

# RECARO

## PIONEERING SEAT DESIGN

For road and track: the RECARO Podium CF



ALSO AVAILABLE  
WITH SIDE AIRBAG  
AS OF SUMMER 2023



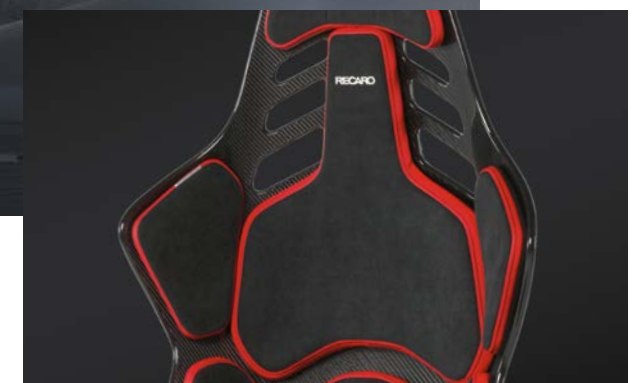
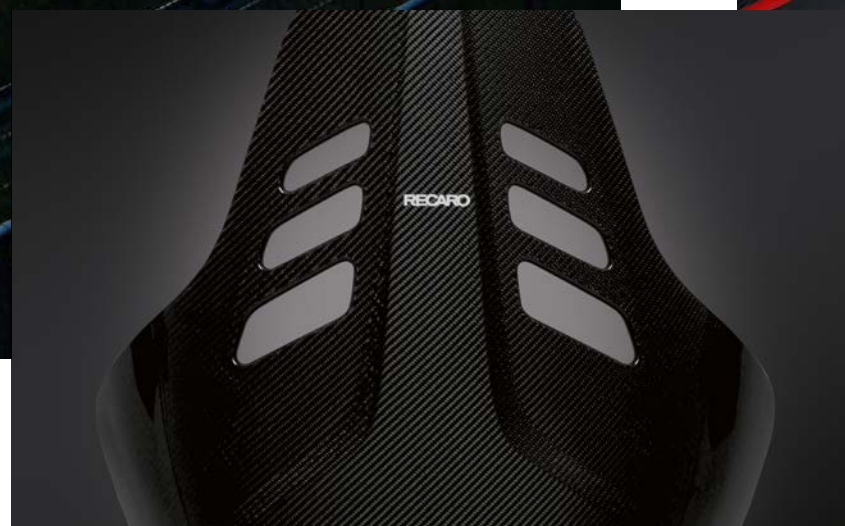


## FOR A UNIQUE DRIVING EXPERIENCE – WHATEVER THE JOURNEY.

Wilhelm Reutter founded his body shop in 1906. Ever since, we've been obsessed with custom mobility, and Reutter's passion lives on in the first two letters of our brand as well as in everything we do. We're all about making driving safer, more comfortable and more controlled – a driving experience that you can really feel. We put people first. Every time. We're equally obsessed with motorsport! Whatever record you broke yesterday, you aspire to beat it today. That's why we're constantly looking for ways for you to shave a few milliseconds off your next lap – safely. Winning is one thing. But to be a champion, you need to keep learning and developing.

Our performance seats are more than just a set of components. They exude innovation, quality, premium materials, craftsmanship and a genuine passion for cars. The peerless features of our new RECARO Podium CF include a brand-new racing seat look, outstanding lateral and shoulder support as well as innovative pads with passive ventilation for a thrilling, yet controlled and superbly comfortable drive, even on the most demanding of journeys. In addition, the RECARO Podium CF is the first racing shell ever to be awarded the coveted seal of quality from AGR e.V., the German Campaign for Healthier Backs – a reliable decision-making aid when buying back-friendly products.

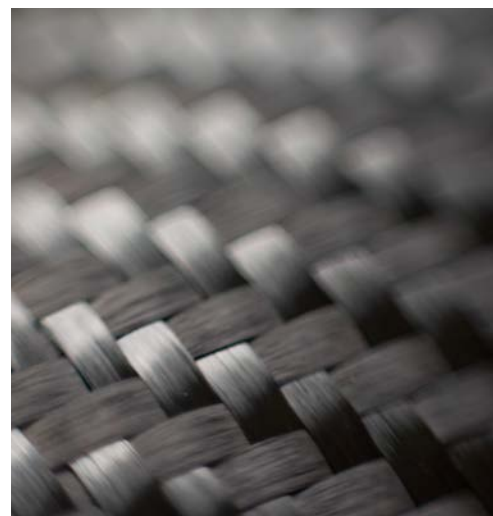
Enjoy the ride!





