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## **MG LOLA EX257 TESTING UPDATE – LAUSITZRING, GERMANY**

The MG Lola EX257 completed a three day test recently in preparation for its outing in Le Mans in June.

The weather remained fine for MG XPOWER drivers Anthony Reid, Warren Hughes, Jonny Kane and Kevin McGarrity to tackle the Grand Prix Circuit and the high speed testing ground. Also driving was Julian Bailey and following the test he commented: "The test has been fantastic! The engine is running better and the whole package is really coming together. We didn't get much of a chance to show our pace last year but this time around I think we will surprise a few people and have the potential to be a winner in the LMP675 class and outright."

MG anchorman Mark Blundell was unable to drive the car due to existing commitments at the Formula One Grand Prix in Imola. However, Michelin who supply the tyres for the programme were present and much valuable data was gathered.

The test proved very successful and the team experienced no major problems. Frank Dernie, chief engineer at Lola Cars International, said: "We carried out some engine mapping and durability testing. The engine worked well and although we still have some development work to do, we should be in good shape for the official practice session on 5th May."

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Commenting, Rob Oldaker, managing director, MG Sport & Racing added: "The 2002 Le Mans programme is looking very encouraging indeed and we are all eagerly awaiting the official test weekend to gauge our progress versus the competition."

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## **MG SECURES KEY ALLIANCES FOR 2002**

Rob Oldaker, managing director of MG Sport & Racing has today unveiled Mattel as title sponsors of the MG motorsport activities in 2002. The agreement will see the toy company Mattel's "Hot Wheels Racing" brand prominently displayed across MG's Le Mans, BTCC and rally programmes and will involve a number of joint promotional activities in the toy marketplace.

Speaking of the deal, Rob said: "We are really pleased to have reached agreement with Mattel. Whilst it is important to generate sponsorship in support of our racing activities, MG's approach was to try to establish brand partnerships with a genuine fit. MG's image of 'outrageous fun' is very much aligned to the Hot Wheels brand and will create a number of opportunities to enable both parties to capitalise on this partnership."

Jim Wagner, senior vice president of Mattel added: "Mattel are delighted to be associated with the MG XPOWER team through our Hot Wheels brand."

When Hot Wheels were asked to consider sponsorship of MG's XPOWER race teams we took one look at their brand values and realised the very close link with Hot Wheels' brand positioning of speed, power, performance and attitude. This proximity in style and tone makes us very excited at the opportunities for using XPOWER in our offerings to children and adults who purchase diecast product. We are also committed to using our vehicles as a way of getting the XPOWER team and MG into the hearts and minds of more people around the world through their association with Hot Wheels."

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MG confirmed it has signed a strategic alliance with fuel and oil giants Exxon Mobil. The details of the agreement are still being finalised but it will include ongoing joint research and development programmes, product endorsements and a number of marketing initiatives.

Rob Oldaker said: "I think this really does demonstrate the huge strides that MG Rover Group has made as a whole. To have the world's biggest wanting to work with you is fantastic news – our motorsport cars will be proud to wear the Mobil 1 sticker."

Mark Humphries, manufacturer relations manager, added: "Mobil 1 are delighted to be working with MG Rover group in developing what will be a long term strategic partnership. In extending this partnership Mobil 1 are very excited to be sponsoring the MG XPOWER sport & racing team. We believe that their performance will succeed that of last year, and we very much look forward to being associated with such a dynamic and professional team."

It was also announced today that MG have joined forces with Ramada Jarvis, the UK based hotel chain, in support of the motorsport programme. Rob added: "This is another great tie-up for MG. Our businesses both involve travel, so there is a natural alignment here, and there are a number of ways for both parties to work together and offer added value to our respective customers."

Lawrence Alexander, director, Ramada Jarvis commented: "Ramada Jarvis are delighted to be involved with MG's full time return to motorsport. Both companies, whilst with strong British roots, have global aspirations and markets and as such will make for a great partnership."

