

Neel Jani

01/02/2026 Neel Jani developed his passion for Porsche as a child. Every Sunday, he and his sister Reena would climb into the back seat of their father's 911 Carrera 2.7 RS and head off into the countryside. "Those trips were the best thing to us," he remembered. "It's a shame we had to sell the car later on because my racing was so expensive."

Personal details

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 The career of Neel Jani

 2020/21 Porsche works driver

null Reserve driver - FIA Formula E

null

 2019 Porsche works driver

null FIA Formula E 2019/2020

null 24 Hours of Le Mans (Rebellion Racing)

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null

 2018 Porsche works driver

null Lap record Porsche 911 Hybrid Evo at Spa-Francorchamps

null 24 Hours of Le Mans (Rebellion Racing)

null

 2017 Porsche works driver WEC, LMP1

null 4th in the WEC with Lotterer/Tandy

null 31st place overall in the 24 Hours of Daytona (Rebellion)

null

 2016 Porsche works driver WEC, LMP1

null Drivers' World Champion with Dumas/Lieb

null 1st 24 Hours of Le Mans (overall)

null 1 win (Silverstone), pole position (Le Mans)

null

 2015 Porsche works driver WEC, LMP1

null 3rd Drivers' World Championship, 1 win (Bahrain), 5 second places,

null 2 pole positions including qualifying lap record in Le Mans,

null 5th 24 Hours of Le Mans

null

 2014 Porsche works driver WEC, LMP1

null 1st São Paulo, 2nd Bahrain, 3rd Shanghai

null Pole positions Spa, Shanghai, Bahrain

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null

 2013 1st Road Atlanta (ALMS, overall)

null 3rd 12 Hours Sebring (ALMS, overall)

null 2nd Laguna Seca, Long Beach (ALMS, overall)

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null LMP1 test programme for Porsche from June

null

 2012 4th WEC (overall)

null 4th 24 Hours of Le Mans (overall)

null

 2011 Winner Le Mans Series (LMP1)

null 6th 24 Hours of Le Mans (overall)

null Formula One show runs (Red Bull Racing)

null

 2010 3rd Le Mans Series (LMP1, Rebellion)

null 24 Hours of Le Mans

null Formula One show runs (Red Bull Racing)

null GT1 Championship (3 races)

null Superleague Formula (2 races, 1 win)

null

 2009 24 Hours of Le Mans (LMP1)

null Formula One tests (Red Bull Racing)

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null

 2008 2nd A1GP (4 wins)

null Formula One tests (Red Bull Racing)

null Porsche test (LMP2)

null

 2007 Winner A1GP-Serie (4 wins)

null Champ Car World Series (3 podiums)

null

 2006 Formula One test and reserve driver (Scuderia Toro Rosso)

null 2nd A1GP Series

null

 2005 GP2 Series (2 wins)

null

 2004 Formula Renault V6 Eurocup (5 wins)

null Formula One test (Red Bull Racing)

null

 2003 2nd Formula Renault V6 Eurocup (4 wins)

null Formula One test (Sauber-Petronas)

null

 2002 2nd Formula Renault 2000 Eurocup (3 wins)

null

 2001 Formula Renault 2000 Eurocup

The career of Neel Jani

Italian Formula Renault

null

2000 Winner Formula Lista Junior, Switzerland

null

1996-00 Karting

The investment in his career definitely paid off. The racing line, so it seemed back then, was headed towards Formula 1. Sauber-Petronas invited the Swiss national with Indian roots to test drives, as did Red Bull Racing. Scuderia Toro Rosso signed him as a test and reserve driver in 2006. His Formula 1 dream didn't quite come true, but he took wins and titles in other race series. He won the Le Mans series in 2011, and in 2012 and 2013 he triumphed in the Petit Le Mans at the legendary Road Atlanta in the USA. He became a Porsche works driver in 2013. The following year, in the Porsche 919 Hybrid's inaugural season, he took the first three pole positions in the WEC and the first win in Brazil – alongside Romain Dumas and Marc Lieb, with whom he made his dream of winning Le Mans and the title in the World Sportscar Championship come true in 2016. In the 2019/2020 season he entered Formula E with Porsche.

Like many other big names in racing, he was also a guest starter in the Porsche Mobil 1 Supercup. In 2008. "I didn't make it to the finish line," he remembered with a grin, "but I got to drive a 911 GT3 RS for two weeks before the race. And that was at least as great as winning the race."

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