

# AYRTON SENNA

1960 – 1994



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DE PILOTOS FÓRMULA 1 - 1988

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## 1. Early Life and Career

Ayrton Senna da Silva born in Sao Paulo on march 21,1960.He was highly athletic, excelling in gymnastics and other sports, and developed an interest in cars and motor racing at the age of four.



His first car was a 1 HP Kart built by his father using a lawnmower engine. Senna entered karting competition at the age of 13 and in 1977 won the South American Kart Championship.



In 1981 Senna moved to Europe and drove in various formula categories until 1983,including very disputed Formula 3.



In 1983 Senna drove the British Formula 3 Championship. Senna won the title at the final round after a closely fought and ,at times, acrimonious battle against Martin Brundle.



## 2. They Were the Source of Inspiration

There have been many great drivers that preceded Ayrton Senna, but two in particular inspired the Brazilian driver in his career: the Argentine Juan Manuel Fangio and the Brazilian Emerson Fittipaldi.



Juan Manuel Fangio was one of the best drivers in history. He drove in the first decade of Formula 1 and won 5 times the world drivers championship.



Emerson Fittipaldi was the first important Brazilian driver. He won 2 times the world drivers championship.

Ayrton Senna was unbeatable in rain. say that even when he was little, seeing a sign of rain appears, already picked up your kart and went to the Interlagos circuit to train.



Australia 1993 , Adelaide Circuit.  
Last Ayrton Senna won in Formula 1.  
He was also the pole position.



Portugal 1985, Estoril circuit. First won of Senna , with pole position and best lap. Senna demonstrated his proficiency in wet conditions by finishing the race at least one lap ahead of every car except second-place finisher Michele Alboreto.



England 1993, Donington Park circuit. Under rain, in the start of racing Senna was in 5<sup>th</sup> place. In the end of first lap, he was in first place. Experts says that is the best lap of pilot in the history of formula 1.

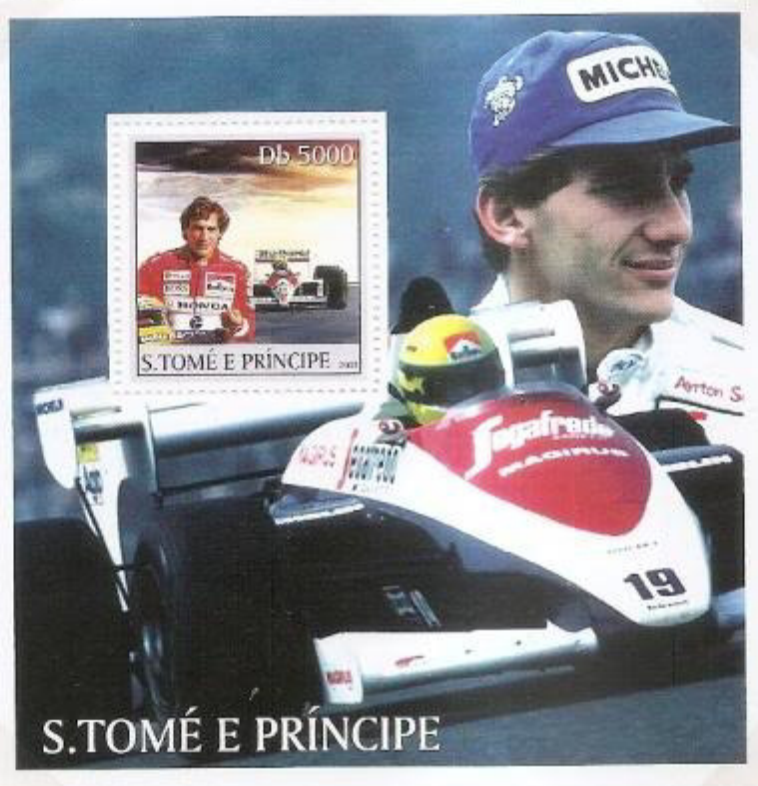


### 3. Four Great Teams

Ayrton Senna drove for four teams during 11 years in his career in Formula 1. Toleman, Lotus, McLaren and Williams. He didn't realize the dream of pilot a Ferrari.

#### 3.1 Toleman

Toleman was relative new team , using less competitive Pirelli tyres.



Toleman was the first team of Senna in Formula 1 in 1984 season. He finished the season in 9<sup>th</sup> place with 13 points and 3 podiums driving a weak car.