St Modwen, the property developers have also been signed up to support the MG XPOWER team. They have had a number of business transactions with MG Rover Group and wanted to show their support for the company through the sponsorship programme. Richard Froggett, managing director, St Modwen confirmed: "We are working in partnership with MG Rover Group in the regeneration of the surplus land at Longbridge. For me the remarkable progress of the company was demonstrated by the fantastic 1st season effort in the BTCC. I am delighted to extend the partnership with support for MG XPOWER this year and wish the team every success."

Good luck to all the X-Power race team members for the 2002 season from everyone at Hot Wheels."

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**Editor's Note:****MATTEL**

Mattel is the worldwide leader in the design, manufacture and marketing of toy products. The company's core brands include Barbie®, Hot Wheels®, Matchbox®, Fisher-Price® and American Girl®. With headquarters in El Segundo, California, Mattel has offices and facilities in 36 countries and sells its products in more than 150 nations throughout the world. For more than 50 years Mattel's toy brands have delivered fun, innovative and 'kidpowered' toys that inspire and spark childrens' imaginations around the world. Mattel has a diverse portfolio of brands that catch new trends namely their collectables brand, Hot WheelsRacing®.

**RAMADA JARVIS**

Jarvis Hotels have joined forces with Ramada International, adding 56 Jarvis hotels across Great Britain to the Ramada portfolio and bringing international standards to a UK hotel group. Ramada International is a rapidly growing hotel brand with over 120 hotels in Asia, Central America, the Middle East and Europe.





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## BLUNDELL FLYING THE FLAG FOR MG

MG Sport & Racing Limited have today announced Mark Blundell as Ambassador for the MG XPOWER programme at their 2002 motorsport reveal at Longbridge.

Mark who made his debut with MG Sport & Racing last year in the 2001 Le Mans 24 Hour race, has been confirmed as the sixth driver to lead MG's assault for 2002. He will also now take on the new role of Ambassador for the MG brand, promoting and advising the company on its various motorsport activities.

Commenting on his increased involvement with MG, Mark said: "It's going to be a busy, exciting and hopefully, fun year.

I'm proud to be Ambassador for MG's motorsport programme and I plan to be very proactive in flying the flag for them and supporting the companies' efforts in the various categories of racing in which they are competing."

In addition Mark will be contributing regularly for ITV1's coverage of the 2002 FIA Formula One season.

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### Editor's Note:

Mark Blundell was first associated with MG when promoting the MGF during its launch in 1995.

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## **LOLA CARS INTERNATIONAL LTD – 2002 COMPANY PROFILE**

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### ***'Extreme Racecar Technology'***

A dedicated programme of expansion and investment in recent years has paid off for Lola Cars International Ltd. 2001 was once again a successful year for Lola, winning three Sports Car Championships; FIA Sports Car (SR2 class), American Le Mans Series (675 class) and Grand-Am (SR2 class) and, in ChampCar, gaining Lola's 100<sup>th</sup> win.

2002 promises to be another exciting year for the company. Over half the Champ Car grid have chosen to compete in Lola's; Lola's 2001's Sports Car customers continue to compete through 2002 season in the ALMS, in the FIA Sports Car Championship and in Grand Am; and having won the sole supply contract again, all FIA F3000 teams will start the season with their new Lola B2/50 chassis. Lola will also oversee MG's second attempt at the classic 24 Hours of Le Mans, where the MG Lola 675 class car recorded the fastest lap in its class and ran 3<sup>rd</sup> overall before encountering difficulties in 2001. Further new designs to compete in other international race formulae have already been announced for 2003, on which Lola's strong design and engineering team are already at work. Lola's commitment to quality and on-time excellence remains a key priority throughout the forthcoming seasons.

### **Lola Technology**

Lola's advanced technology department includes one of the most sophisticated commercially available wind tunnels in the world. All Lola's aerodynamic design work is undertaken in the tunnel. There is also a limited amount of tunnel time sold outside the group and a Formula One team amongst others have taken advantage of this unique facility. Housed within the same facility is a fully loaded seven-post dynamic test rig that allows customers to optimise chassis and suspension design and race set-up.

