

Walter Röhrl

29/06/2020 Niki Lauda once called him a “genius on wheels”. Walter Röhrl has been closely associated with his favourite brand Porsche for all of his life.

The official title of “best rally driver of all time” underlines Walter Röhrl's successful motorsport career. He was one of the few drivers who won world championships in rallying as well as motor racing. He was also victorious in every class or series – whether TransAm, IMSA, hill climbs (Pikes Peak) or in the German Touring Car Championship. In the 80s, he began assisting with the development of Porsche sports cars, starting with the Porsche 964 Carrera 4 with all-wheel drive. Walter Röhrl has also been active around the world as a Porsche brand ambassador since 1993.

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Thanks to his driving talent and his ability to explain the handling of a car in a precise and simple way, Walter Röhrl has influenced the set-up and technology of Porsche road sports cars up to the current day. He embodies the Porsche philosophy of intelligent performance like no other person. The development of the super sports cars Porsche 959, Porsche Carrera GT and Porsche 918 Spyder also bears his signature.

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