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The history of FIAT has precisely paralleled the progress of the 20th Century — both in time and technology. FIAT was founded in 1899 — and for 75 years, FIAT scientists, engineers and designers have been pioneering advancement in a range of fields that includes passenger cars, metallurgy, commercial vehicles, tractors, railroad equipment, aerospace and nuclear energy.

No single development in this era has had more impact and influence on modern society than the automobile. And no single manufacturing firm has made a greater contribution to automotive engineering or has shown more foresight in fulfilling the tremendous demand for motor cars than FIAT. In this long span of leadership, one of the most significant chapters has been the record of FIAT in the field of racing and sports car design.

This 75th Anniversary brochure introduces you to the FIAT Sports Cars of today — and reviews the milestones of the eventful years that are their heritage.

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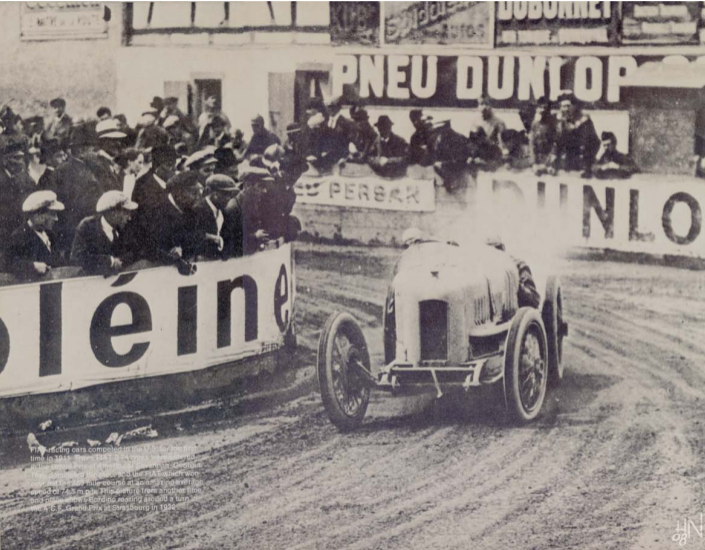
In 1900, FIAT scored its first victory in racing competition in the Vicenza-Brescia-Treviso-Padua event of 135.8 miles won by Vincenzo Lancia with an average speed of 29.2 m.p.h. This is a score from 1907; Nazzari crosses the finish line of the Second Targa Florio driving a 4 HP FIAT 28.

FIAT 124 Sport Coupe — the magnificent merger of true sports car performance and luxurious family sedan function. And it's a perfect combination — not a compromise. The elegance of its styling expresses your excellent taste. The richness and practicality of the spacious interior confirm your sound judgment. And when this thoroughbred is in motion, you'll know the emotion of pure sports car excitement — 1756 cc. twin overhead cam engine, 5-speed transmission, console mounted stick shift, electronic tachometer, disc brakes on all four wheels, radial-ply tires, instant response, total control. There are few cars in the world that are even similar to it. There are none in its price range. Discover a dynamic car for a spirited family — the FIAT 124 Sport Coupe.



Coming or going, the lines of the distinctive 124 Sport Coupe design make it evident that FIAT excels in styling as well as engineering.

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Fiat racing cars compete in the V.A.C. 124 in the time in 1955. The car is the 124 Grand Sport, the first of the series, and the 124 which won the 1955 24-hour race at Spa. The car is the 124 Grand Sport, the first of the series, and the 124 which won the 1955 24-hour race at Spa. The car is the 124 Grand Sport, the first of the series, and the 124 which won the 1955 24-hour race at Spa. The car is the 124 Grand Sport, the first of the series, and the 124 which won the 1955 24-hour race at Spa.

