

Drive On: Driving an \$80,000 car while blind isn't easy

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If you want to make someone nervous, borrow their \$80,000 car, tape over the windows so you can't see out and drive their car at night around a racetrack in the California desert.

That's what racer Justin Bell does for [eBay Motors' World's Fastest Car Show](#) to demonstrate the night-vision technology in the car. Driving an Audi A7, Bell relies entirely on the little patch of video screen in the car to figure out where he is going. Since its infrared, using heat detection to turn night into day, no headlights were required.

In the photo, he looks scared to death. How do you explain cracking up a car that you were driving with the windows taped over. But to hear him talk afterward, piece of cake. He notes the detail in the night-vision screen is so good he could make out every crevice of the hills behind the track. And he catches a bunny running across the asphalt, a walker and a couple of horses.

Apparently, no animals were harmed in the filming of that video.