The expanded R&D and design departments are fully equipped with the latest CATIA computer aided design stations, running the latest software including Finite Element Analysis (FEA) and Computational Fluid Dynamics (CFD), enabling Lola to offer a unique design and development service to the Automotive Industry.

### **Lola Manufacturing**

Lola's Composite facility incorporates two fully automated large-scale autoclaves for motor sport, as well as three further autoclaves used for special projects and for customer programmes. This growth has greatly increased in-house capabilities, ensuring Lola's products are at the forefront of the latest design and development advances without compromising on quality, reliability or safety.

This investment has enabled Lola to expand its manufacturing resources into other markets such as the automotive industry, the aerospace industry, and the hi-tech sports equipment market.

### **Lola Motorsport**

Lola's production line in 2002 includes 6 key models:

New B2/00 - Champ Car  
New B2/50 - F3000  
MG Lola Le Mans Sportscar

Redeveloped B2K/10b – Sportscar SR1  
Redeveloped B2K/40b – Sportscar SR2  
MG Lola Le Mans LMP Customer Versions



## **Lola Motorsport continued..**

Lola is committed to success by setting the pace in the relentless development process that is crucial in maintaining a competitive edge in motorsport.

The quality and race winning ability of Lola's products have been proven by performances on the track and figures in the order book. Two new Champ teams Pac West Racing and Fernandez Racing join other top teams Team Rahal, Target / Chip Ganassi Racing, Newman / Haas Racing, Sigma Autosport and Herdez Bettenhausen for the 2002 CART season.

In the important North American market, Carl Haas Automobile Imports Inc. is the official distributor for Lola, working with the company's direct sales team.

The future of Lola Cars International is based on the desire to further strengthen its technical and manufacturing capabilities to ensure the company's reputation for leading edge creativity and innovation continues.

### **Main motorsport achievements**

- Six Times Indy Car World Series Champions
- Three Times Indianapolis 500 Winners
- Eight Times Japanese F3000 Champions
- FIA International F3000 Championship Winners
- Five consecutive Can-Am Championship Winners
- Awarded exclusive supply contract for the FIA International F3000 Championship for nine years in succession
- Awarded exclusive supply contract for the U.S. CART Indy Lights series for eight years in succession
- Awarded exclusive supply contract for the FIA Italian F3000 championship

### **2001 Achievements**

- Lola reached its 100<sup>th</sup> CART wins
- The new MG/Lola is launched, the MG Lola Ex257 Le Mans racer has fastest lap in its class, ran 3<sup>rd</sup> overall before retirement at Le Mans, 2001.
- Lola designed and developed the MG Touring Car to compete in the British Touring Car Championship, which finished first at Brands Hatch, UK with fastest lap.
- Lola's B2K/40b (SR2) wins FIA Sports Car Championship.
- Lola B2K/40'b wins American Le Man Series, 675 class
- Lola's B2K/40b wins Grand-Am Championship, USA, SR2 class.
- The new B1/00 Champ Car is unveiled, showing major aerodynamic advances.
- The redeveloped B2K/10b, SR1 is launched.
- Lola expand their composite design and manufacturing service into the aerospace, communication, entertainment, marine, military and sports industries.

# MG Lola EX257 Sports Car

## Technical Specifications

Engine	MG XP-20, in-line 4 cylinder, 16 valve, turbocharged and intercooled	
Capacity	2.0 litre	
Power	circa 500Ps geared to potential of 215 mph	
Transmission	6 speed sequential gearbox designed by Lola	
Material	Lightweight magnesium casing	
Clutch	Carbon pull-type	
Cooling system	Aluminium water and oil radiators & intercooler	
Chassis	One-piece carbon fibre composite monocoque	
Suspension	Fabricated steel double-wishbones front and rear; Front suspension pivoting on flexures	
Brakes	355mm dia x 35mm carbon fibre discs	
Brake Pads	152mm x 53mm x 25mm carbon	
Wheels	Forged magnesium	
	-Front	18" dia x 11J rims
	-Rear	18" dia x 13J rims
Tyres	-Front (cm/ratio)	27/65 x 18"
	-Rear (cm/ratio)	31/71 x 18"
	-Supplier	Michelin
Steering	Rack and Pinion	
Dimensions	-Length	4500mm
	-Width	2000mm
	-Wheelbase	2750mm
	-Front track	1750mm
	-Rear track	1600mm
Weight	675 kgs	
Fuel tank capacity	90 litres	