# UNCOMPROMISING PERFORMANCE MEETS BREATHTAKING DESIGN.

The new RECARO Podium CF is much more than a thoroughbred CFRP shell seat. It's a pioneering seat design for the contrasting demands of road and track: an unparalleled dynamic ride, whether you're commuting to work or competing to win. What's more, the RECARO Podium CF is the only retrofit shell seat on the market that is approved for use on public roads and has FIA homologation.



General type approval  
component certification\*  
KBA number 91909



MANUFACTURER: RECARO  
MODEL: Podium CF  
HOM. NO: CS.456.20  
FIA STANDARD: 8855-1999

**FIA 8855-1999  
(Competition Seat)\*\***

It's not just the Podium's sleek outline, visible structures or motorsport-inspired pads in varying sizes that make heads turn. It stands out because of its superior quality and exceptional performance on all road types. To meet our consistently high standards of innovation, quality, comfort and, most importantly, safety, the RECARO Podium CF is made of extremely resilient carbon fiber reinforced plastic (CFRP). Racing technology doesn't get better than this! The shell is also super light – but, of course, that goes without saying.



## PRODUCT INFORMATION.

### RECARO PODIUM CF

#### Standard features

- + RECARO Podium CF **M**: with pads for medium build drivers
- + RECARO Podium CF **L**: with pads for larger build drivers
- + ABE and FIA homologation\*/\*\*
- + Suitable for track and road
- + Carbon fiber reinforced plastic (CFRP) seat shell
- + Sporty seat performance
- + Sleek racing seat look
- + Special lateral support
- + Specially formed shoulder support
- + Integrated headrest
- + Visible seat structures
- + Road use: with 3- or 4-point belt
- + FIA: with 4-, 5- or 6-point belt
- + Developed for the use of HANS systems²
- + **Lightest seat in the world¹**:  
RECARO Podium CF L: approx. **7.3 kg**  
RECARO Podium CF M: approx. 7.4 kg (incl. pads in velour black)
- + Net seat weight: only approx. 4.9 kg

#### Special options (at additional cost)

- + Original Alcantara® fabric
- + Side airbag³ (available as of summer 2023)



#### Accessories (at additional cost)



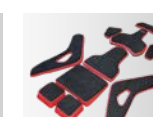
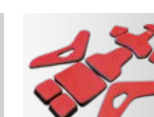
ABE sidemount



FIA sidemount



Universal sidemount


Pad Kit M/L  
Velour black

Pad Kit M/L  
Alcantara® black  
Leather red

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Alcantara® red  
Leather black

¹ **Lightest seat in its class**: category retrofit seats with road approval and FIA approval.

² It is recommended to temporarily remove the pad and pad pins.

³ With the use of a side airbag, FIA approval is not applicable.

\* **Seat with ABE (German general type approval)/component certification with 3-point belt available for many vehicles.** For further information on specific vehicles, please contact an authorized RECARO partner (ABE/component certification only in conjunction with RECARO baseframe and sidemount).

\*\* **FIA homologation 8855-1999** only in conjunction with the specified sidemount.



# PEAK BODY SUPPORT PERFORMANCE.

The RECARO Podium CF fits like a glove.  
And it feels like sitting IN the seat and not ON it.  
This is what all RECARO models have in common.  
We call it Body Support.

With a RECARO Podium CF, where man meets machine, the road becomes a playground that gives the driver instant feedback, all the way. It boasts a low center of gravity, firm, compact upholstery, and the necessary freedom of movement for the arms. Its snug, supportive structure and side bolsters for excellent shoulder and torso support stabilize the body against lateral forces, cocooning it like a second skin. The RECARO Podium CF went through intensive testing on the Nürburgring's "Green Hell" during development.

The result: controlled cornering – even at the extremes. And a "calculated thrill" of being faster – by design.

## Feel the difference!

### Experience RECARO Body Support:

- Instant feedback
- Firm upholstery with a range of pad kits
- Excellent torso and shoulder support
- Stability against lateral forces



**Timo Bernhard**  
Team Manager, Professional racing driver,  
Winner of American Le Mans Series and  
Petit Le Mans; 2 x winner 24h Le Mans;  
5 x winner 24h Nürburgring

"My RECARO racing seat is not just reassuringly safe. It's also consistently comfortable. It supports my whole body so I can perform at my best."

