

# Rob Barff

Professional Racing Driver



Profile and Career Summary

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## Summary of Experience and Skills

Rob Barff is a British Professional Racing Driver. His racing career spans 28 years with the last 17 years as a fully professional race driver and driver coach. He specialises in International GT racing and has also successfully competed in LMP1 and LMP2 Sportscars at the highest level. He is an expert at vehicle data interpretation - frequently working in dynamic development programmes for both road and race cars. He participates in the televised Nissan-Playstation GT Academy as a Driver Coach and co-presenter alongside Johnny Herbert.

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## Racing Career

Rob is in the almost unique position of having extensive race experience of the GT3 Ferrari 458 Italia and the McLaren MP4-12C GT3.



He recently competed in the Blancpain Endurance Series in a Von Ryan Racing entered McLaren and the British GT Championship in the FF Corse entered Ferrari.

In both these series Rob had the role of professional driver alongside amateur teammates. He also competes in the United Arab Emirates where he and his team-mate Leon Price have dominated the UAE GT championship in recent years.

Rob has competed in the last 8 annual Dubai 24 Hour races winning the Pro-Am class and achieving 3<sup>rd</sup> overall in 2015. This was just reward after Rob's Dragon Racing Ferrari led the Pro-Am class through the night in both 2013 and 2014 before being forced into retirement. He has also taken pole position in class and in 2012 the overall pole position.

In the 2012 Total 24 Hours of Spa Rob and his teammates achieved an excellent 4<sup>th</sup> position in the Pro-Am class in a race of high attrition in the McLaren MP4-12C.

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## Professional Career in GT and Sportscars

Rob had notable success in GT racing from 2000 onwards firstly in the Rollcentre entered TVR Cerbera and Tuscan R. Many wins were achieved in the British GT Championship along with an international podium at the Suzuka 1000km in Japan.

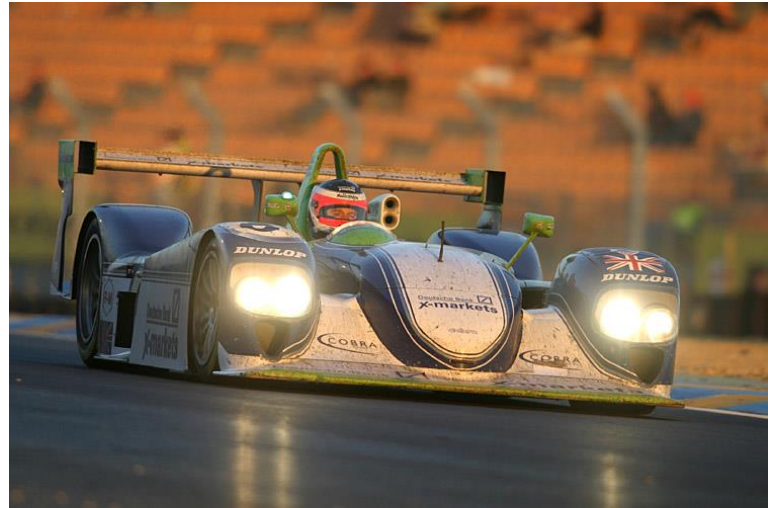


In 2002 he was employed by TVR as factory driver in their Cerbera Speed Twelve GT1. In recognition of his success at national and international level Rob was awarded Full Membership of the British Racing Drivers' Club in 2002.

In 2003 Rob achieved podium success in the Daytona 24 Hours driving a Mosler MT900R and went on to compete in both Sebring 12 Hours and Le Mans 24 Hours in the TVR T400R.



2004 brought Rob his first opportunity to experience the performance of Le Mans Prototype Sportscars and he competed in the Le Mans Series, the Sebring 12 Hours and Le Mans 24 Hours in the Rollcentre Dallara Judd LMP1.



Success against works Audi competition in LMP1 proved elusive with the team narrowly missing a podium at Sebring and then suffering suspension failure whilst challenging the leaders in the final hours of Le Mans. A podium in the Spa 1000km in 2005 in the Dallara LMP1 was some compensation.



Rob gained wide experience of other race cars in the mid 2000's; racing the Lister LMP1 and was a debut driver in the Radical SR9 LMP2.

International races from Monza to Interlagos in Porsche 911 GT3 have been interspersed with British GT appearances in cars such as the Ascari KZ1 and Ferrari 360 NGT.

Rob first competed in the Dubai 24 Hours in 2009 in a Nissan 350Z GT3 and during that year drove an Aston Martin, Lotus Exige and Ferrari 430 in long distance races in Europe.

Since 2010 Rob has been kept very busy, racing full time in the UK and Europe during the summer and also having a full schedule of racing in the United Arab Emirates in the winter.

