

MOTORSPORTS



By taking part in motorsports, Toyota aims to share with people around the world the fun, inspiration, and limitless possibilities that cars offer. Today, our participation in motorsports mainly focuses on the Formula One World Championship, the IRL Indy Car Series, the NASCAR Craftsman Truck Series, and the Super GT World Challenge. Also, we continue to contribute to the foundations of motorsports by nurturing elite drivers, sponsoring one-make formula races, and renovating Fuji Speedway.

While not achieving the F1 podium placing we had hoped for in 2004, we equaled our high-water mark by placing fifth in the U.S. Grand Prix, the ninth race of the season. In response to new technical regulations, we are facing the 2005 season, our fourth year in F1, with a brand new car. The Toyota TF105 is designed to offer outstanding aerodynamic performance and

reliability. And, Jarno Trulli and Ralf Schumacher have joined our team's drivers. Those changes rapidly bore fruit; in only the second event of the 2005 season, Toyota claimed its long-awaited first podium when Trulli crossed the line in second place at the Malaysian Grand Prix. And, as of the 10th race Toyota ranked fourth in the Constructors' Championship.

In the 2004 IRL Indy Car Series, although unable to defend the previous year's triumph at the storied Indy 500 race, we rounded off the season in style with a victory in the final race of the season in Texas. In 2005, Toyota engines are powering 10 cars used by six teams.

In addition, the Toyota Driver Development Program grooms drivers for high-level competition by identifying talented individuals and helping them to steadily move up the ranks of international motorsports.

Fuji Speedway

In April 2005, we took the wraps off a rejuvenated Fuji Speedway, which is now a leading-edge circuit ready to host a wide spectrum of motorsports and other events. Toyota holds a 93.4% stake in Fuji International Speedway Co., Ltd., which implemented a major renovation of the circuit from September 2002. Those efforts paid off. The Federation Internationale de l'Automobile awarded Fuji Speedway the highest evaluation a circuit can obtain—grade 1—which makes the holding of F1 races in the future possible. At Fuji Speedway, we set out to realize the most advanced and exciting circuit ever by building the world's longest main straight, at 1,475 meters, and by creating a smooth, flat pavement surface to a degree of precision that exceeds grade 1 requirements.



* For additional information, please refer to the following web sites:
 (Toyota's motorsports activities) <http://www.toyota.co.jp/ms/> (Japanese only)
 (F1) <http://www.toyota-f1.com/>