#### 3.2 Lotus

Lotus built a car with a very fast Renault engine. This led various pole positions for the team.



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Senna drove for Lotus team during 3 years. He won 6 races and finished in the podium in 22 of 48 races. Senna had begun to establish himself as the quickest in the field: his tally of seven poles that season was far more than that of any of the other drivers.

### 3.3 McLaren

In 1988 was formed one of the successful partnership in the history of formula 1. Senna signed a contract with McLaren and drove for the team for 6 years winning 35 Grand Prix.



After Brazilian GP won by Senna in 1993, Senna and Fangio was interviewed together and the interviewer remarked that both together had eight world championships. Fangio remarked: "Ayrton is still very good and still very young. He has still many years to keep racing." Unfortunately not.



Senna was Driver's World Championship 3 times driving in McLaren.



In 1988 Senna drove in model MP4/4 that together with Alain Prost won 15 of 16 Grand Prix.



### 3.4 Williams

For 1994, Senna finally signed with the Williams-Renault team after Prost had reluctantly decided to end his career. Prost's contract clause forbidding Senna from joining Williams did not extend to 1994 and Prost retired with one year left on his contract, rather than face the prospect of a repeat of the animosities of 1989 and 1990.



Senna signed with Williams team for 1994 season. The team won the championship in the last 2 years.



Senna drove Williams car for 4 racings. He failed to score any point in this season.



Brazilian driver Nelson Piquet was also champion with Williams in 1987.

#### 4. Important Racings

Ayrton Senna when he entered in the track was an example of dedication and perseverance. He was always looking for the best results. Several times he had to overcome deficiencies techniques for placing among the first.



Monaco – 1984 hard rain during the race. Senna with limited Tolmenan car starts in 13<sup>th</sup>. After lap 31, when Senna was in 2<sup>nd</sup> place, and fast approaching Alain Prost, the race was interrupted.



1984 – Exhibition Race in Nurburgring. Best pilots drove same car: a Mercedes E190. The young Senna won the race.



South Africa 1984. Ayrton Senna second race in Formula 1 – Senna marks his first point in the category.



Hungaroring 1986 – Nelson Piquet overtake of Ayrton  
It is considering one of the most beautiful overtaking ever in racing history



### 5. On the Top of the Podium.

In various circuits Senna won more than once. In some is the driver with most number of victories, in others people change the name of the circuit to include Ayrton's name. In his first victory at home (Interlagos circuit) thousand of people invaded the circuit at the end of the race for trying to touch the idol.



San Marino. Senna won 3 times at the circuit where he died. 1988, 1989 and 1991. This was his first win in McLaren. A interesting curiosity is that in the 3 wins in this circuit, only the second place finish in the same lap of Ayrton, all of the others competitors was overlapped.

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The Brazil Grand Prix 1991 was the second Grand Prix of the 1991 season of Formula 1 at Interlagos. This race marked the first victory in Brazil Ayrton Senna driving a Formula 1. Allied to this, the fact of the race have had a dramatic finish, with the loss of almost all of his McLaren marches and consequent physical wear than normal, so he could not leave the car alone made this race one of the most recalled the career of Brazilian driver Senna also won at home in 1993.



6832 Hockenheim. Der Hockenheimring (6,7 km) ist eine der zuschauerfreundlichsten und sichersten Grand-Prix-Rennstrecken der Welt mit bester Verkehrsanbindung und Parkmöglichkeiten. Wegen ständiger Aktivitäten lohnt sich eine Besichtigung immer.

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In Hockenheim (Germany) Senna won 3 times in formula 1 (88/89/90). Very interesting was the race of 1989. Senna was leading the race when he stopped in the pits. The team made a mistake and he stood more than 8 seconds to your mate Alain Prost. Senna returned to the race and nervous at the penultimate lap I managed to overtake and win.



Senna won in 12 races silverstone circuit in categories F3 and Formula 2000 before going to formula 1. And why the circuit was nicknamed. Silverstone in reference to his last name Silva. In formula 1 had his second podium at Silverstone in 1988 and won.



Senna won 6 times in Monaco (87/89/90/91/92/93). For this achievement began to be called by the press for his Mister Monaco. After Senna, Schumacher and Hill with 5 victories. In the podium of 1987 race breaking protocol senna took a bath in champagne Prince Reinier.