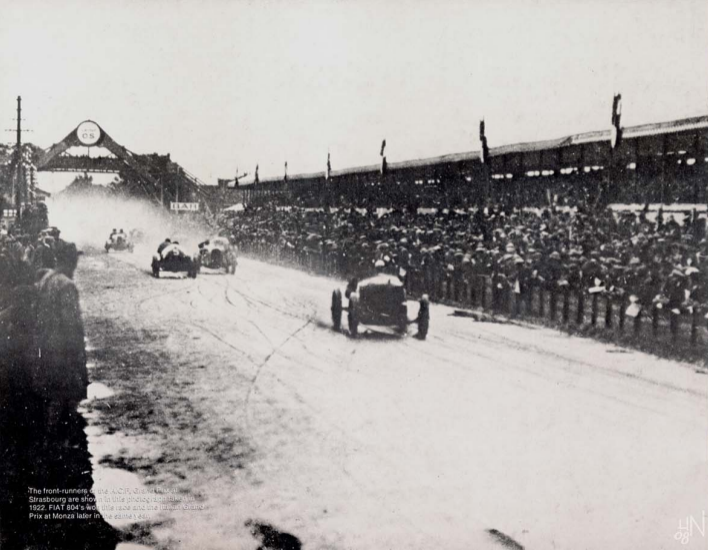
FIAT 124 Sport Spider. This is a sports car with a present and a future: Built to perform with power and precision; styled by master-designer Pininfarina to endure as a classic. It has only one conservative feature: Its moderate price. To drive it is to know the full meaning and measure of the total sports car experience. A 1756 cc. twin overhead cam engine teamed with a 5-speed synchromesh transmission delivers a cyclonic surge of power to the radial-ply tires in touch and in tune with the road. The steering and stick shift respond instantly. The electronic tachometer reports accurately. And you command the performance surrounded by the rich wood grain, luxurious bucket seats and complete instrumentation of a genuine sports car cockpit. Disc brakes on all four wheels are standard equipment. Discover the FIAT 124 Sport Spider — and let it transport you into a new way of living.



The control center of a performance machine par excellence. The dash panel directly in front of the driver houses a full complement of exact instruments. The speedometer with trip recording odometer and the electronic tachometer are encircled by matte black bezel rings and recessed for instant reading.



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The front-runners of the A.C.F. 24-hour race at Strasbourg are shown in this photograph taken in 1922. FIAT B04's won the race and the Grand Prix Prix at Monza later in the same year.

A car can make a statement. This one has plenty to say. About you. Elegance and action concur totally in this sleek, modern-day interpretation of the genuine GT tradition. And it has a third dimension that no one will ever suspect: Economy. The styling is a restrained fusion of balanced contours — the sweeping fender line, the chopped tail, the spoiler effect rear deck, the fastback profile. The interior is a rich ensemble of thick carpeting, luxurious bucket seats, sports console, padded steering wheel and full instrumentation. The performance credentials are complete: 1290 cc. rally-winning engine, front wheel drive, 4-speed synchromesh transmission, independent suspension, front disc brakes, rack and pinion steering, radial-ply tires. Select a life style — any life style. Then discover the car that fits it perfectly: FIAT 128 Sport L Coupe.



The interior of the FIAT 128 Sport L Coupe is more than strikingly luxurious; it's amazingly spacious as well. The engine is mounted transversely — leaving fully 80% of the total area inside for passenger and luggage room.

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The Fiat X1/9 is a sports car designed by Bertone and introduced in 1972. It was developed by Sergio Tacchini and designed by Bertone. It is a two-seater, mid-engine, rear-wheel-drive sports car. It is a two-seater, mid-engine, rear-wheel-drive sports car. It is a two-seater, mid-engine, rear-wheel-drive sports car.

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FIAT X1/9. The car of the future. Now. It is the product of three quarters of a century of FIAT experience and excellence. No car in its class has ever been accorded a more approving reception by independent experts. Every major motor car publication has reviewed it, acclaimed it and recommended it not only as a resounding styling success, but as an impressive performer and a superlative value as well. Here are the facts — for your own appraisal: Mid-engine — a 1290 cc. inline 4 mounted transversely; 4-speed fully synchromeshed transmission; unit chassis and body including roof-rollbar structure; rack and pinion steering; disc brakes on all wheels; complete instrumentation; removable roof. And then there is the look of the FIAT X1/9 — far advanced, innovative, provocative, striking, seductive. The body is the creation of Nuccio Bertone, the designer of many of the most renowned and respected sports cars in the world. Discover a new star of the first magnitude. Discover the brilliant FIAT X1/9.





Number 23 at another moment in the First European Grand Prix at Monza. The record of Fiat racing cars culminated with the entry of the FIAT 506 type in the Milan Grand Prix at Monza in 1927. Bordini brought the so-called FIAT "bolide" to victory with an average speed of 144 m.p.h.



This is where it happens: The cockpit of the X1/9. Five precision instruments are mounted in the rectangular dash panel—a 130-mph speedometer, an 8000-rpm tachometer, an oil gauge with pressure warning light, a fuel gauge and a temperature gauge. The console houses two air diffusers, heater controls, all switches, an ash tray and the stark stick that puts you in complete command of the 4-speed synchromesh transmission.



The FIAT emblem has been redesigned many times. But it has always had the same meaning: Leadership in automotive engineering.

America discovers Fiat-
the biggest selling car in Europe.

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