



# WILLIAMS FW08

## 1982 / ROSBERG

Williams Grand Prix Engineering Limited is a British Formula 1 racing team and constructor. It is founded and run by team owner Sir Frank Williams and automotive engineer Sir Patrick Head. The team was formed in 1977 after Frank Williams' two earlier unsuccessful F1 operations. All of Williams F1 chassis are called "FW" then a number, the FW being the initials of team owner, Frank Williams.

Williams's first race was the 1977 Spanish GP, where the new team ran a March chassis for Patrick Neve. Williams started manufacturing its own cars the following year, and Switzerland's Clay Regazzoni won Williams's first race at the 1979 British GP. At the 1997 British GP, Canadian Jacques Villeneuve scored the team's 100th race victory, making Williams one of only three teams in Formula One, alongside Ferrari and fellow British team McLaren, to win 100 races. Williams won nine Constructors World Championships between 1980 and 1997. This stood as a record until Ferrari surpassed it in 2000.

The Williams FW08 was the third F1 model from Williams Grand Prix Engineering and took Keke Rosberg to his World Championship victory for the team in 1982. This car, the prototype, was used by Rosberg at three races, finishing third in the German GP and then crossing the line alongside Elio de Angelis in Austria in one of the closest finishes in F1 history.

It was then withdrawn from the race team and became the test car for Williams' six-wheel project. In this form it was tested by Rosberg before being outlawed. After a spell in Count Zanon's collection, the six-wheeler made its competitive debut at the 1994 Goodwood Festival

of Speed, driven by Jonathan Palmer. It returned to Goodwood in 1995, when Palmer set the fastest time of the weekend, a track record. It was rebuilt to standard four-wheel form in 2000 and sold into private ownership in 2005. After nine years in American ownership, it returned to Britain in 2014.

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#### PERIOD

June 13 1982, Montreal F1 World Championship,  
Keke Rosberg – DNF

August 8 1982, Hockenheim F1 World Championship,  
Keke Rosberg – 3rd place

August 15 1982 – Osterreichring F1 World Championship,  
Keke Rosberg – 2nd place

World Championship winning constructor and driver, 1982.  
Keke Rosberg

Goodwill Festival of Speed, June 25 1995,  
Jonathan Palmer, 1st place

### RECENT HIGHLIGHTS

Featured at **Singapore F1 2014**

Featured at the **Austin** and **Mexican GP Masters F1** support races in 2015 & 2016

Masters FIA Historic Formula 1 Championship in 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018