## A GUARENTEED PLACE ON THE PODIUM.

Everything under control? The driver's seat plays a key role in this, especially if your driving style is sporty. The better the sitting position, the sharper the reactions. RECARO builds seats that support the body perfectly – for driving with greater concentration and safety. When developing our products, we draw on our many years of experience and innovation in motorsport.



### Fasten your seat belts!

The RECARO Podium CF can be used with all standard belt systems for road and track:  
3-, 4-, 5- or 6-point belts.



# SIT BACK AND ENJOY.

An ergonomic sitting position also means a comfortable position. With perfect seat contours and innovative features that support your body, we make driving fun – be it on the road or racetrack.

This support is vital, as being behind the wheel forces you to sit passively – one of the worst possible positions for your body. Depending on the route, driving style and road surface, factors like centrifugal force, deceleration and vibrations come into play. RECARO performance seats like the RECARO Podium CF compensate for these factors with support and protection: an ergonomic, anatomically shaped seat structure, body-hugging

contours, firm upholstery, and pronounced side bolsters. We're experts in ergonomic design. We know that human beings aren't built for sitting down. Let alone for hours on end behind the wheel where switching to a better posture is not an option. Your seat needs to support your body and relieve the strain.



## EXCELLENT ERGONOMICS

The seal of quality from AGR e.V., the German Campaign for Healthier Backs, helps drivers choose back-friendly products. The RECARO Podium CF is the first racing shell to be awarded the coveted seal of quality. For more information, please visit:

[www.agr-ev.de/en/back-friendly-products/back-friendly-products/4853-car-racing-shells](http://www.agr-ev.de/en/back-friendly-products/back-friendly-products/4853-car-racing-shells)



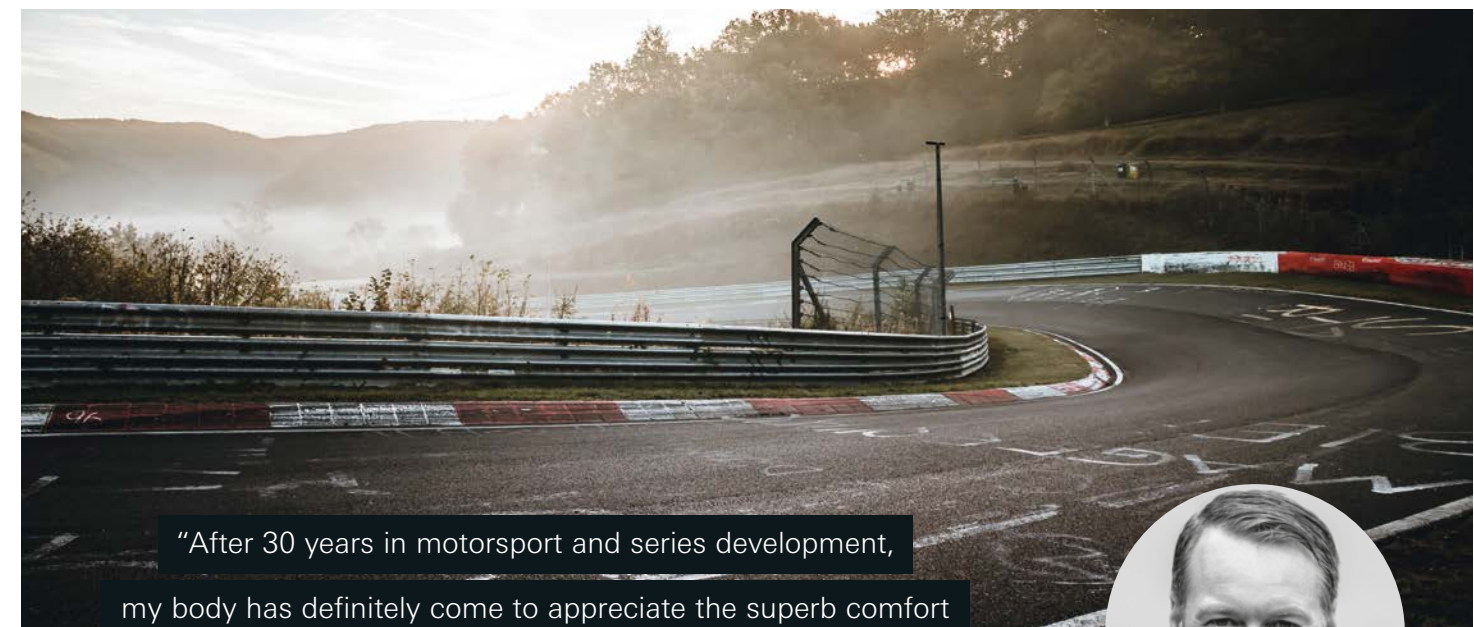
**Frank Beermann**  
Chief Engineer Industrial Design  
RECARO Automotive