## Advanced Engine Research

AER was founded in 1998 with the overall strategy of combining state of the art test and development techniques with modern electronic systems.

Mike Lancaster	MD
Dr.Tim Baker	Chief Designer
Martin Dixon	Project Manager
Dr.Mike Fry	Research & Development
Graham Smith	Test Development
Adrian Phipps	Finance Dept
Brendon Andrews	BTCC Project Leader
Shaun Peck	LeMans Project Leader

Our initial contract was for Nissan in the BTCC where, in 1999, all 4 categories were won!

The following years have brought more success, an outline of these is as follows:-

1999	BTCC (Won all 4 classes with Nissan)
2000	BTCC (1 <sup>st</sup> Independents Cup. Nissan withdrew officially that year)
2000	LeMans 24H LMP675 Class Win
2000	Grand-Am Championship 1 <sup>st</sup> & 2 <sup>nd</sup> SR2 Class
2000	Swedish Touring Car Championship 1 <sup>st</sup> (Nissan)
2001	Grand Am Championship 1 <sup>st</sup> & 2 <sup>nd</sup> SRP II
2001	ALMS LMP675 Manufacturers Championship
2001	Daytona 24H 1 <sup>st</sup> in SRP II
2001	FIA Sportscar Championship SR2 1 <sup>st</sup> & 2 <sup>nd</sup>
2001	European Touring Car Championship 1 <sup>st</sup> (Privateer)
2002	Daytona 24H 3 <sup>rd</sup> Overall 1 <sup>st</sup> & 2 <sup>nd</sup> In SRP II Class

In 2001 AER began it's alliance with MG Sport and Racing with an encouraging win in the BTCC and a promising first outing in the LeMans 24H race in the LMP675 class!

During 2002 we hope to build on these achievements and produce some significant results for MG.



## WARREN HUGHES

<b>Date of Birth</b>	19 January 1969
<b>Birthplace</b>	Newcastle Upon Tyne, England
<b>Marital Status</b>	Single, girlfriend Roz
<b>Lives</b>	Sunderland, England
<b>Family</b>	Close family – his parents are retired but used to work in the pub trade, brother, Mark is 'Grand Prix Editor At Large' on Autosport magazine
<b>First drove a car</b>	Aged 13, father's Alfasud Sprint in parent's pub car park
<b>First drove in competition</b>	1986, local kart race in Felton, Northumberland
<b>First racing machine</b>	Aged 17, Kestrel 100cc kart
<b>First victory</b>	1987, Jim Russell Racing School training course
<b>Hobbies / interests</b>	Music, fitness
<b>Favourite food</b>	Vegetarian - especially Italian food
<b>Favourite drink</b>	Coke
<b>Height</b>	5' 9", 175 cm
<b>Weight</b>	144lbs, 65 kgs

### Career Highlights

The runaway winner of the MGF Cup Championship in 1999, has been a Formula One and a BTCC test driver in the past but has spent most of his career racing in Formula 3 and Formula 3000 where he has been battling it out at the front of the field.

