

Alonso returns to F1

Two-time world champion Fernando Alonso returns to the F1 starting grid in 2021 after rejoining Renault on a two-year contract

ALONSO: BEHIND THE WHEEL

- **2001:** Makes F1 debut with **Minardi**, achieving best race finish of 10th place
- **2003:** Test driver for **Renault** – claims first race victory at Hungarian Grand Prix
- **2005:** Wins World Championship, ending five-year dominance of **Michael Schumacher**
- **2006:** Defends title. Claims victory at **Monaco Grand Prix** for first time
- **2007:** Transfers to **McLaren**. Quits after turbulent season that includes Ferrari spy affair. Returns to Renault



Alonso races in Le Mans 24 alongside **Sebastien Buemi** and **Kazuki Nakajima**

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- **2010:** Signs for **Ferrari**. Misses out on third F1 title by just four points
 - **2013:** Finishes season in second place for third time as Ferrari struggles against Red Bull's **Sebastian Vettel**
 - **2015:** Joins **McLaren Honda**
 - **2017:** Exasperated by uncompetitive McLaren, skips Monaco to race in Indy500. Starts well but forced out by engine failure

- **2018:** Wins Le Mans 24 Hours. Exits F1 after another poor year
- **2019:** Retains Le Mans title – adds FIA World Endurance crown
- **Aug 2020:** Returns to Indy500 in bid to secure Triple Crown, adding to his victories at Monaco GP and Le Mans. Feat so far achieved only by **Graham Hill** (above)