"The function of a product determines its form.

As RECARO designers, our top priority is

ergonomics – it's all about the person in the seat:

form follows human."



"After 30 years in motorsport and series development, my body has definitely come to appreciate the superb comfort of RECARO seats. Even more so on the Nordschleife when I'm facing the challenge of so many fast sections and the centrifugal forces they produce – not to mention the bumps – a perfectly shaped seat is priceless!"



**Frank Stippler**  
Professional racing driver,  
winner of the 24-hour race  
at the Nürburgring 2012 and 2019  
and in Spa 2012

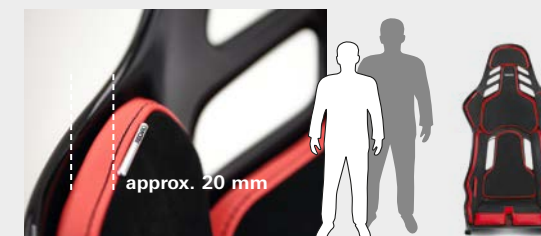
## THE RECARO PAD CONCEPT – REPLACEABLE PADS TO SUIT EVERY DRIVER.

One size never fits all. Thanks to the varying pad thicknesses, the RECARO Podium CF is available in two sizes: size M for medium build drivers and size L for larger build drivers. This means the shell can be customized for optimal comfort and fit. The beauty of the pads' design is that, rather than being simply flat, they are expertly shaped to fit the contours of your body. This allows air to circulate through the seat – a built-in cooling system.

### RECARO Podium CF M for medium build drivers

The RECARO Podium CF M is suitable for medium build drivers. The approx. **20 mm** thick pads are available in all of the listed cover options.

Weight incl. pads (velour black): **approx. 7.4 kg**



### RECARO Podium CF L for larger build drivers

The RECARO Podium CF L is suitable for larger build drivers. The approx. **10 mm** thick pads are available in all of the listed cover options.

Weight incl. pads (velour black): **approx. 7.3 kg**



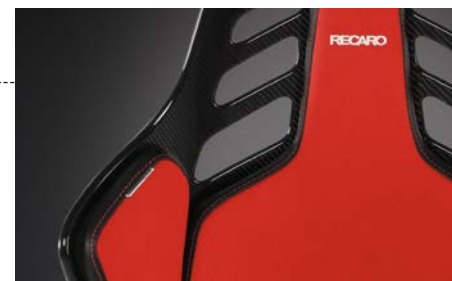
**AGR:** Approved and recommended by Healthier Backs Association (Aktion Gesunder Rücken e.V.) and the Federal Association of German Back Schools (BdR) e. V. For more information, contact: AGR e. V., Stader Str. 6, D-27432 Bremervörde, Tel. +49 4761 926 358 0, [www.agr-ev.de/en/back-friendly-products/back-friendly-products/4853-car-racing-shells](http://www.agr-ev.de/en/back-friendly-products/back-friendly-products/4853-car-racing-shells)





# SEATS TAILORED FOR PERFECTION.

A RECARO Podium CF is like a tailor-made suit. It fits perfectly, effortlessly underlining the car's and driver's personality by combining sportiness, the ultimate in functionality, premium quality and individual style. Only products made with passion and skill make you feel this special. Our seats are crafted to perfection using the finest materials and are consistent down to the tiniest detail. That's why they excel in sporty, dynamic driving.



## ALCANTARA

Alcantara is a Carbon Neutral material made in Italy which offers an unparalleled combination of aesthetic, technical and sensory qualities. It is elegant, soft but also breathable, light and wear resistant, able to turn car interiors into exclusive and special environments.

Alcantara® is a registered trademark of Alcantara S.p.A.