2002	24 Heures Du Mans MG Sport & Racing Limited British Touring Car Championship with MG Sport & Racing Limited
2001	24 Heures Du Mans (MG Sport & Racing Limited) Six rounds of the British Touring Car Championship with MG (pole at Brands Hatch)
2000	Italian F3000 Championship (2 <sup>nd</sup> ) Tested for the WilliamsF1 team
1999	MGF Cup Champion Final round of the British Formula Three Championship (3 <sup>rd</sup> )
1998	British Formula Three Championship (4 <sup>th</sup> )
1997	Six rounds of the British Formula Three Championship
1996	Four rounds of the STW Cup German Touring Car Championship
1995	British Formula Three Championship (4 <sup>th</sup> )
1994	Four rounds of British Formula Three Championship Final five rounds of the Japanese Formula Three Championship Tested for F1 Team Lotus
1993	British Formula Three Championship (4 <sup>th</sup> )
1991	Formula Vauxhall Lotus Championship (2 <sup>nd</sup> ) Duckhams Formula Ford Festival (2 <sup>nd</sup> )
1990	Won both British Formula Ford Championships

## ANTHONY REID

<b>Date of Birth</b>	17 May 1957
<b>Birthplace</b>	Glasgow, Scotland
<b>Marital Status</b>	Married to Tina (lecturer in health & beauty)
<b>Lives</b>	Oxford
<b>Family</b>	His mother was a piano teacher, his late father, an architect. He has two brothers, one competes in Robot Wars, the other is a professional furniture designer
<b>First drove a car</b>	Aged 11, 30 ton earth moving vehicle
<b>First drove in competition</b>	1976, Jim Russell Racing School
<b>First racing machine</b>	1977, Formula Ford - purchased himself
<b>First victory</b>	1977, Jim Russell Racing School Scholarship Winner
<b>Hobbies / interests</b>	Water and snow skiing, golf, travel
<b>Favourite food</b>	Japanese food
<b>Favourite drink</b>	Malt whisky, vintage champagne
<b>Height</b>	5' 11", 180cm
<b>Weight</b>	154lbs, 70 kgs

### For the record

Educated at Loretto, former school of twice World Champion Jim Clark.  
In 1999 he became Patron of 'Racing for Children'.

### Career Highlights

Well known for his successful driving in the BTCC, finishing runner up in 2000, he boasts over 15 years of experience in sports car and endurance racing.

2002	24 Heures Du Mans (MG Sport & Racing Limited) in LMP 675 Class British Touring Car Championship with MG
2001	24 Heures Du Mans (MG Sport & Racing Limited) Pole Position LMP 675 Six rounds, British Touring Car Championship with MG (1 <sup>st</sup> Brands Hatch)
2000	British Touring Car Championship with Ford (2 <sup>nd</sup> in Drivers' Championship) British Land Speed Record with Volvo (18 speed records including 24 hour)
1999	British Touring Car Championship with Ford
1998	British Touring Car Championship with Nissan (2 <sup>nd</sup> in Drivers' Championship)
1997	British Touring Car Championship with Nissan Daytona 24 hours in the Newcastle United Lister Storm
1996	German Touring Car Championship and winner of Fuji Intertec
1995	Japanese GT Championship with Team Taisan (Champion) Japanese Touring Car Championship with HKS British Team at the Touring Car World Cup at Paul Ricard
1994	British Team at the Touring Car World Cup (4 <sup>th</sup> in TOCA shoot out) Japanese Touring Car Championship Japanese GT Championship
1993	Japanese Group A BMW M3 (3 <sup>rd</sup> in Championship class 2) Japanese Formula 3000 Japanese Formula 3 with Opel
1992	Japanese Formula 3 with Tomei Sport and Family Mart (Champion)
1990	24 Heures Du Mans (3 <sup>rd</sup> ) in the Alpha Porsche 962C
1989	British Vauxhall Lotus Championship (3 <sup>rd</sup> )
1982-1988	Raced Formula Ford and Formula 3 – achieved a number of victories

## JONNY KANE

<b>Date of Birth</b>	14 May 1973
<b>Birthplace</b>	Comber, Northern Ireland
<b>Marital Status</b>	Married to Lesley-Ann
<b>Lives</b>	London, England
<b>Family</b>	His wife is a teacher. His parents (retired) owned a car dealership - his father, who raced MG's and Minis, sold Rovers and MG's for over 35 years. His older brother works in the automotive business
<b>First drove a car</b>	Aged 9, a mini
<b>First drove in competition</b>	Aged 14, karting
<b>First racing machine</b>	1987, Chariot kart
<b>First victory</b>	1988, Kirkistown Kart Race
<b>Hobbies / interests</b>	Running, reading, films
<b>Favourite food</b>	Chinese
<b>Favourite drink</b>	Milk
<b>Height</b>	5' 6", 168cm
<b>Weight</b>	142lbs, 64kgs

