PUTTING THE CLASS INTO CLASSIC.
RECARO Classic Pole Position (ABE)
BEAUTY AND SAFETY: A MATCH MADE IN HEAVEN.

A classic car should be as original and authentic as possible. Any conversions or accessories must remain true to the era of the car’s creation. Who better to make seats for your classic car than the company that made the original seats in the first place? RECARO – priceless originality.

We took the traditional design of classic-look seats and brought it up to date to create the RECARO Classic Pole Position (ABE). This Classic version of our road-legal RECARO Pole Position (ABE) racing shell, developed from the RECARO shell for the Porsche 964 RS, means you no longer have to choose between authentic appearance and modern safety standards. With its timeless shape and classic vintage covers, this seat will look at home in even the most sporty of vehicle interiors.

PRODUCT INFORMATION

RECARO CLASSIC POLE POSITION (ABE)

Standard features

- Glass fiber-reinforced plastic (GRP) seat shell
- Weight approx. 7.0 kg (without sidemount and baseframe)
- ABE/TÜV component certification*
- Belt slots for 4-point belt
- Also suitable for use with a 3-point belt
- Replaceable seat cushion and backrest cushion
- Paddable lumbar support
- Classic RECARO emblem

Accessories (at additional cost)

- Steel sidemount

*ABE/TÜV component certification with 3-point belt available for many vehicles. For further information on specific vehicles, please contact an authorized RECARO partner (ABE/TÜV component certification only in conjunction with RECARO baseframe and sidemount).
Walter Röhrl has always been a racing giant. Quite literally! At 6’ 4” he certainly lives up to his nickname, “The Tall One”. In order to achieve the perfect sitting position, he installed RECARO sports seats in his very first racing cars – a BMW 2002 ti and a Porsche 911 S. Because back then the sporty performance, quality and safety of our seats was as unique as it is today. When it came to choosing his seat, he had just one condition: “It has to be a RECARO!”. That meant in his private and classic cars, too. This was a fortunate decision, for at the 1985 San Remo Rally Walter managed to survive the most serious accident of his career relatively unscathed. RECARO is the obvious choice for those who want the certainty of a seat’s protection when driving at the limit.

Like Walter, anyone with a passion for rallying knows it’s one of the most demanding experiences that a human and a seat can go through. “If you get out of your racing car having won a 40-hour race with no back pain to show for it, you know the seat manufacturer has done everything right.”

Since the beginning of his career 50 years ago, Walter has always worked closely with RECARO. A friendship to last a lifetime. That’s why we’re so proud to have Walter on board as a partner for our Classic seats. He’s on hand during product development with his advice and assistance and brings a wealth of expertise to the design and upholstery table.

Only RECARO seats have been personally checked by Walter Röhrl and given his approval for their superb characteristics. Our Classic seats are no exception. They are recognizable by the special “Approved by Walter Röhrl” seal.
POLE POSITION.
NO COMPROMISES.

A thoroughbred racing shell licensed for a sporty ride on the open road – the RECARO Classic Pole Position (ABE) is the ultimate track-road crossover seat. With a one-piece shell made of glass fiber-reinforced plastic (GRP), flawless ergonomics and first-rate safety, it’s no wonder it has a long-standing track record as one of club motorsport’s most popular shell seats.

The RECARO Classic Pole Position (ABE) provides the best conditions for sporty tours on winding country roads or a lap on the racetrack. Its classic appearance makes it a firm favorite for historic sports cars. To guarantee optimum safety, the Classic Pole Position (ABE) can also be enhanced with harness belts from SCHROTH. An ABE (general type approval) is available for many classic cars as well as for more modern vehicles.

The seat can usually be included in the general type approval as an individual entry.

*After 28 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 and in Spa

BODY SUPPORT, COMFORT AND ERGONOMICS

PEAK BODY SUPPORT PERFORMANCE.

Did you ever test a RECARO seat? Then you know how good it feels. It 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.

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. Here at RECARO, we draw on our extensive knowledge of the human anatomy and the spine to ensure our seats do exactly that. With a RECARO seat, 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. It helps you keep control on corners and truly enjoy the driving experience. Its paddable lumbar support and its snug, supportive structure and side bolsters for excellent shoulder and torso support stabilize the body in an optimal position against lateral forces, cocooning it like a second skin. “A RECARO seat allows you to use the steering wheel as an actual steering wheel – not a support wheel!” explains Walter Röhrl.

Feel different, drive different!
The Classic Pole Position (ABE) racing shell 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 classic cars.

The Classic Pole Position (ABE) 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 – and those of Walter Röhrl. That’s why our exclusive seat leather is produced in Italy using sustainable, carbon-neutral methods.

Robust glass fiber-reinforced plastic (GRP) and high-end foams complete our range of materials. A great deal of traditional craftsmanship has always gone into our seats. From the delicate 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.

Nothing is more original than the original.
Do you want your RECARO Classic Pole Position (ABE) seats to have the car manufacturer’s original cover fabric? Your wish is our command! Our cover fabric range includes classic options such as checkered fabric as well as other traditional brand cover fabrics. If you have any questions about our original fabric covers, please don’t hesitate to contact our customer services or your local RECARO partner.
RECARO UPHOLSTERY MATERIALS

Leather:
RECARO leather is a high-quality natural product designed for exacting requirements. It is produced in Italy using sustainable, carbon-neutral methods.

Pepita fabric:
A timelessly elegant fabric with a classic Pepita pattern for a refined interior.

Classic checkered fabric:
A sporty, elegant fabric with a classic checkered pattern and red accents to give your interior a dynamic feel.

Classic corduroy:
Classic corduroy for a high-quality, authentic feel to the interior.

VARIANTS

RECARO Classic Pole Position (ABE)

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Accessories/special options

- ABE steel sidemount (one pair incl. fittings) 7207450A

In 1965, RECARO unveiled its *sports seat* at the International Motor Show in Frankfurt, revolutionizing car seating. The new model was an instant hit. No wonder, as even then, it epitomized a fusion of functionality, ergonomics and esthetics that RECARO now calls “Ingenious Design.” Continuously developed ever since, this RECARO DNA characterizes every single one of our products.
1906
Master saddler Wilhelm Reutter starts on the development and production of car bodies, interior fittings and vehicle seats for automobiles, both in custom production and small batches, at his “Stuttgarter Carosserie- u. Radsatzfabrik” body plant.

1965
Launch of the RECARO sports seat: the world’s first retrofit seat for automobiles is characterized by its revolutionary foam upholstery and distinctive side bolsters.

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.

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Launch of the RECARO sports seat: the world’s first retrofit seat for automobiles is characterized by its revolutionary foam upholstery and distinctive side bolsters.

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 composite Kevlar, combining top-level safety with low weight (8.5 kg).

1989
Innovation in novel materials: the RECARO A8 sports seat comes with a back shell made of plastic.

1991
Introduction of the standard racing shell for the Porsche 964 Carrera RS – a precursor to the Pole Position (ABE).

1995
The world’s first racing shell with head protection. RECARO’s new Pro Racer racing shell revolutionizes safety standards in professional motorsport.

2005
RECARO becomes the world’s first seat manufacturer to revolutionize seating design with its new lightweight composite shell.

2019
The RECARO Podium is the only retrofit shell seat on the market that is approved for use on public roads (ABE general type approval) and has FIA homologation.

2020
New edition of the classic seats RECARO Classic LX and LS and the Classic Pole Position (ABE).

2019
Premiere of the limited edition RECARO Sportster CS „Nürburgring-Edition“.