In one of the fastest circuits in Formula 1 Senna won 2 times (90/92). In 1990 he also marked the pole position, the fastest lap and led the entire race. This was the 4<sup>th</sup> time Ayrton make this achievement.



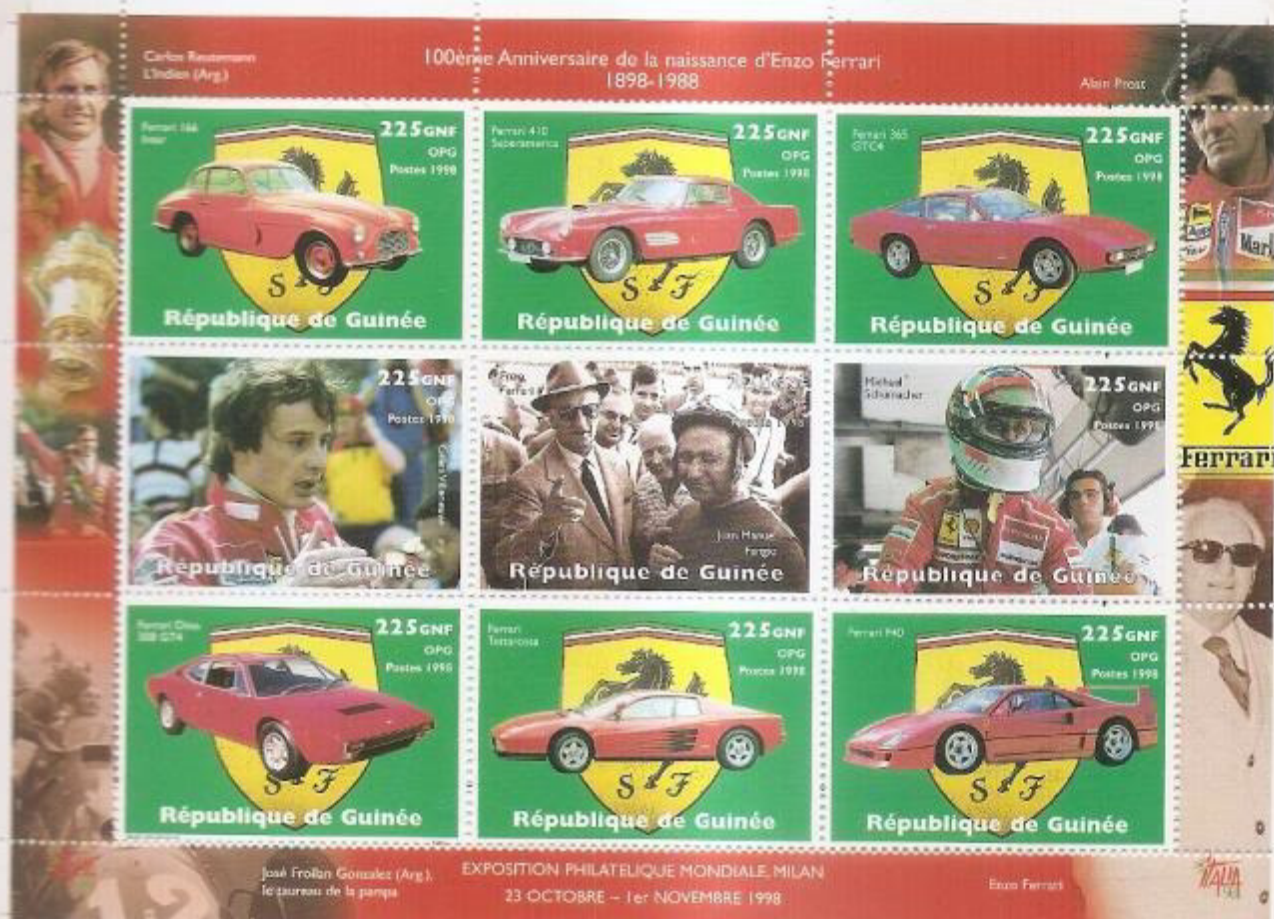
Senna caught a beautiful duel with Alesi, on lap 34 when he surpasses the Frenchman leads the change on the next lap but definitely gets the first giving a farewell after overtaking. At the podium, Alesi who was second to Ayrton even joked: "In the next, it takes you goodbye"

The first victory of Ayrton in Europe happened in the circuit of Brands Hatch on 03/15/81, running in formula 1600. He won it 6 times in various categories. In Formula 1, he got his second podium in 1984 driving for poor Toleman team.



