

# How To Tune Your Car's Handling: THE DEBRIEF

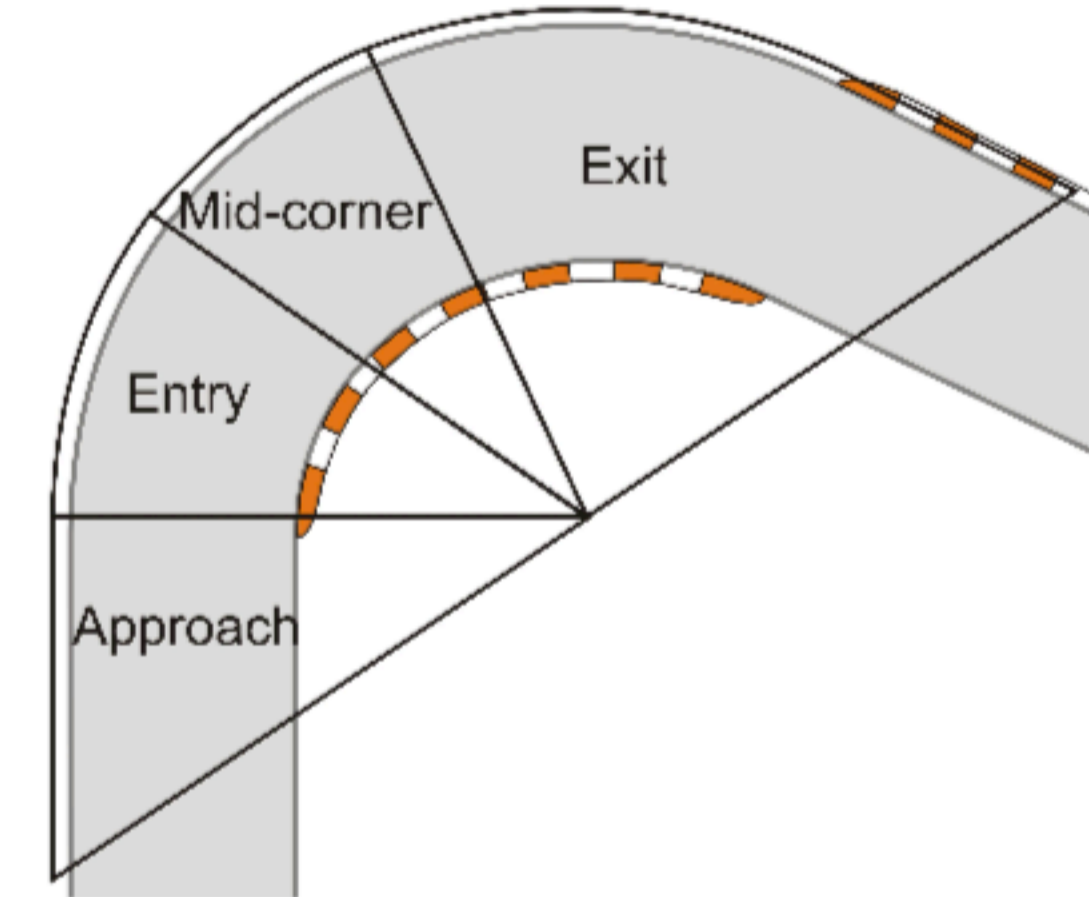
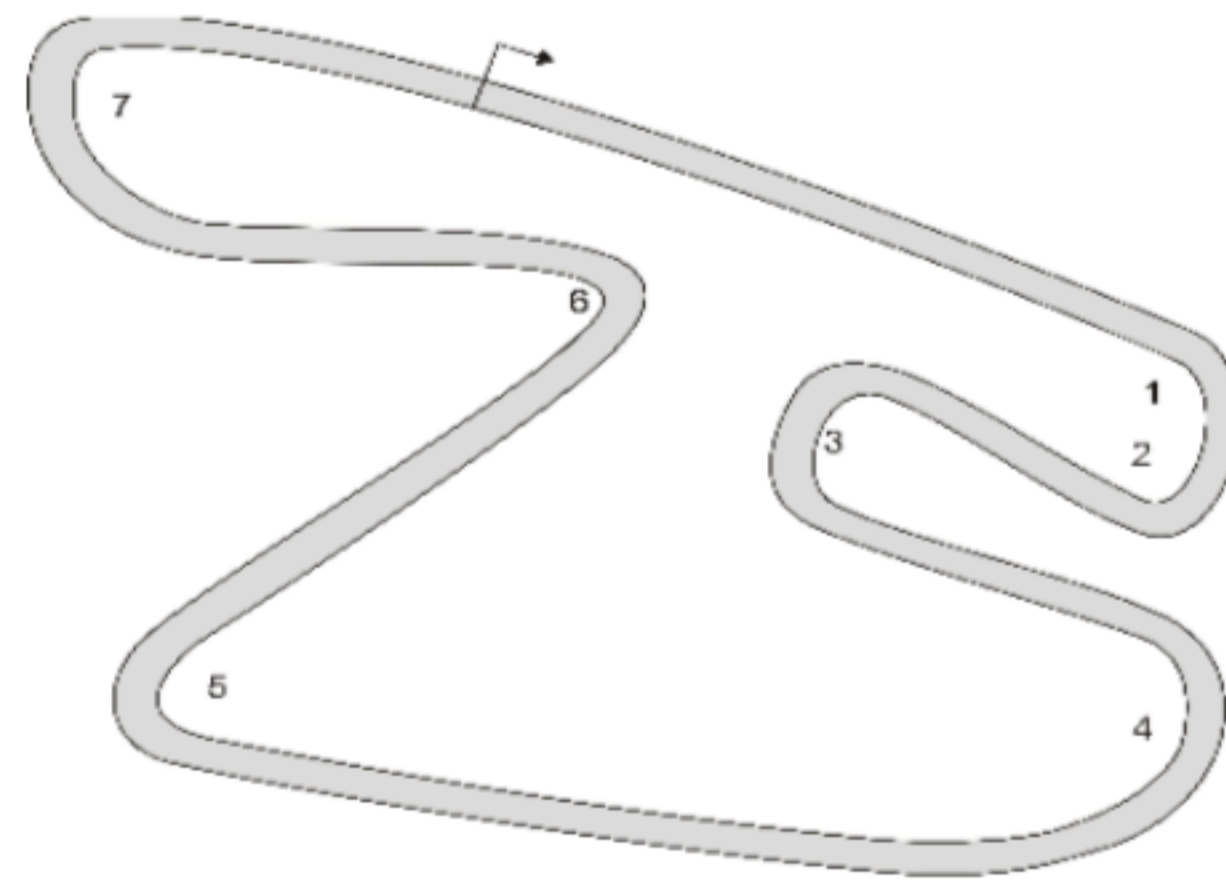
To improve your car's handling, it's important to be clear and specific about what your car is doing. Then, it will be easier to adjust. So, Step One is "debriefing" - a series of questions, in a particular order - which will help you determine exactly what needs to be changed.

