 67-year-old driver/businessman, Chairman and CEO of the Tajima Motor Corporation, dominated the prestigious Unlimited Division from 1992-2011. He won the division



eight times, including six times in a row from 2006-2011. Tajima holds two world records and has four sub-ten minute finishes, the best being his 9:32.401 in 2015 in the Electric Modified Class. Named King of the Mountain seven times, Tajima has recorded nine wins and was inducted into the Pikes Peak Hill Climb Museum Hall of Fame in 2016.

A true pioneer of the sport, Tajima participated with an original electric racing car in the 2013 Pikes Peak International Hill Climb, achieving first place for the Electric Vehicle Division. It was the first electric vehicle to break the 10-minute barrier and set a class record of 9:46.530. Tajima has been a catalyst in the "green energy push" around the motorsports industry.