### Career Highlights

A young driver with tremendous potential. He has swept the board of virtually every championship in every formula that he has entered and, in 1999, switched to the US where, competing in the Indy Lights Championship, he secured the title of Rookie of the Year.

2002	24 Heures Du Mans with MG Sport & Racing Limited Sebring with Knighthawk Racing Sky TV – Champ Car and IRL Studio Analyst
2001	24 Heures Du Mans with MG Sport & Racing Limited Arrow Formula One – test driver
2000	Dayton Indy Lights (pre-season favourite)
1999	PPG-Dayton Indy Lights (Rookie of the Year)
1997	British Formula Three (3 <sup>rd</sup> in Chamionship)
1996	British Formula Three (champion)
1995	B.R.D.C. McLaren Autosport Young Drivers Award Tested for the McLaren F1 team British Formula Vauxhall (champion)
1994	Formula Vauxhall Winter Series (champion) European Formula Ford (champion)
1992	Irish Senior Formula Ford (champion)
1991	Irish Junior Formula Ford (champion)
1990	Irish 100 National Karting (champion)



## KEVIN McGARRITY

<b>Date of Birth</b>	3 August 1973
<b>Birthplace</b>	Belfast, Northern Ireland
<b>Marital Status</b>	Single
<b>Lives</b>	Belfast, Northern Ireland
<b>Family</b>	Father owns a car dealership and mother is a housewife, Three brothers (two run the dealership, the third is a student). Three sisters (one owns a taxi firm, another is in the medical profession, the third is a nurse)
<b>First drove</b>	Aged 4, a motorbike
<b>First drove in competition</b>	Aged 12, in a Stock Car race
<b>First racing machine</b>	Aged 12, Stock Car
<b>First victory</b>	Aged 12, in a Stock Car
<b>Hobbies / interests</b>	Helicopters, scuba diving, jet skiing
<b>Favourite food</b>	Italian food and chips
<b>Favourite drink</b>	Apple juice and water
<b>Height</b>	5' 9", 175 cm
<b>Weight</b>	144lbs, 65 kgs

### Career Highlights

A dynamic young driver who has graduated through the ranks of karting and Formula Ford into Formula 3000 where he has continued to demonstrate his huge potential

2002	24 Heures Du Mans with MG Sport & Racing Limited
2001	24 Heures Du Mans with MG Sport & Racing Limited
2000	International F3000 Championship (4 <sup>th</sup> at Monaco) – loss of chief engineer
1999	International F3000 Championship (2 <sup>nd</sup> at Imola, 9 <sup>th</sup> overall) - loss of chief engineer
1998	International F3000 Championship (4 <sup>th</sup> at Hockenheim) - budget only for 3 races Sports car Race Spa Lola T-70 (2 <sup>nd</sup> )
1995	FF 1800 British Championship (2 <sup>nd</sup> overall) FF 1800 World Championship (Champion)
1993	FVL British Championship (2 <sup>nd</sup> overall)
1989	Karting Ulster Senior Championship (Champion) Grand Prix Race of Champions (Champion)
1988	Karting Ulster Junior (Champion) - Driver of the Year Grand Prix Championship (Champion)
1987	Karting Ulster Junior - ½ season (Champion) - Best Newcomer
1986	Stockcar Junior Championship (Champion)

