



DARREN TURNER



RACING CV

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Born: 13 April 1974 in Camberley, Surrey, UK
Nationality: British
Lives: Stratford-upon-Avon, Warwickshire, UK

- Aston Martin Racing works driver since 2005
- Aston Martin high performance development driver
- Triple 24 Hours of Le Mans class winner
2007/2008/2017
- 1997 – 2006 McLaren F1 test driver
- 1996 McLaren Autosport BRDC Young Driver of the Year Award winner
- Aston Martin Autosport BRDC Award Judge

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Darren Turner is one of the UK's most successful and experienced racing drivers. His talent was recognised early in his career when he won the much-coveted McLaren Autosport BRDC Young Driver of the Year Award, joining an elite group of racers including David Coulthard, Dario Franchitti and Lando Norris.

Darren worked for many years as a test driver for the McLaren F1 Team, alongside a busy racing career in single-seaters, touring cars and sportscars.

Since 2005 Darren has been a key member of the Aston Martin Racing team, a partnership that has seen him win the toughest race of them all, the Le Mans 24 Hours three times.

Darren continues to race Aston Martin GT cars around the world for customer teams, whilst continuing in his role as high performance development driver for Aston Martin Lagonda.



CAREER HIGHLIGHTS

2022

- Competed in the Rolex 24 at Daytona in a Heart of Racing Aston Martin Vantage
- British GT Championship with Newbridge Racing – Won GT4 Pro-Am title for the second time in as many seasons
- Raced at the Goodwood Members' Meeting and Goodwood Revival
- Competed in selected historic events in an Aston Martin LM4



2021

- IMSA WeatherTech SportsCar Championship – selected races in the Heart of Racing Aston Martin
- British GT Championship with Newbridge Racing – Winner of GT4 Pro-Am title
- Goodwood Revival – Winner of the RAC TT Celebration race in AC Cobra
- Nürburgring 24 Hours in fly-by-wire Mercedes-AMG GT3



2020

- FIA World Endurance Championship with Aston Martin Racing
- IMSA WeatherTech SportsCar Championship – selected races in the Heart of Racing Aston Martin
- Nürburgring 24 Hours with Garage 59 – Class podium in the Aston Martin GT8R



2019

- FIA World Endurance Championship with Aston Martin Racing
- Makes Super GT debut at Fuji Speedway with D'station Racing
- International GT Open for Optimum Motorsport in Vantage GT3
- Nürburgring 24 Hours in Aston Martin Vantage GT4

2018

- FIA World Endurance Championship with Aston Martin Racing
- British GT with Beechdean Motorsport, scoring multiple podiums in Vantage GT3
- Named "Rolex Driver of the Meeting" at Goodwood Revival
- Best GT3 result so far at Nürburgring 24 Hours in Aston Martin Vantage GT3

2017

- FIA World Endurance Championship with Aston Martin Racing. Took his third victory at Le Mans and broke the lap record with his Pole Position lap.
- European Le Mans Series with Beechdean AMR team.
- Class victory at the Nürburgring 24 Hours in Aston Martin Vantage GT8.
- He also made his Bathurst 12 Hour debut in the GT8 this year.

2016

- FIA World Endurance Championship with Aston Martin Racing. Victory in Mexico and podium finish at Silverstone.
- European Le Mans Series GTE Champion with Beechdean AMR team. Victories at Silverstone and Estoril.



2015

- FIA World Endurance Championship with Aston Martin Racing
- Took up role as High Performance Development Driver for Aston Martin – projects included Aston Martin Vulcan



2014

- FIA World Endurance Championship with Aston Martin Racing - Two race victories and two further podium finishes in the Vantage GTE took Darren to fifth overall in the World Endurance Cup for GT Drivers. Leading at Le Mans 24 Hours before technical problem, finished sixth in class.
- Nürburgring 24 Hours with Aston Martin – Fifth place overall



2013

- FIA World Endurance Championship with Aston Martin Racing - multiple race victories and podium finishes, including third place at the Le Mans 24 Hours. Third place in the World Endurance Cup for GT Drivers.
- Top 10 finish at the Nürburgring 24 Hours
- Winner of the Blancpain Endurance Series race at Silverstone in Aston Martin Vantage GT3
- Podium finish with Craft Racing AMR GT3 at the Dubai 24 Hours



2012

- FIA World Endurance Championship in the new Aston Martin Vantage GTE – Multiple podiums throughout the car's debut season culminating in the first win for the Vantage GTE at Shanghai.
- Competed in selected VLN races and the Nürburgring 24 Hours for Aston Martin
- Guest drive at Gold Coast 600 V8 Supercar event with Holden Racing Team



2011

- FIA GT1 World Championship in the Young Driver AMR DBR9 with Stefan Mucke. Finished as runner up in Driver's World Championship with seven podiums and a win.
- Intercontinental Le Mans Cup and Le Mans 24 Hours in the Aston Martin AMR One.
- Nürburgring 24 Hours with Aston Martin Lagonda.
- Guest drive at Gold Coast 600 V8 Supercar event with Holden Racing Team – Darren was drafted in to race with James Courtney in place of the late Dan Wheldon.



