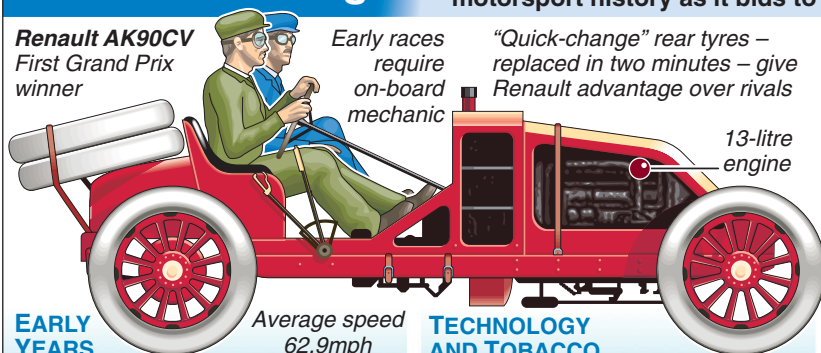


100 years of Grand Prix racing

Renault AK90CV
First Grand Prix winner

Early races require on-board mechanic

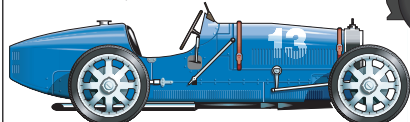
"Quick-change" rear tyres – replaced in two minutes – give Renault advantage over rivals



EARLY YEARS

1906 Automobile Club de France organizes first **Grand Prix** at Le Mans. Hungarian **Ferenc Szisz** wins by half an hour after completing 12 laps over two days on closed public roads

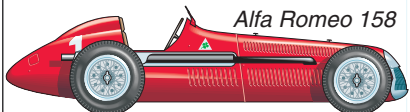
1920s Bugatti T35 becomes most successful racing car of all time with over 1,000 victories



1930s Germany's **Auto Union** and **Mercedes Benz** dominate motorsport

BEGINNINGS OF FORMULA ONE

Alfa Romeo 158



1950 Fédération Internationale de l'Automobile (FIA) organizes first world championship, won by Italian **Giuseppe Farina** who narrowly defeats Argentine team-mate **Juan Manuel Fangio**

Fangio wins five of next six championships with 24 Grands Prix victories



1951 Ferrari records its first GP victory, at Silverstone

Sources: FIA, Guinness Guide to Formula One

A century after manufacturing the first Grand Prix-winning car in 1906, Renault is again in pole position to write another chapter in motorsport history as it bids to retain the titles won in 2005

TECHNOLOGY AND TOBACCO

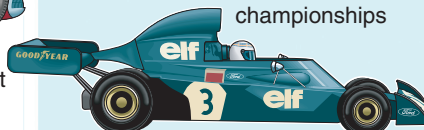
1960s Teams seek to emulate **Cooper's** success with mid-engined cars, **Lotus** introduces monocoque chassis for strength



Lotus 25 driven by Jim Clark – widely regarded as best driver of all time

1968 Imperial Tobacco becomes first commercial sponsor of racing team, injecting new money into motorsport to improve facilities and safety – and raise drivers' earnings

1970s Jackie Stewart – the **Flying Scot** – claims 27 GPs and three world championships



1978 Bernie Ecclestone becomes chief executive of **Formula One Constructors' Association**



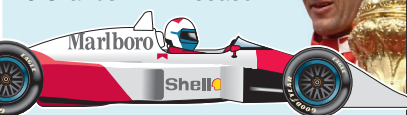
DRIVING THE BUSINESS

1980s Renault pioneers turbo technology, leading to creation of most powerful GP cars ever

1981 First Concorde Agreement binds teams to compete, assigns share of profits, and grants TV rights to **Ecclestone**



1988 Most successful F1 car – **McLaren MP4/4** driven by **Alain Prost** and **Ayrton Senna** – wins 15 out of 16 Grands Prix in season



Prost-Senna rivalry racks up 65 GP victories for McLaren

1990s Ever-moving technology forces annual rewrite of rules



1994 F1 goes to court after deaths of **Ayrton Senna** and **Roland Ratzenberger** at San Marino GP highlight safety concerns

1994-2004 Michael Schumacher breaks all records en route to seven world championships, five with **Ferrari**



2005 Renault's Fernando Alonso, 24, becomes youngest ever world champion

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