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Ask yourself the following questions...



What's the car doing?

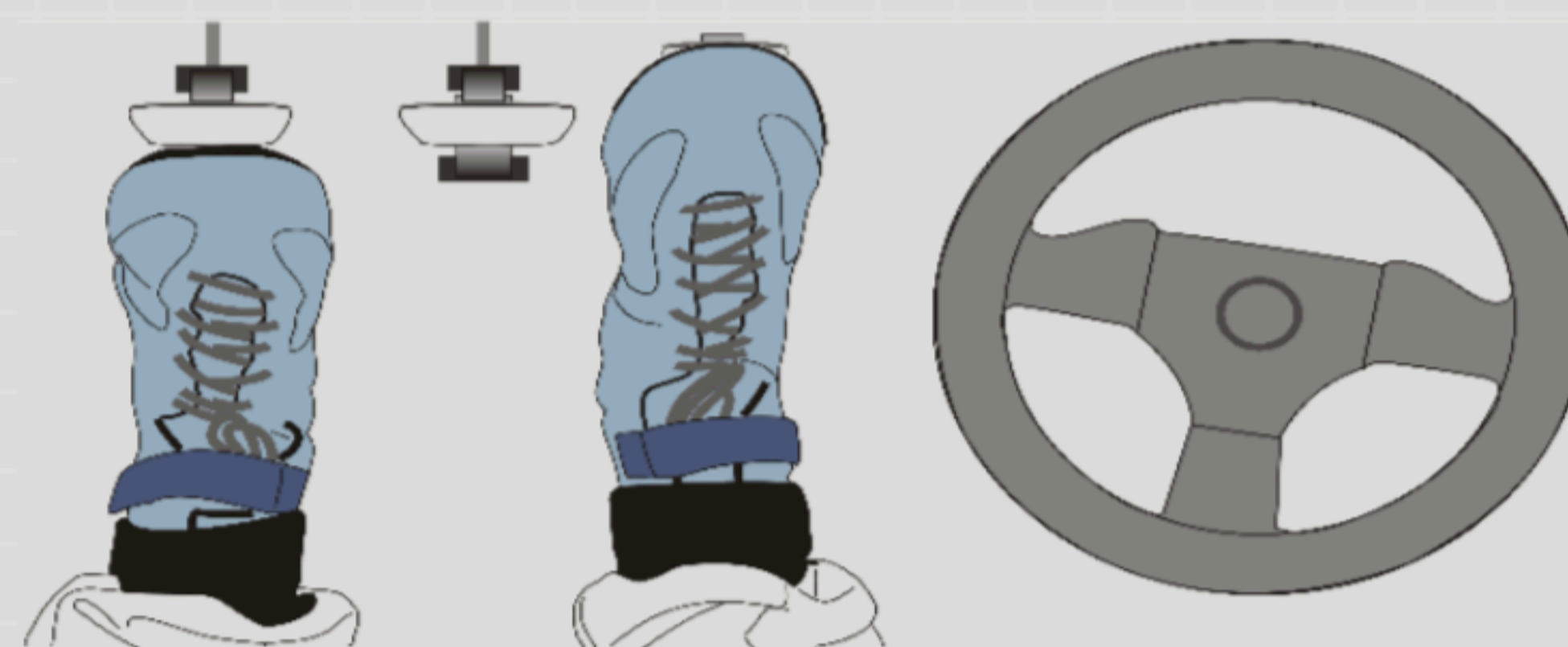
Understeer or oversteer?

Where on the track?

Which turns have the handling problem?

Where in the turn(s)?

Approach, entry, mid-corner, or exit?



What am I doing?

Braking?  
Trail braking (coming off brakes)?  
Completely off the brakes?  
Initial turn-in?  
Steady-state with steering?

Unwinding the steering?  
Coasting?  
Maintenance throttle?  
Squeezing on throttle?  
Full throttle?



Is it me or the car?

Am I causing it?



If I could have the car do one thing better, what would it be?

Now that you've identified - very clearly - what your car is doing (and where), it becomes much easier to adjust the tires & chassis setup (but not easy!). Without the steps and questions you've just gone through, you won't make the right adjustments. Stand by for another Speed Secrets infographic - one that asks the right questions to help you determine what adjustments you need to make, so you can fix the problems you've identified.