## 6. Major Opponents

There were 4 major opponents of Ayrton Senna in Formula 1: Alain Prost, Nelson Piquet, Nigel Mansell and Michael Schumacher. In some cases like Piquet rivalry out of the tracks and would continue in spicy interviews for newspapers and television. But after the death of Ayrton, everyone recognized his greatness.



Alain Prost was the major opponent of Ayrton since his first relevant race in Formula 1. Senna finished second after the race be stopped before the end. The rivalry continued in the league 89/90, when both of the opportunities was crowned champion after intense dispute throughout season and beats between the two in the last race in Japan. After all, Prost was present at the funeral of Brazilian driver paying tribute to his rival.



The last season of Senna in Formula 1 started with a new rivalry: with only three years of Formula 1, German Schumacher began to emerge among the leaders of the Formula 1 category. In the three first races of the season, Ayrton was pole position and German started in second. Schumacher won all the three. The death of Ayrton broke what for many would be the major duel of the history of the Formula 1. Schumacher won that year the first of his seven titles.





Piquet and Senna, Brazilian three time champion in Formula 1, ran five seasons together, but only in two have maintained a frequent and fierce race on the track. In 1986, Piquet finished third in the championship, beating Senna, who was fourth. In 1987, Piquet was the champion, Senna was the third. The following year, Senna won his first title, but Piquet was already a team far lower, ending the year in fifth place. Senna and Piquet had plenty of fights out of races: the banter between riders through the interviews to TV and newspapers have become famous. After Senna's death, however, the rival Piquet finally praised and recognized its importance.



The match ended in 1-1. In 1991, Senna then at McLaren, was the champion, with Mansell's Williams, second, in 1992, came the English win, leaving the Brazilian as second. Senna and Mansell had no relationship problems off the track disputes between them were always exciting - as in the Hungarian Grand Prix in 1992, when Senna overtook Mansell in the first round and defended all attacks from the English until the end of the race, despite piloting a car much lower. Mansell and Senna did not exceed came in second, but celebrated anyway: the result gave the English their first and only world title.



## 7. Colleagues



Damon Hill was Senna's teammate in the 1994 season. Gerhard Berger was one of the only friends of Ayrton in Formula 1 and was teammate between seasons of 1990 and 1993.



Rubens Barrichello was protected from Ayrton Senna. On weekend fateful accident, Rubens had an accident and the doctors forbade visits, Senna just jumped over the wall to visit the colleague.



## 8. The Sudden End

Senna's third and final race of the 1994 season, the San Marino Grand Prix was held on the "Autodromo Enzo and Dino Ferrari" circuit located in Imola, Italy. Imola had traditionally been considered the beginning of the F1 season proper, on European soil.

**50e Anniversaire de la Naissance d'Ayrton Senna**  
(1960-2010)

Ayrton Senna da Silva est un pilote automobile brésilien né le 21 mars 1960 à São Paulo (Brésil) et mort le 1er mai 1994 à Imola, dans un accident lors du Grand Prix de Saint Marin. Véritable idole au Brésil où son statut a dépassé celui de simple champion sportif, il est considéré comme l'un des plus grands pilotes de l'histoire de la Formule 1 dont il remporta trois fois le titre de champion du monde en 1988, 1990 et 1991, après avoir remporté 41 Grands Prix et signé 65 pole positions. Il est le dernier pilote de la discipline à y avoir trouvé la mort.

The weekend's accident Senna had other accidents. Your friend Barrichello broke his nose in an accident on Friday and rookie Roland Ratzenberger died in an accident on Saturday.



The arrow indicates the location of the curve tamborello, where Senna's car crashed about 330 km/h. Senna finished his career with 3 world championships, 41 wins and 65 pole positions.

## 9. Legacy for eternity

The "Instituto Ayrton Senna" is the fulfillment of the dream of the triple champion in F1 help the country to reduce social inequalities. It is presided by Viviane Senna da Silva Lalli sister of Ayrton.



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conseguiram permanecer  
no coração de um povo.

Ayrton, obrigado!

Few heroes managed to stay in the heart of a people.  
Ayrton thanks!

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