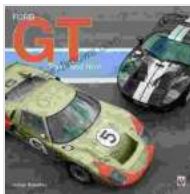


Ford GT: Then and Now - A Timeless Tale of Automotive Excellence



Ford GT: Then and Now by Adrian Streater

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The Ford GT is a name that resonates with automotive enthusiasts worldwide. It represents a legacy of innovation, performance, and timeless design that has spanned over half a century. In the book "Ford GT: Then and Now," author Peter Brock provides an in-depth look at the history and

evolution of this iconic sports car, from its groundbreaking debut in the 1960s to its modern-day resurgence.

Chapter 1: Birth of a Legend

The origins of the Ford GT can be traced back to the early 1960s, when Ford Motor Company embarked on a mission to challenge Ferrari's dominance at the legendary 24 Hours of Le Mans race. Led by visionary engineer Carroll Shelby, a team of engineers and designers created the Ford GT40, a lightweight and aerodynamic race car powered by a powerful 7-liter V8 engine.

In this chapter, Brock delves into the design and engineering decisions that shaped the Ford GT40. He explores the challenges faced by the team, including the development of an innovative suspension system and aerodynamic bodywork. Readers will also learn about the legendary drivers who piloted the GT40 to victory at Le Mans, including Bruce McLaren, Ken Miles, and Dan Gurney.

Chapter 2: Racing Success

The Ford GT40 made its racing debut at the 1964 24 Hours of Le Mans, where it finished 1st, 2nd, and 3rd overall. This historic victory marked the beginning of Ford's dominance at Le Mans, with the GT40 winning the race four consecutive times from 1966 to 1969.

Chapter 2 chronicles the thrilling racing history of the Ford GT40. Brock provides detailed accounts of iconic races, such as the 1966 Le Mans race, where Ford famously swept the podium with its GT40s. Readers will also learn about the drivers who pushed the GT40 to its limits, including Mario Andretti, Jackie Stewart, and Jacky Ickx.

Chapter 3: The Legacy of the GT40

Following its racing success, the Ford GT40 became a symbol of American automotive prowess. In Chapter 3, Brock explores the legacy of the GT40, from its impact on the sports car industry to its cultural significance. He discusses the various road-legal versions of the GT40 that were produced, as well as the influence it had on future Ford performance cars.

Chapter 4: The Rebirth of the GT

In 2004, Ford announced the return of the GT nameplate with the of the all-new Ford GT. Inspired by the original GT40, the new GT was a modern interpretation of the classic sports car, featuring a lightweight carbon fiber chassis, a mid-mounted V8 engine, and advanced aerodynamic features.

Chapter 4 examines the design and engineering of the new Ford GT. Brock provides insights into the development process, from the initial concept to the final production model. Readers will also learn about the demanding testing regimen that the GT underwent, including track testing at legendary circuits like Daytona International Speedway and Nürburgring Nordschleife.

Chapter 5: Racing Success Returns

Like its predecessor, the new Ford GT quickly established itself as a formidable force on the racing circuit. In 2016, the GT won the 24 Hours of Le Mans in the GTE Pro class, marking Ford's first victory at Le Mans since 1969.

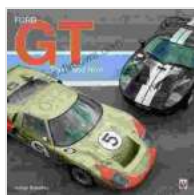
Chapter 5 chronicles the GT's racing success in recent years. Brock covers the 2016 Le Mans victory in detail, as well as the GT's subsequent wins in the World Endurance Championship and IMSA WeatherTech SportsCar

Championship. Readers will also learn about the drivers and teams who have contributed to the GT's racing legacy.

Chapter 6: The Future of the Ford GT

The Ford GT is more than just a car; it is a symbol of American ingenuity, innovation, and racing spirit. In Chapter 6, Brock looks ahead to the future of the Ford GT, considering its potential for further development and expansion. He discusses the possibility of new versions of the GT, as well as the legacy it will leave on the automotive world.

"Ford GT: Then and Now" is a comprehensive and engaging account of one of the most iconic sports cars in history. Author Peter Brock provides a detailed look at the design, engineering, racing history, and legacy of the Ford GT, from its groundbreaking origins to its modern-day resurgence. With stunning photography and captivating writing, Brock transports readers into the world of the Ford GT, showcasing its timeless allure and enduring legacy.



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