In 2013 Rob was appointed Director of Racing and Tuition for Dragon Racing International based in Dubai opening up another chapter in his motorsport career.

## ANNEX 1 – Rob Barff - Racing Career Details

- 1987-1992 100cc Karting to European Level
- 1993-1995 Formula Ford – Multiple Race Winner
- 1997-1999 Caterham Superlight/Roadsport – Multiple Race Winner
- 2000 British GT Championship - TVR Cerbera Speed 6 - Multiple Race Winner
- 2001 British GT Championship – TVR Tuscan R - Multiple Race Winner  
Suzuka Pokka 1000km - TVR Tuscan R - 2nd International GT Class
- 2002 British GT Championship - TVR Speed 12  
FIA GT Spa 24 Hours – TVR Cerbera Speed 6  
Awarded British Racing Drivers' Club Membership  
ALMS Petit Le Mans - Saleen S7 ALMS
- 2003 Daytona 24 Hours – Mosler MT900R – 3rd in GTS  
British GT Championship - Mosler MT900R  
FIA GT Spa 24 Hours – Mosler MT900R  
British GT Championship - TVR T400R  
Spa 1000km - TVR T400R  
ALMS Sebring 12 Hours - TVR T400R  
Le Mans 24 Hours - TVR T400R  
FIA GT Monza – Porsche GT3RS - 3rd in NGT Class
- 2004 ALMS Sebring 12 Hours - Dallara Judd LMP1  
LMES Monza 1000km - Dallara Judd LMP1  
Le Mans 24 Hours - Dallara Judd LMP1  
LMES Silverstone 1000km - Lister LMP1  
British GT Championship – Ferrari 360
- 2005 LMES Spa 1000km – Dallara Judd LMP1 - 3rd overall  
Historic Touring Car Championship - Alfa Romeo Giulia Super
- 2006 British GT Championship - Ascari KZ1  
LMES Donington - Radical SR9 LMP2  
LMES Jarama 1000km - Radical SR9 LMP2  
Le Mans Classic - Porsche 550A Spyder – Winner 1957-61 Indices of Performance  
Historic Touring Car Championship - Alfa Romeo Giulia Super
- 2007 LMS Silverstone 1000km - Porsche 997 GT3 RSR  
LMS Mil Mihás Interlagos - Porsche 997 GT3 RSR  
Silverstone 24 Hours - BMW M3
- 2008 Le Mans Classic - Porsche 550A Spyder  
Silverstone Classic - Alfa Romeo Giulia Super
- 2009 Dubai 24 Hours - Nissan 350Z GT3  
Snetterton Britcar 4hours - Ferrari 430 GT3  
24 Hours de Catalunya, Barcelona - Aston Martin N24  
Silverstone 500 - Lotus Exige Sport
- 2010 Dubai 24 Hours - Aston Martin N24  
Le Mans Classic - Lotus 11 – Winner 1957-61 Indices of Performance  
FIA GT Nurburgring - Nissan 370Z GT4  
Spa 24 Hours - Nissan 370Z GT4  
UK GT Trophy - Ferrari 430GTC  
UAE GT - Dodge Viper GTS-R and Lotus Evora GT4 – Pole and Race Winner  
UAE Sportscar Championship - Juno CN09 – Pole and Race Winner
- 2011 Dubai 24 Hours - Lotus 2-11 – Pole SP3 Class  
UK GT Trophy - Ferrari 430 GTC/GT3 – Multiple pole positions, fastest laps, race wins and series winner  
UAE Radical Cup - Radical SR8LM  
UAE GT - Ferrari 458GT3 – Multiple poles, fastest laps and race wins

2012 Dubai 24 Hours - Ferrari 458GT3 - Overall Pole  
Blancpain Endurance Series - McLaren MP4-12C – 4th in ProAm class Spa 24hours

2013 Dubai 24 Hours - Ferrari 458GT3  
British GT Championship - Ferrari 458GT3  
Blancpain Endurance Series - McLaren MP4-12C  
Gulf 12 Hours Abu Dhabi – Ferrari 458GT3

2014 Dubai 24 Hours - Ferrari 458GT3  
British GT Championship – Ferrari 458GT3 – Race Winner  
Le Mans Classic - 1956 Moretti 750 Sport Bialbero

2015 Dubai 24 Hours – Ferrari 458GT3 – 1<sup>st</sup> Pro-Am, 3<sup>rd</sup> overall  
NGK 2-hour Enduro Dubai – Ferrari 458GT3 – 1<sup>st</sup>

2016 Dubai 24 Hours – Ferrari 458GT3  
Le Mans Classic – 1959 Lotus XV  
NGK 2-hour Enduro Dubai – Ferrari 458GT3 – 1<sup>st</sup>  
Gulf 12 Hours Abu Dhabi – Ferrari 458GT3 – 2<sup>nd</sup> overall