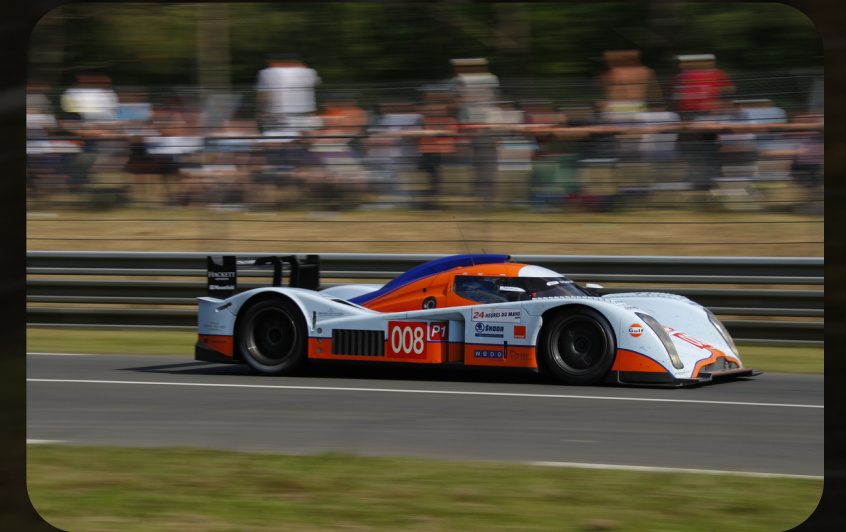
2010

- Le Mans 24 Hours in LMP1 Aston Martin. Retired from fourth place overall in the final hour of the race with a technical issue.
- Full season in the FIA GT1 World Championship, alongside Tomas Enge in the Young Driver AMR DBR9. Victories in Germany and Brazil.
- Full season in the Aston Martin Vantage GT2 in the Le Mans Series. Team mate to Rob Bell at JMW Motorsport.



2009

- Le Mans Series in the works Aston Martin LMP1 car. Darren played a key role in AMR winning the 2010 Le Mans Series Teams' title. Raced at Le Mans 24 Hours in LMP1 class
- Raced the brand-new Nissan GT-R in selected rounds of the FIA GT Championship with Gigawave Motorsport, taking a podium finish in the car's first ever 24 hour race at Spa in July.
- Raced the Krohn Racing Daytona Prototype at the Rolex 24 Hours at Daytona.



2008

- Outright winner of the GT1 category at the Le Mans 24 Hours in the Aston Martin DBR9.
- Full season in the British Touring Car Championship with SEAT. Victories at Donington and Knockhill; pole position at Knockhill and Croft.
- Third place in the Spa 24 Hours in the Gigawave Motorsport Aston Martin DBR9
- Fourth place overall at the Rolex 24 Hours at Daytona, racing the Krohn Daytona Prototype.
- Toyota F1 Simulator Development Driver



2007

- Outright winner of the GT1 category at the Le Mans 24 Hours in the Aston Martin DBR9.
- Second place in the Team Modena Aston Martin at the Silverstone 1000kms
- Full season in the British Touring Car Championship with SEAT. Three race wins and two pole positions.
- Competed in a GT2 Ferrari 430 in selected rounds of the American Le Mans Series and the FIA GT Championship for various teams.
- Red Bull Racing Simulator Development Driver



2006

- Second place in the GT1 category at the Le Mans 24 Hours in the Aston Martin DBR9.
- Full season in American Le Mans Series, winning two races, including the prestigious Petit Le Mans.
- Made British Touring Car Championship debut half way through season, finishing on podium in first race, and helped SEAT win its first BTCC Manufacturers' title.



2005

- Third place in the GT1 category at the Le Mans 24 Hours in the Aston Martin DBR9.
- Winner of the Sebring 12 Hours and the Nürburgring 1000kms and finished second in the Tourist Trophy at Silverstone.
- McLaren F1 Test Driver



2004

- Test and Development driver for new Aston Martin DBR9 project
- Le Mans 24 Hours in Prodrive Ferrari 550, alongside Colin McRae – Third in GTS class
- McLaren F1 Test Driver

2003

- Competed in the FIA GT Championship for Team Maranello Concessionaires: Raced in the Sebring 12 Hours and Le Mans 24 Hours and the Miami round of the American Le Mans Series and won the GTS class for Veloqx Prodrive Racing.
- McLaren F1 Test Driver



2002

- British ASCAR Championship with Team HTML – Winner of six races
- McLaren F1 Test Driver

2000-2001

- DTM with AMG Mercedes (Team Rosberg)
- McLaren F1 Test Driver

Pre-2000

Darren got his first taste of the Le Mans 24 Hours in 1999 when he became a member of the AMG Mercedes squad. He won the McLaren Autosport BRDC Award in 1996 and was soon out testing for the McLaren, Jordan and Arrows F1 Teams. McLaren snapped him up and he remained with the Woking-based team until 2006 as test driver and official driver of the McLaren Mercedes' two-seater Grand Prix car programme. Prior to this Darren had a strong start to his racing career in various single-seater categories, including Formula Palmer Audi where he was Championship Runner-Up, Formula 3, Formula Renault, Formula Vauxhall and Formula First.



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