

BMW Motorsport.**McLaren BMW F1 GTR Le Mans.****History**

After the success achieved by the racing version of the McLaren F1 GTR with its BMW V12 engine in the 1995 and 1996 Le Mans 24-hour races, the BMW works team for the first time entered two specially built-up cars for this legendary event in the following year. The driver team of H  lary, Kox and Ravaglia finished third overall, behind the McLaren BMW entered by Gulf Team Davidoff. A defect caused the second factory entry, driven by Lehto, Soper and Piquet, to lose ground when occupying a promising position during the race; it retired later after sliding off the track.

Year

1997

Driver

JJ Lehto, Steve Soper, Nelson Piquet

Technical data

Engine	V12, 2x dohc, 48 valves
Displacement	5995 cc
Bore x Stroke	86 x 86 mm
Power output	604 hp at 6500 rpm
Gearbox	Sequential 6-speed racing
Brakes	Brembo F1 eight piston Monoblock aluminium calipers
Weight	950 kg
Max. speed	320 km/h (200 mph)