HISTORIC, WORLD CHAMPION SAUBER-MERCEDES C-11 RACECAR

A significant piece of Mercedes-Benz racing history, the car, also referred to as the “Sauber-Mercedes C-11 chassis number 5” was designed by Leo Rees and built at the factory of distinguished Swiss auto racing designer, Peter Sauber.

This C11-05’s extraordinary performances during the 1990 and 1991 racing seasons solidified its position as one of the greatest Group C sportscars of its time.

Driven by some of the greatest F1 drivers of their time, notable races and finishes included:

1. Jean-Louis Schlesser and Jochen Mass's first place finish in 1990's final race of the season in Mexico City (team was later disqualified), and

C11-05 HISTORY

1990
10/7
Drivers: Schlesser/Baldi
Car Number: 1
Finish: DQ (actual 1st)

1991
4/14
Drivers: J-L. Schlesser/J. Mass
Car Number: 1
Finish: 2nd

Date: 5/5/91
Monza: J-L
Drivers: J-L. Schlesser/J. Mass
Car Number: 1
Finish: 3rd

Date: 5/19/91
Silverstone: J-L
Drivers: Schlesser/J. Mass
Car Number: 1
Finish: 4th

Date: 6/22-23/91
Le Mans 24-Hours:
Drivers: K. Wendlinger/
M. Schumacher/
F. Kreuzpointer
Car Number: 31
Finish: 5th

The racecar is one of only five C11’s in the world built and designed by Mercedes-Benz and distinguished Swiss auto racing designer Peter Sauber.

The Sauber-Mercedes C-11’s were arguably the most successful racecars in the then popular Europe-based Group C. The C-11’s captured eight victories and the overall Sports Car World Championship title (Constructors and drivers).

The C-11 chassis used groundbreaking compound materials composed of carbon fibers and turned 1990 into a highlight year for Sauber-Mercedes.

Group C Racing was the Sports Prototype class that ran from 1982-1993.

In 1990, Michael Schumacher joined the Mercedes junior racing program in the World Sports Championship. He gained victory at the season finale at the Autodromo Hermanos Rodriguez in a Sauber-Mercedes C11 and finished in the drivers' championship. He continued with the team in the 1991 season, the year that saw him drive the C11-05 chassis in the historic Le Mans 24-Hours.