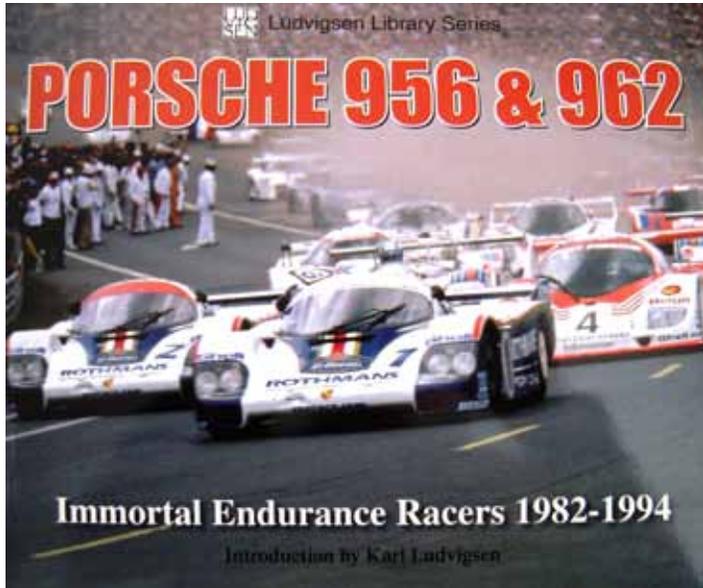


Porsche 956 & 962-Immortal Endurance Racers 1982-1994

(With introduction by Karl Ludvigsen)

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Karl Ludvigsen's Porsche 956 & 962 soft back book provides a pictorial history of the design, development and racing successes of these incredible machines from Stuttgart.

While the 917's race record was legendary, some Porscheophiles would argue that its accomplishments were surpassed by the Porsche 956 & 962. Karl Ludvigsen, one of America's foremost automotive writers and historians, has provided us with a photo history of the development and race history of these incredible race cars that dominated the world sports car championship

and IMSA GT racing during the 80's and early 90's in his new book, Porsche 956 & 962. The two models were combined in this 127-page book because the 962 was basically an evolution of the original 956 with some safety and engine modifications added to comply with IMSA rules in the United States.

Like its predecessor, the Porsche 917, the 956 was born out of a rule change imposed by FISA, the world governing racing body, in 1982. Instead of limiting cars' performance through engine restrictions, FISA said you could use whatever type of engine you wanted so long as you achieved 3.9 miles per U.S. gallon of gasoline. Porsche, who had won Le Mans in 1981 with a 936 Spyder, elected to adopt the 2.6-liter, turbocharged flat six engine producing 620 horsepower for their new, Le Mans challenger the 956, which proved to be a wise decision indeed. As Mr. Ludvigsen points out in his introduction, the 956 was Porsche's first monocoque chassis, which provided the added rigidity needed to handle the incredible downforce generated by its aerodynamic body. The Porsche factory entered three 956's in the 1982 race under Rothmans tobacco sponsorship in the 24 Hours of Le Mans. The white and blue cars carried numbers 1 (Jackie Ickx & Derek Bell), 2 (Jochen Mass & Vern Schuppan) and 3 (Al Holbert, Hurley Haywood & Jürgen Barth) and that is exactly how they finished the race, totally destroying the competition. Porsche's 956 and 962 would click off six straight Le Mans victories between 1982 and 1987.

Virtually every page of Porsche 956 & 962 contains a single photograph (15 in color) with a brief text below describing the car's development and racing accomplishments. There are several behind-the-scenes detailed photos of the 956 and 962 stripped down at the factory as well as on the race tracks of the world. If you like endurance racing and Porsche dominance, then you should add this book to your collection. It lists for \$26.32 plus shipping from Amazon.com.



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