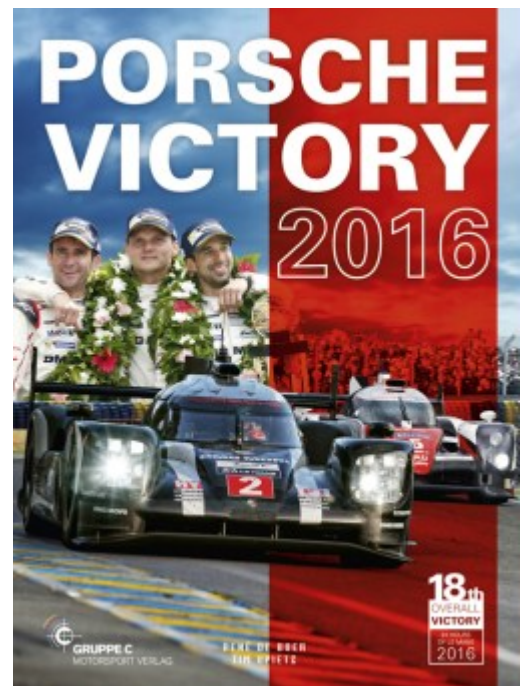


## Porsche Victory 2016

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It is by now well known that Porsche won the prestigious Le Mans 24-Hour race in 2016, the company's 18<sup>th</sup> such victory in this classic French endurance race. To put this achievement in perspective, Audi have won the title thirteen times and Ferrari nine times.



Just as they did in 2015, Gruppe C Motorsport Publishers has compiled the story of Porsche's latest win at Le Mans in the most comprehensive manner. Having attended the Le Mans race a number of times, it has become evident just how much goes on in the week prior to the race itself, and this includes scrutineering, multiple press conferences, interviews, practice and qualifying. Compiling all of these activities into one publication for the reader results in an all-in-one book that is packed with info, stories, statistics, results, photos, and much more.

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**CAR NUMBER 2 WAS LEADING THE RACE FOR 51 LAPS.** THE NUMBER 1 SISTER CAR OF TIMO BERNHARD (DE), BRENDON HARTLEY AND MARK WEBBER (AU) WAS LEADING FOR 52 LAPS IN THE FIRST THIRD OF THE RACE.

**THE FASTEST PIT STOP, INCLUDING A TYRE AND DRIVER CHANGE, BY THE PORSCHE TEAM WAS 1:22.5 MINUTES.**

**FOR THE BEST POSSIBLE VISIBILITY, THE PROTOTYPES HAD FOUR TEAR-OFFS ON THE WINDSCREENS, WHICH WERE REMOVED ONE AFTER THE OTHER.**

**CAR NUMBER 2 WAS REFUELLED 30 TIMES, CAR NUMBER 1 WAS REFUELLED 20 TIMES.**

**THE AVERAGE SPEED OF THE WINNING PORSCHE 919 HYBRID WAS 216.4 KM/H.**

**THE FASTEST STOP FOR REFUELLING WAS DONE IN 65.2 SECONDS.**

**THE LONGEST TIME BEHIND THE WHEEL IN THE WINNING CAR WAS FOR NEEL JANI WITH NINE HOURS AND 24 MINUTES.** ROMAIN DUMAS SPENT THE LONGEST CONTINUOUS TIME IN THE CAR.

**CHRONOLOGY OF THE RACE PORSCHE 911 RSR #91**

**THE WINNING PORSCHE'S GEARBOX MASTERED 22,984 GEAR CHANGES (UP SHIFT AND DOWN SHIFT) DURING THE 24 HOURS.**

**THE HIGHEST TOP SPEED OF A PORSCHE 919 HYBRID IN THE RACE WAS 333.9 KM/H AND WAS DONE BY BRENDON HARTLEY ON LAP 50.**

**CHRONOLOGY OF THE RACE PORSCHE 919 HYBRID #1**

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Opening the book, one finds a graphic showing all eighteen Le Mans winning Porsches from 1970 to 2016, together with top line details and drivers names. This year's Foreword is by

none other than Jacky Ickx, and this is followed by the section on the 2016 team's preparation at the pre-season Paul Ricard Prologue. A detailed explanation of all the technical specs of the Porsche 919 Hybrid race car with driver profiles is included, and the same goes for the 911 RSR GTE Pro and drivers. Because of Porsche's close association with its customer teams, the #77 Dempsey Proton Racing car, #78 KCMG, #86 Gulf Racing UK, #88 Abu Dhabi Proton Racing as well as the #89 Proton Competition cars are also covered. There are details about the Le Mans circuit, the pre-race Test Day, before the book launches into the events that lead up to the race day itself.

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Additional sections include Porsche's technology partners, the famous Driver's Parade through the city of Le Mans, Warm-up, dealing with the media, and much more. The authors and photographers have gone behind the scenes during the Le Mans week to catch the drivers having physio and working out during the race itself, to help maintain focus. Then of course there is a healthy chunk of the book devoted to the race itself, where the joy, pain, anguish and atmosphere of the race is captured through the lens and in words. The quality

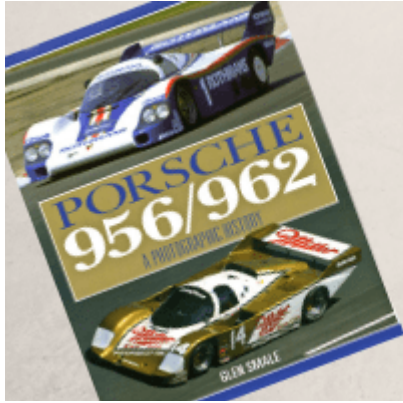


of the photography in the book is exceptional, covering the teams, drivers, management and families, and has all been captured by the photographers.



The 2016 race will be remembered for the dramatic last lap incident where the #5 Toyota was left stranded just over the line on its last lap. As the #2 Porsche swept past on its final tour of the circuit, fans, media and teams were left aghast as to the events unfolding before them, and when it was realised that the Porsche was in fact now the lead car, emotion swept through the Toyota and Porsche pit garages. This incident is well covered in the book because it was such a memorable end to a hard-fought 24-hour race. At the back of the book is a well-presented chapter on the facts, statistics and details of the 2016 race.

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**Glen Smale's 500-page, 700-image book on the Porsche 956/962 is a MUST for all Porsche enthusiasts!**



*Porsche Victory 2016* is the work of two well-known motorsport figures, Dutchman René de

Boer and the German Tim Upietz, with numerous contributing photographers. The book is a good quality, impressive piece of work, and essential reading for any supporter of the Stuttgart sports car manufacturer. It would make an ideal Christmas present or for any self-respecting Porsche enthusiast, this is a must-have!

## Key Information

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