

MY OTHER

What do F1 drivers drive when they're not racing? And what, specifically, did they take to the French GP? Some have a free hand, but most don't...

CAR'S A...

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FERNANDO ALONSO

Turned up at Magny-Cours in a Mégane 2.0T Renaultsport
First car "A Renault Mégane – the old style"
Company car "A Mégane 2.0T Renaultsport"
Other cars? "I don't have any! I've never owned my own car because I've always been supplied by sponsors"



GIANCARLO FISICHELLA

Turned up at Magny-Cours in a Mégane 2.0T Renaultsport
First car "A Golf GTi. Something a bit sporty"
Company car "My Renaults include a Vel Satis and Espace. With my children, the important thing is to have a good level of safety"
Other cars? "Nothing else; just my Renaults"



KIMI RÄIKKÖNEN

Turned up at Magny-Cours in a Mercedes-Benz S500
First car "A Lada. Can't remember which one"
Company car "Mercedes ML55 and an R-class"
Other cars? "A Merc CLK DTM"



PEDRO DE LA ROSA

Turned up at Magny-Cours in a Mercedes-Benz S500
First car "An Opel Corsa 1.3-litre GT. Very fast!"
Company car "A Mercedes CLS 320Cd"
Other cars "None"



MICHAEL SCHUMACHER

Turned up at Magny-Cours in a Maserati Quattroporte Sport GT
First car "A Ford Capri 1600"
Company car "Ferrari 430"
Other cars? "I've got a Ferrari Enzo, Ferrari Scaglietti, Lancia Phedra and Fiat Multipla"



FELIPE MASSA

Turned up at Magny-Cours in a Maserati Quattroporte Sport GT
First car "A Fiat Palio – it's the Brazilian version of a Punto"
Company car "A Maserati Quattroporte"
Other cars "None, but I'm buying a Ferrari 599"



RALF SCHUMACHER



Turned up at Magny-Cours in a Lexus RX400h
First car "A Volkswagen Golf"
Company car "I have a few, but my favourite is my Land Cruiser. It's good to have confidence in your car, particularly in the snow"
Other cars "I have my Toyotas and that's it"

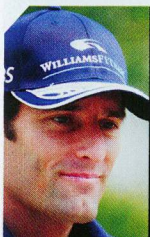
TOYOTA



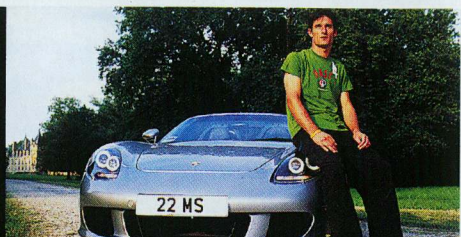
JARNO TRULLI



Turned up at Magny-Cours in a Lexus RX400h
First car "A Renault Clio. It was my mother's"
Company car "A Lexus RX400h, a hybrid. I can honestly say it's the best road car I've owned"
Other cars "My only classic is a 1964 Fiat 500. It has those fantastic reverse-opening doors"



MARK WEBBER



Turned up at Magny-Cours in a Porsche Carrera GT
First car "A 1969 Toyota Corona"
Company car "I've got a BMW 5-series diesel saloon"
Other cars "None"

WILLIAMS



NICO ROSBERG



Turned up at Magny-Cours in his motorhome
First car "An Audi RS6"
Company car "Audi RS6 - the same one as above"
Other cars "None"



RUBENS BARRICHELLO



Turned up at Magny-Cours in a Honda Civic i-CTDi
First car "A Volkswagen Golf"
Company car "Two Honda Tourer Accords"
Other cars? "I still have my Ferrari. A 575"

HONDA



JENSON BUTTON



Turned up at Magny-Cours in a Honda Civic i-CTDi
First car "A Vauxhall Cavalier that I bought with my first-ever pay cheque"
Company car "A Honda NSX Type-R and an S2000"
Other cars? "Only my Honda company cars"



DAVID COULTHARD



Turned up at Magny-Cours in his motorhome
First car "A Renault 5 GT Turbo"
Company car "A Maserati Coupé GT"
Other cars "A Smart, a Pagoda-roof Merc 280 SL - from March 1971, the month I was born; an E55 AMG Merc estate and an M-class"

RED BULL



CHRISTIAN KLIEN



Turned up at Magny-Cours in an Opel Vectra 2.2i 16v SRI
First car "A Volkswagen Golf"
Company car "A Maserati Coupé GT"
Other cars "I've got a Range Rover Sport" ▶

THE BOYS AND THEIR CARS



JACQUES VILLENEUVE

Turned up at Magny-Cours in a BMW X3 3.0d M Sport
 First car "It was a Peugeot 205 GTI"
 Company car "A BMW X5 4.4i"
 Other cars? "An old Chevy pick-up"

BMW-SAUBER



NICK HEIDFELD

Turned up at Magny-Cours in a BMW X3 3.0d M Sport
 First car "An Opel Corsa"
 Company car "A BMW X5 4.8is and an M6"
 Other cars "VW Beetle cabrio and a Multivan"



CHRISTIJAN ALBERS

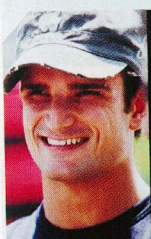
Turned up at Magny-Cours in a Porsche Cayenne Turbo
 First car "An Opel Astra"
 Company car "A Porsche 997 Turbo and a Cayenne Turbo - I'm sponsored by Porsche!"
 Other cars "None"

MIDLAND



TIAGO MONTEIRO

Turned up at Magny-Cours in a BMW 130d M Sport. "It's pretty good actually"
 First car "A Volkswagen Golf VR6"
 Company car "Are you kidding me? The cupboard is bare"
 Other cars "A 1997 Chevy Tahoe SUV"



TONIO LIUZZI

Turned up at Magny-Cours in his motorhome
 First car "A CLK Mercedes 200 Kompressor"
 Company car "A Maserati GranSport"
 Other cars? "An Audi A3 2.0 TDI S Line"

TORO ROSSO



SCOTT SPEED

Turned up at Magny-Cours in a Ford Focus 1.4 Style
 First car "A Suzuki Swift"
 Company car "A Maserati GranSport"
 Other cars "An Audi S3"



TAKUMA SATO

Turned up at Magny-Cours in a Honda Civic i-CTDi
 First car "It was a Honda Beat"
 Company car "A Honda Civic i-CTDi"
 Other cars? "A classic 1996 Mini Cooper S"

SUPER AGURI



FRANCK MONTAGNY

Turned up at Magny-Cours in a Peugeot 1007 1.4 16v Sport
 First car "I had a Volkswagen Golf"
 Company car "A Honda Civic i-CTDi"
 Other cars "A Mustang and a '67 Chevy"

IT WAS EVER THUS...

Back in 1955 when Stirling Moss drove for Mercedes he had a 220 saloon as part of the deal. And not much has changed, except McLaren drivers today use Merc road cars of a rather more exalted spec than Stirl's 220.

Moss later spent his own money on a Facel Vega, but by the mid-60s the arrival of Ford in F1 meant that the likes of Jim Clark, Jackie Stewart and Graham Hill cruised around in huge Zodiac - and later Granada - saloons. Later, in the 1970s, James Hunt enjoyed a

somewhat unlikely commercial partnership with Vauxhall - his freewheeling lifestyle never quite boosting their somewhat staid public image - but by then Mercedes were getting into top gear with discount deals, so by the early '80s most F1 drivers had a Merc. **FO**