



THE NA

The car that started it all

- NA6 built 1989 to 1993
- NA8 built 1993 to 1997



Almost 10 yrs in gestation, it nearly didn't happen!

The marketing boys wanted to use an existing front drive platform and build a Ford Capri style car.

The engineers working on the program, set up a "secret" workshop and for a time used an out of use shed at the Mazda site and continued developing the car out of hours while still performing their daily works on other vehicles

They believed in the project and felt from the start that it MUST have:

- 50/50 weight distribution
- Front engine
- Rear wheel drive
- Be designed for pure driving pleasure

Lucky for us!

They ensured that the car ultimately shown to management was designed for the driver not the sales dept. And Mazda "got it" and green lighted the project

Amazingly, it was right straight out of the box and initial sales were staggering – with that pressure, the factory geared up for full production and STILL maintained high levels of quality

Look at how many cars there are here today, 29-30 years old and in most cases, have had little major mechanical work done on them!

The demand was such that the first ¼ million cars were produced within 3 years! It took 27 years to reach the 1,000,000 which will give some idea of just how busy things must have been at the factory!

