

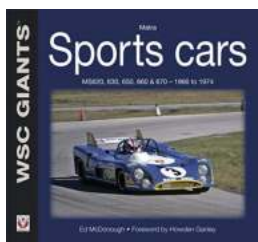
# Matra Sports Cars: From the MS620 to the MS670 - The WSC Giants of 1966 to 1974

When talking about endurance racing, one cannot overlook the remarkable success and impressive performance of the Matra Sports Cars from the MS620 to the MS670. These WSC (World Sports Car) giants dominated the tracks from 1966 to 1974, leaving behind a legacy filled with victories, innovative design, and a passionate following. Join us on a journey through the history of Matra Sports Cars and discover what made these machines truly legendary.

## The Birth of Matra Sports Cars

Matra Sports Cars, originally known as Matra Automobiles, came into existence in 1964 as a result of the collaboration between Matra (Mécanique Avion TRAction) and Simca (Société Industrielle de Mécanique et de Carrosserie Automobile). The initial aim was to manufacture sports cars for competition, pushing the boundaries of engineering and performance.

Matra quickly became known for their dedication to innovation, combining lightweight construction techniques, aerodynamic design, and powerful engines to create race cars that consistently dominated the competition.



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## **The MS620: Setting the Stage for Success**

The MS620, unveiled in 1966, marked the beginning of Matra's reign on the endurance racing circuit. This sports car featured a V12 engine developed by Matra themselves, providing exceptional power and speed. Its aerodynamic design, along with the efficient use of lightweight materials, allowed the car to achieve remarkable speeds on the racetracks.

The MS620 showcased its capabilities in its inaugural year by winning the prestigious 1000 Kilometers of Spa, a testament to the car's reliability and superior performance. The stage was set for Matra to continue their success story.

## **The Evolution: MS630, MS650, and MS660**

Building on the success of the MS620, Matra continued to refine their sports cars, releasing the MS630, MS650, and MS660 models in subsequent years. Each iteration saw improvements in engine performance, aerodynamics, and overall handling, solidifying Matra's dominance in endurance racing.

The MS630, introduced in 1967, featured significant upgrades such as new bodywork that enhanced aerodynamics, enabling the car to cut through the air with minimal drag. This model achieved numerous victories, including the iconic 24 Hours of Le Mans in 1972.

Matra didn't rest on their laurels, pushing the boundaries even further with the MS650. Its innovative, lightweight structure combined with a powerful V12 engine made it a force to be reckoned with on any track. This model became a symbol of the Matra brand, embodying their commitment to excellence and cutting-edge technology.

By the time the MS660 was released in 1972, Matra had firmly established itself as the dominant force in endurance racing. This model featured improved handling and aerodynamics, allowing it to conquer challenging circuits and secure numerous victories.

### **The MS670: Matra's Magnum Opus**

In 1972, Matra introduced the MS670, the pinnacle of their sports car engineering. This iconic model took endurance racing to a whole new level, setting new standards for performance and innovation.

The MS670 featured a state-of-the-art V12 engine, producing remarkable power and torque. Its unique aerodynamic design, with a distinctive shark-like nose, allowed the car to slice through the air effortlessly. It became an instant sensation, captivating racing enthusiasts worldwide.

With the MS670, Matra achieved unprecedented success, winning the 24 Hours of Le Mans not once but three times consecutively, in 1972, 1973, and 1974. This feat solidified Matra's legendary status in endurance racing and cemented their place in the history books.

### **The Legacy Lives On**

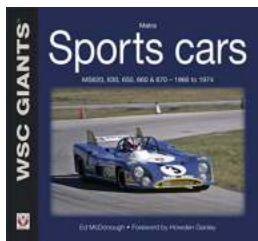
Although the era of Matra Sports Cars in endurance racing eventually came to an end, their legacy continues to inspire future generations of racing enthusiasts and

engineers.

Matra's dedication to pushing the boundaries of technology, their innovative designs, and their unwavering pursuit of excellence have left an indelible mark on the world of motorsports. The achievements of the MS620 to the MS670 will forever be remembered as a golden age in endurance racing, with Matra shining brightly as the WSC giants of their time.

So, next time you hear the roar of an engine on a racetrack or see a sleek sports car speeding by, remember the names MS620, MS630, MS650, MS660, and MS670. These were the machines that conquered the endurance racing world and became true icons of their era.

***Experience the glory, the power, and the relentless pursuit of victory embodied by Matra Sports Cars.***



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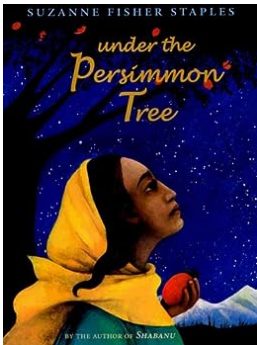
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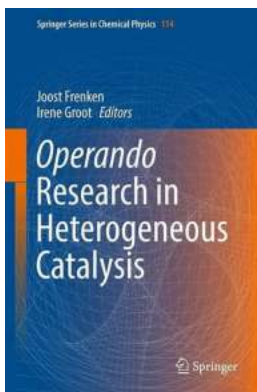


The late 1960s and early 1970s were a significant era in the world of international sports car racing. As the motor racing rule-making body moved back and forth between cars that less and less resembled road going vehicles, prototype sports car racing captured the imagination of manufacturers, teams and fans alike. Porsche vs. Ferrari vs. Alfa Romeo vs. Matra provided some of the best racing for sports cars ever witnessed, and by 1973, the Matra prototype – little more than a Grand Prix car with full bodywork – was dominating the scene. That period has always been viewed as one of the great eras in sports car racing, when all the Grand Prix drivers were fully active in sports car as well as F1 machines. This is the story of a great time, and a great model, in motorsport.



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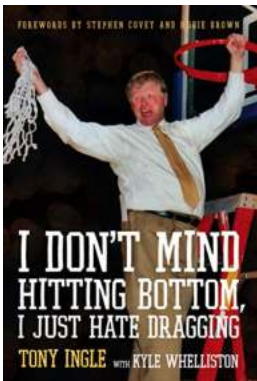
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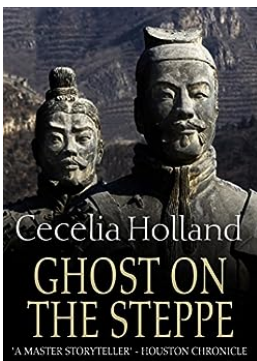
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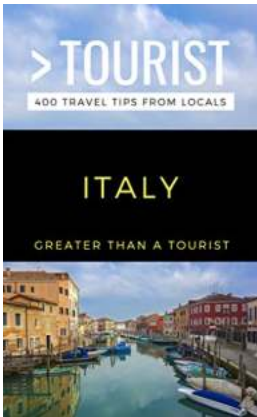
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