# EVERY INCH LUXURIOUS.

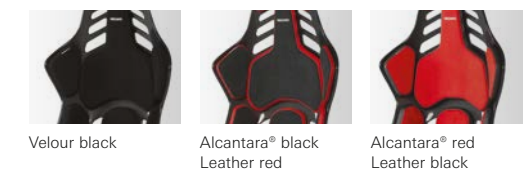
Hand-picked surfaces. Innovative pads. Real Alcantara®. Perfect stitching and an eye-catching silhouette with flowing contours. The RECARO Podium CF combines aesthetics, superb materials and outstanding craftsmanship. And the result is very special indeed.

Only the perfect combination of color, form and manufacture meets RECARO's premium standards. It really is as comfortable as it looks! Ultralightweight carbon fiber reinforced plastic (CFRP) and high-end foams and textiles complete our range of materials. A great deal of traditional craftsmanship goes into our seats. From the pad seams and shell lamination to the superb finish, the finely honed skills of our craftsmen shine through. Not even the tiniest detail escapes their expert eye, ensuring that every single feature underlines RECARO's claim to premium status.

### High-performance materials

- + Carbon fiber reinforced plastic (CFRP) seat shell
- + Original Alcantara® fabric
- + Embroidered RECARO logo
- + Contrast seaming on the Alcantara® pads
- + Sleek racing seat look
- + Visible seat structures

### Seat cover options







## OUR TRADITION? INNOVATION!

For over 115 years, our products have combined innovation, quality and craftsmanship. Every detail counts, right down to the last millimeter.

Our roots go way back to the "Stuttgarter Carosserie- und Radfabrik" founded in 1906 by master saddler Wilhelm Reutter. The company developed and produced car bodies for all major manufacturers, including the interior fittings, so seat specialization was the next logical step.

**In 1963, REutter CAROsserie became seat specialist RECARO.** In 1965, RECARO unveiled its "sports seat," the very first of its kind. The automotive seating revolution had begun! Just two years later, the RECARO *rallye* became the first road-legal shell seat. The success story continued with countless pioneering milestones in comfort, safety and lightweight construction. Innovation is second nature to us, and RECARO Automotive dominates the car seating industry to this day. What's more, we're already shaping its future. The RECARO seats of tomorrow take the unique RECARO driving experience to a new level on both the road and the race track.

**Did you know that in 1950, the body and interior of the first Porsche 356 sports car was built at the first Reutter plant? In 1963, Reutter sold its second bodywork plant in Stuttgart's Zuffenhausen district to Porsche, and began focusing on its core business of seating under a new name – RECARO.**



Our first ads under a new name



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Founded in 1963, the new "car seating company" emerged under the name RECARO, a play on words combining REutter and CAROsserie, the old German word for car body.

In 1965, RECARO unveiled its *sports seat* at the International Motor Show in Frankfurt, revolutionizing car seating.

The first shell seat followed soon after in 1967 and the RECARO *racing seat* hit the scene in 1974 as the first purebred, professional seat for touring car competitions. Their body-contoured seat shells were both paragons of the safe, lightweight seat design that is now a hallmark of RECARO quality.





2023

For road and track:  
The RECARO Podium  
in **glass fiber reinforced  
plastic (GFRP)**.



2023

The first all-electric 8-way  
aftermarket sports seat:  
RECARO Sport C.

1963 – 2023:  
We're celebrating  
60 years of the  
RECARO brand.



2021

The **RECARO Classic LX  
Star** is a real adaptability  
artist and a real highlight  
in any workplace.



2020

New edition of the **classic  
seats** RECARO Classic LX  
and LS and the Classic Pole  
Position (ABE).



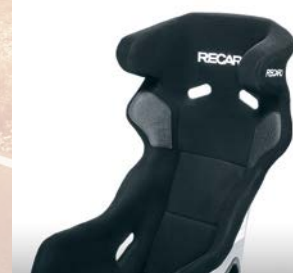
2019

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the only retrofit shell seat  
on the market that is  
approved for use on  
public roads (**ABE general  
type approval**) and has  
**FIA homologation**.



2005

RECARO becomes the  
world's first seat manu-  
facturer to revolutionize  
seating design with its new  
**lightweight composite  
shell**.



1995

The world's first racing  
shell with **head protec-  
tion**. RECARO's new  
Pro Racer racing shell  
revolutionizes safety  
standards in professional  
motorsport.



1989

Innovation in novel  
materials: the RECARO A8  
sports seat comes  
with a back shell made  
of **plastic**.