## JULIAN BAILEY

<b>Date of Birth</b>	9 October 1961
<b>Birthplace</b>	Woolwich, England
<b>Marital Status</b>	Partner, Deborah Tee
<b>Lives</b>	Surrey, England
<b>Family</b>	3 children, (two boys, one girl) Brother, Adrian owns the infamous 'Running Mare' pub in Chobham, Surrey
<b>First drove a car</b>	Aged 13, in a restaurant car park in Spain
<b>First drove in competition</b>	Aged 15, karting in Spain
<b>First racing machine</b>	Aged 14, Motocross bike
<b>First victory</b>	1979 in his first Formula Ford race
<b>Hobbies / interests</b>	Skiing, restoring and building property
<b>Favourite food</b>	Indian and traditional Sunday roast
<b>Favourite drink</b>	Coke with lots of ice
<b>Height</b>	5' 8.5", 174cm
<b>Weight</b>	150lbs, 68kgs

### Career Highlights

The former Formula One and BTCC driver has won both the FIA World Sports Car Championship and British GT Championship for the last two years.

2002	24 Heures Du Mans with MG Sport & Racing Limited
2001	24 Heures Du Mans with MG Sport & Racing Limited FIA Sportscar Championship
1997-2000	Lead driver and Test and Development driver for the Lister Sports Car Team
1992-1996	Works Toyota Touring Car driver (worldwide) and TTE Test and Development driver. Seven wins (front wheel drive car)
1991	Formula One – Lotus – best result 6 <sup>th</sup> (Imola)
1989-1990	Team Leader – Lola / Nissan World Sports Car Project
1988	Formula One – Tyrrell – best result 8 <sup>th</sup> (Detroit)
1987	International Formula 3000 – 1 <sup>st</sup> British driver to win a round (Lola)
1885-1986	Formula Three
1983-1984	Formula Ford 2000 – BBC Grandstand Champion (Lola)
1982	Formula Ford TT Champion (Lola) Formula Ford Festival Winner (Lola)

## MARK BLUNDELL

<b>Date of Birth</b>	8 April 1966
<b>Birthplace</b>	Barnet, Hertfordshire
<b>Marital Status</b>	Married to Deborah
<b>Lives</b>	Arizona, USA / Cambridge, England / Dublin, Ireland
<b>Family</b>	Two sons (Mark Jnr and Callum). His mother is a housewife, his father manufacturers motorhomes. His younger sister is married and his younger brother works in public relations
<b>First drove a car</b>	Aged 8, Ford Anglia Van
<b>First Drove in competition</b>	Aged 13, motocross
<b>First racing machine</b>	125cc motocross bike
<b>First victory</b>	Aged 17, Club Race at Silverstone
<b>Hobbies / interests</b>	Music, movies, other sports, squash, bad golf!
<b>Favourite food</b>	Italian and Chinese food
<b>Favourite drink</b>	Vanilla milkshake, Cosmopolitan cocktails
<b>Height</b>	5' 8", 173cm
<b>Weight</b>	170lbs, 75kgs

### Career Highlights

An experienced driver who started his racing career in top level schoolboy motocross and since 1996 has been racing across the Atlantic in the CART Champcar series notching up many wins

2002	24 Heures Du Mans with MG Sport & Racing Limited Ambassador for MG Sport & Racing Limited ITV Formula One pundit
2001	24 Heures Du Mans with MG Sport & Racing ITV Formula One pundit
1991-1996	Raced sportscars for the Peugeot factory outfit - won Le Mans 24 hours Moved into Formula One to register several podium finishes Raced for McLaren F1, Brabham Yamaha, Ligier and Tyrrell
1989-1990	Factory seat with the Nissan sports car team Pole position in the Le Mans 24 hours (1990) - youngest driver to do so Test driver for WilliamsF1 (for 2 years)
1988	F3000 works Lola seat
1987	F3000 and select F3 for Tom's Toyota
1986	FF2000 (European crown and runners-up in Britain)
1985	FF1600, Esso Champion and 2 <sup>nd</sup> in British championship FF2000 – BBC Grandstand series (Champion)
1984	Formula Ford British Junior Championships (2 <sup>nd</sup> in both)
1980	Top level of schoolboy motocross - top 36 nationally-ranked rider, won many championships





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