



TONY STEWART

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Car No.: 14 – Office Depot/Old Spice Chevrolet Impala SS

Teammate: Ryan Newman, driver No. 39 U.S. Army Chevrolet Impala SS for Stewart-Haas Racing

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Primary Team Members:

Driver: Tony Stewart
Hometown: Columbus, Ind.

Car Chief: Jeff Meendering
Hometown: Concord, N.C.

Engine Specialist: Randy Hefner
Hometown: Denver, N.C.

Crew Chief: Darian Grubb
Hometown: Floyd, Va.

Engine Builder: Hendrick Motorsports
Headquarters: Concord, N.C.

Spotter: Bob Jeffrey
Hometown: Bristol, Tenn.

Over-The-Wall Crew Members:

Gas Man: Jeff “Gooch” Patterson
Hometown: Escondido, Calif.

Catch Can: Scott Radel (pronounced “Ray-del”)
Hometown: Massillon, Ohio

Windshield: Troy Welty
Hometown: Manchester, Pa.

Jackman: Mike Casto
Hometown: Proctor, W.Va.

Front Tire Changer: Kelly Kellis
Hometown: Concord, N.C.

Front Tire Carrier: Todd Drakulich
Hometown: Tucson, Ariz.

Rear Tire Changer: Daniel Smith
Hometown: Concord, N.C.

Rear Tire Carrier: Mike “Shrek” Morneau
Hometown: Oxford, Maine

Other Crew Members:

Truck Drivers: Jerry Honeycutt and Tim Harrison
Hometown: Mooresville, N.C., and Richfield, N.C.

Shock Specialist: Adam Gravitt
Hometown: South Boston, Va.

Mechanics: Brian Taylor and Darrell Haskins
Hometowns: Cuthbert, Ga., and Danville, Va.

Tire Specialist: Aaron Keuhn (pronounced “Q-un”)
Hometown: New Britain, Conn.

Engineer: Jonathan Toney
Hometown: Newton, N.C.

Gas Runner/Pit Support: Jerry Honeycutt
Hometown: Mooresville, N.C.

Budweiser Shootout Car – Chassis No. 14-454:

This car is a carryover chassis from the former Haas CNC team, as it made its debut at Talladega (Ala.) Superspeedway in October 2007 with driver Johnny Sauter, who qualified 39th and led two laps before finishing 12th. It participated in winter testing at Daytona (Fla.) International Speedway in 2008 before Scott Riggs piloted the car in the 50th running of the Daytona 500, where he qualified 27th and finished 21st. Chassis No. 14-454 has since been updated for 2009, where Tony Stewart will use it to make his return to Chevrolet via the Budweiser Shootout.

Year	Driver	Event	Start	Finish	Status/Laps	Laps Led	Earnings
2008	Scott Riggs	Daytona 500	27	21	Running, 200/200	0	\$287,928
2007	Johnny Sauter	Talladega (Fall)	39	12	Running, 188/188	2	\$98,750

Budweiser Shootout Notes of Interest:

- Stewart is a three-time Budweiser Shootout winner, having won the non-point race in 2001, 2002 and 2007.
- Stewart is one of only three drivers to have won two straight Budweiser Shootouts. They are...
 - Ø Tony Stewart – 2001 & 2002
 - Ø Ken Schrader – 1989 & 1990
 - Ø Neil Bonnett – 1983 & 1984
- The driver with the most Budweiser Shootout victories is the late Dale Earnhardt with six. Stewart beat Earnhardt to win his first Budweiser Shootout in 2001.
- In nine career Budweiser Shootout starts, Stewart has only one finish outside of the top-seven. He finished 15th in the 2003 race.
- Stewart’s average finish in the Budweiser Shootout is 4.2, the best among active drivers with more than one Shootout appearance.

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Tony Stewart's History at Daytona in non-point races:

Year	Event	Start	Finish	Status/Laps	Laps Led	Earnings
2008	Budweiser Shootout	10	2	Running, 70/70	9	\$115,000
	×Gatorade Duel	8	2	Running, 64/64	9	\$39,813
2007	Budweiser Shootout	14	1	Running, 70/70	11	\$215,000
	×Gatorade Duel	9	1	Running, 63/63	37	\$51,150
2006	×Budweiser Shootout	3	3	Running, 72/72	7	\$62,877
	×Gatorade Duel	10	8	Running, 64/64	15	\$20,283
2005	Budweiser Shootout	8	4	Running, 70/70	0	\$52,445
	Gatorade Duel	13	1	Running, 60/60	12	\$53,199
2004	Budweiser Shootout	18	7	Running, 70/70	0	\$47,000
	Gatorade Twin 125	19	2	Running, 50/50	0	\$40,612
2003	Budweiser Shootout	12	15	Running, 70/70	0	\$33,700
	Gatorade Twin 125	25	4	Running, 50/50	0	\$29,626
2002	Budweiser Shootout	3	1	Running, 70/70	31	\$200,955
	Gatorade Twin 125	10	2	Running, 50/50	3	\$37,884
2001	Budweiser Shootout	7	1	Running, 70/70	36	\$202,722
	Gatorade Twin 125	2	11	Running, 50/50	4	\$21,309
2000	Bud Shootout	3	4	Running, 25/25	0	\$40,000
	Gatorade Twin 125	8	4	Running, 50/50	0	\$21,921
1999	Gatorade Twin 125	8	4	Running, 50/50	0	\$21,921

× Race length extended due to green-white-checker finish.

Daytona 500 Car – Chassis No. 14-532:

This is a brand new racecar that has only been tested in the wind tunnel. The Gatorade Duel will mark its first race of any kind and the Daytona 500 will mark its first point-paying race.

Daytona 500 Notes of Interest:

- The Daytona 500 will mark Stewart's 357th career NASCAR Sprint Cup Series start, his 21st career point-paying Sprint Cup start at Daytona and his 40th career point-paying start in a restrictor plate race.
- Stewart made his Sprint Cup debut at Daytona on Feb. 14, 1999.
- Stewart has **12 wins at Daytona** (11 on the 2.5-mile oval, one on the 3.56-mile road course):
 - Ø 2008 NASCAR Nationwide Series season-opener
 - Ø 2007 Budweiser Shootout
 - Ø 2007 Gatorade Duel
 - Ø 2006 Pepsi 400
 - Ø 2006 IROC race (road course)
 - Ø 2006 NASCAR Nationwide Series season-opener
 - Ø 2005 Pepsi 400
 - Ø 2005 NASCAR Nationwide Series season-opener
 - Ø 2005 Gatorade Duel
 - Ø 2002 IROC race
 - Ø 2002 Budweiser Shootout
 - Ø 2001 Budweiser Shootout
- Of the 800 laps Stewart has led in the 40 point-paying restrictor-plate races he has run, **532 have been at Daytona (66.5 percent)**. The remaining 268 laps led have come at Talladega. Stewart has made 20 starts at Daytona and 20 starts at Talladega.
- Of the 747 laps available in the four restrictor-plate races run in 2005 – 203 laps in the Daytona 500, 194 laps at Talladega in May, 160 laps at Daytona in July and 190 laps at Talladega in October – **Stewart led 325 of those laps (43.5 percent)**. And in those four races, Stewart finished seventh, second, first and second, respectively, to log an **average finish of third**.
- Of the 739 laps available in the four restrictor-plate races run in 2006 – 203 laps in the Daytona 500, 188 laps at Talladega in April, 160 laps at Daytona in July and 188 laps at Talladega in October – Stewart led 118 of those laps (16 percent). And in those four races, Stewart finished fifth, second, first and 22nd, respectively, to log an **average finish of seventh**.
- Of the 2,968 laps available in the past 16 restrictor-plate races (2005-2008), Stewart has led 624 of those laps (21 percent).

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Daytona 500 Notes of Interest, *continued*:

- In his Sprint Cup career, Stewart has three point-paying victories in restrictor-plate races – the 2005 July race at Daytona where Stewart **won the pole and led all but nine of the race's 160 laps (94.4 percent)**, the 2006 July race at Daytona where Stewart **started second and led a race-high 86 laps (53.8 percent)** and the 2008 October race at Talladega where Stewart led four times for a **race-high 24 laps (12.6 percent)**.
- Stewart comes into Daytona as the most recent restrictor-plate race winner (Talladega – October 2008).
- Stewart has **five other Sprint Cup wins in non-point restrictor-plate races. All have been at Daytona**, with three victories in the Budweiser Shootout (2001, 2002 and 2007) and two victories in the Gatorade Duel (2005 and 2007).
- Stewart won his eighth career Sprint Cup **pole at Daytona in July 2005** for what is still **his only Sprint Cup pole in a restrictor-plate race**. Stewart has 10 poles altogether, with the last one coming 113 races ago at Martinsville (Va.) Speedway in October 2005.
- Stewart is the most recent Sprint Cup champion not named Jimmie Johnson. Stewart scored his second championship in 2005, book-ending the first championship he earned in 2002. Johnson has won the past three Sprint Cup championships (2006-2008). Stewart, however, remains the only driver to win a championship under the old Winston Cup-style format (2002) and the current Chase for the Championship-style format (2005).
- Stewart enters his 11th Sprint Cup season as a driver/owner. After spending a decade in Sprint Cup with Joe Gibbs Racing, Stewart is now co-owner of Stewart-Haas Racing, where he splits ownership 50/50 with Haas Automation, the world's largest machine tool manufacturer. The last driver/owner to win a Sprint Cup race was Ricky Rudd at Martinsville on Sept. 27, 1998.
- Stewart has a career total of 33 wins, 10 poles, 129 top-fives, 207 top-10s and 10,236 laps led in 356 career Sprint Cup races. **His most recent Sprint Cup win came seven races ago at Talladega, where he broke a 43-race winless streak dating back to Watkins Glen in 2007.**
- Stewart's Sprint Cup crew chief is Darian Grubb. **Grubb is only the second crew chief Stewart has had in Sprint Cup, and even more astonishing, just the fourth crew chief Stewart has had between his time as a driver in the IRL IndyCar Series (1996-1998) and the Sprint Cup Series (1999-present).** Bill Martin was Stewart's chief mechanic (crew chief) in the IndyCar Series from 1996 through 1997 and they captured the championship together in 1997. With Scott Marks at the helm in 1998, Stewart won two races and four poles in the IndyCar Series and finished third in points. From Stewart's first Sprint Cup race at Daytona in 1999 until his 356th in November 2008 at Homestead-Miami Speedway, Greg Zipadelli called the shots for Stewart and the No. 20 Joe Gibbs Racing entry – a combination that produced two championships (2002 and 2005) and 33 point-paying wins.

Tony Stewart's History at Daytona in point-paying races:

Year	Event	Start	Finish	Status/Laps	Laps Led	Earnings
2008	Daytona 500	6	3	Running, 200/200	16	\$871,049
	×Coke Zero 400	17	20	Running, 162/162	0	\$141,286
2007	×Daytona 500	3	43	Running, 152/202	35	\$283,781
	†Pepsi 400	6	38	Running, 125/160	0	\$131,086
2006	×Daytona 500	15	5	Running, 203/203	20	\$529,661
	Pepsi 400	2	1	Running, 160/160	86	\$369,586
2005	×Daytona 500	4	7	Running, 203/203	107	\$389,411
	Pepsi 400	1	1	Running, 160/160	151	\$368,261
2004	Daytona 500	5	2	Running, 200/200	98	\$1,055,553
	Pepsi 400	17	5	Running, 160/160	12	\$149,628
2003	*Daytona 500	8	7	Running, 109/109	6	\$285,828
	Pepsi 400	13	21	Running, 160/160	0	\$114,128
2002	Daytona 500	6	43	Engine, 2/200	0	\$162,065
	Pepsi 400	29	39	Handling, 111/160	0	\$102,038
2001	Daytona 500	24	36	Accident, 173/200	0	\$113,700
	Pepsi 400	36	26	Running, 160/160	0	\$67,325
2000	Daytona 500	7	17	Running, 200/200	0	\$118,875
	Pepsi 400	7	6	Running, 160/160	1	\$71,425
1999	Daytona 500	2	28	Running, 181/200	0	\$102,204
	Pepsi 400	6	6	Running, 160/160	0	\$52,475

× Race length extended due to green-white-checker finish.

† Qualifying canceled due to weather, starting position set via car owner points.

* Race cut short due to weather.

○ Race was started by Stewart, but finished by J.J. Yeley who took over for Stewart in a relief role on lap 72.

Stewart in NASCAR Nationwide Series Race at Daytona:

- Stewart will make his first NASCAR Nationwide Series start of the season and **his first Nationwide Series start for car owner Rick Hendrick** on Saturday, Feb. 14 driving the No. 80 HendrickCars.com Chevrolet in the Camping World 300 at Daytona. **Stewart is the defending champion of the Camping World 300**, and this year's race will mark Stewart's ninth career Nationwide Series start at Daytona. Stewart has a total of seven wins, six poles, 25 top-fives and 35 top-10s in 86 Nationwide Series starts. **Three of Stewart's Nationwide Series wins have been in the season-opening race at Daytona (2005, 2006 and 2008).**