1977

Acoustic comfort: under the  
name RECAROfonie, the  
company launches a seat  
with **stereo loudspeakers**  
integrated in the headrest.



1974

For the world elite in  
touring car motorsport,  
RECARO launches its first  
**racing seat** with a super-  
sturdy double shell made  
of the fiber-reinforced com-  
posite Kevlar, combining  
top-level safety with low  
weight (6.5 kg).



1967

The "RECARO **shell seat**" is  
RECARO's first road-legal  
full shell seat. It raises the  
bar in safety, lightweight  
construction and comfort  
with a body-hugging seat  
shell, adjustment options  
and foam upholstery.



1906

Master saddler **Wilhelm  
Reutter** starts on the devel-  
opment and production of  
car bodies, interior fittings and  
vehicle seats for automobiles,  
both in custom production  
and small batches, at his  
"Stuttgarter Carosserie- u.  
Radfabrik" body plant.



1965

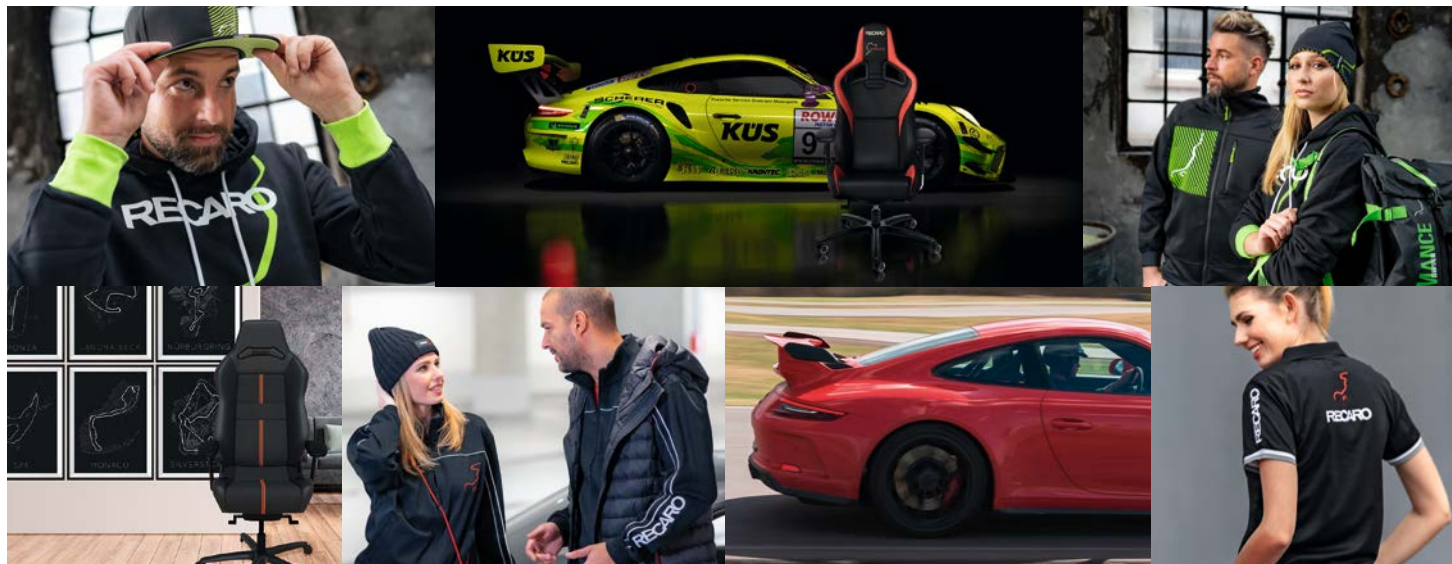
Launch of the RECARO  
**sports seat**: the world's  
first retrofit seat for auto-  
mobiles is characterized  
by its revolutionary foam  
upholstery and distinctive  
side bolsters.



# FOR TRUE FANS OF THE BRAND: RECARO LIFESTYLE.

You know that feeling you get with RECARO of owning something special? Well you can now experience that feeling beyond your car: With the RECARO Automotive Lifestyle Collection, we are bringing our dynamic, high-performance brand directly from the road and the racetrack right into your home! Visit our online shop that has collections and high-quality products to suit every taste:

**[shop.recaro-automotive.com](https://shop.recaro-automotive.com).**



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