



VOLVO IN MOTOR SPORT

AB Volvo, Volvo Car Corporation and Volvo Car importers have for many years been involved, to varying degrees, in different sport promotion activities such as TENNIS, GOLF, SKIING, HORSEJUMPING. During -84 Volvo Car Corporation opened a door to Motor Racing by homologating an evolution of the Volvo 240 Turbo in Group A.

Run under FISH authority, the European Car Championship (ETC) is a series of races open to Series- Production cars.

To be eligible for homologation in Group A at least 5.000 identical examples of a specified model must have been manufactured in 12 consecutive months. Having sold 19.905 Turbo cars in 1983 Volvo was qualified for making the evolution homologation.

"Due to the fact that the Group A cars have to be of standard specification and the race distance is minimum 500 km it is an excellent test of our product and to win a race is a proof of endurance, quality and reliability. It shows that the Volvo cars also have extremely good roadholding", says Carleric Häggström, Senior Vice President, Volvo Car Corporation.

In 1984 Volvo 240 Turbo scored a number 1 at Zolder in Belgium (2nd was BMW 635, 3rd Jaguar XJS) and a number 2 and 3 at Mugello in Italy (1st was BMW 635).

1985 two private teams are supported by Volvo.

Sponsored by Pirelli and Volvo Dealer Team Europe the German-Swiss Rudi Eggenberger which for many years have worked with BMW has now prepared two Volvo 240 Turbos. His team has totally dominated the ETC Series, scoring a hatrick of European titles in 1980, -81 and -82.

Drivers are:

Gianfranco Brancatelli (I)

Thomas Lindström (S)

Pierre Dieudonné (B)

Sigi Muller (D)

Sponsored by Luna, Svenskt Stål AB and Pirelli, Magnum Racing in Stockholm, Sweden, have prepared one car for Ulf Granberg. The second driver will be shared between Anders Olofsson and Ingvar Carlsson. The whole team is Swedish.

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