

## NISSAN GT-R IN FORMALS

Nissan's supercar to sport posh Infiniti badge and two extra doors

» Nissan/Infiniti is working on a more luxurious version of its supercar-baiting GT-R



Nissan will make a posh version of its fabulous GT-R super sports car. The re-jigged GT-R will wear the Infiniti badge, and will likely be called the R38T.

Expected to hit showrooms in 2011, there will also be a four-door version with GT-R mechanicals mated with a bigger 5.0-litre

V8 engine from the new FX50. The car could be monickered R50.

Obviously, being an Infiniti, these cars will have more luxurious cabins with an overdose of soft-leather and wood. The roof will also be slightly higher and there will be more leg room in the back so it should seat four adults in comfort.

However, despite the extra doors, seats, leather and wood, the new cars are expected to weigh only marginally more than the GT-R, thanks to the use of lightweight carbon-fibre and aluminium components.

The R50 will go head-to-head with the forthcoming

Porsche Panamera and Aston Martin Rapide four-door sports car.

The GT-R was in development for almost five years, and therefore cost Nissan a lot. This move should help the company recover some of that money back, one auto magazine quoted CEO Carlos Ghosn as saying.