

RECARO

PIONEERING SEAT DESIGN

For road and track: the new RECARO Podium

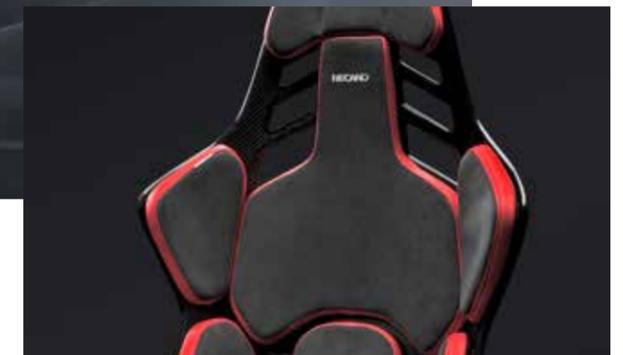
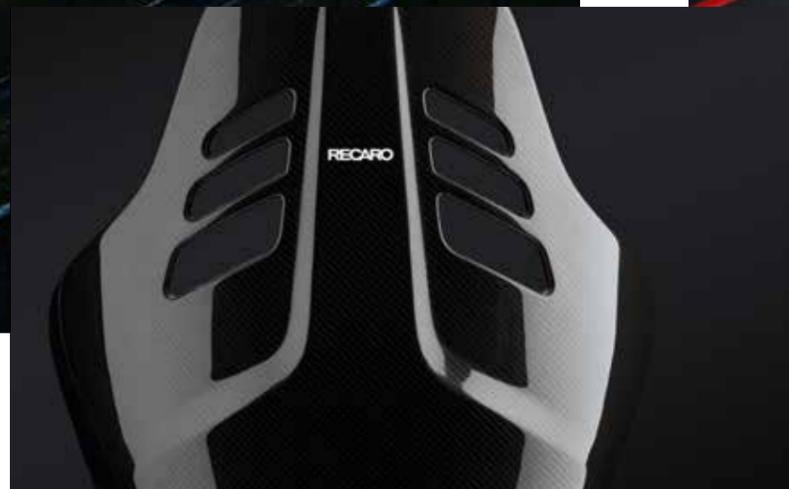


FOR A UNIQUE DRIVING EXPERIENCE – WHATEVER THE JOURNEY.

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 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.

Enjoy the ride!



UNCOMPROMISING PERFORMANCE MEETS BREATHTAKING DESIGN.

The new RECARO Podium 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 is the only retrofit shell seat on the market that is approved for use on public roads and has FIA homologation.



LIGHTEST SEAT IN THE WORLD¹



PRODUCT INFORMATION.

RECARO PODIUM

Standard features

- + RECARO Podium **M**: with pads for medium build drivers
- + RECARO Podium **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 systems
- + **Lightest seat in the world¹**:
 RECARO Podium L: approx. **5.9 kg**
 RECARO Podium M: approx. 6.1 kg (incl. pads in velour black)
- + Net seat weight: only approx. 4.3 kg

Special options (at additional cost)

- + Original Alcantara® fabric

Accessories (at additional cost)



Steel sidemount



**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 is made of extremely resilient carbon fiber reinforced plastic (CFRP).

To guarantee optimum safety, the RECARO Podium can be enhanced with harness belts from SCHROTH. They not only meet the design requirements of ECE-R 16.04, but are also the only belts supplied to many vehicles that have ABG (German general design certification) approval. Racing technology doesn't get better than this! The shell is also super light – but, of course, that goes without saying.

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

* **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).

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

PEAK BODY SUPPORT PERFORMANCE.

The RECARO Podium 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, 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 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
Professional racing driver

"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 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

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.



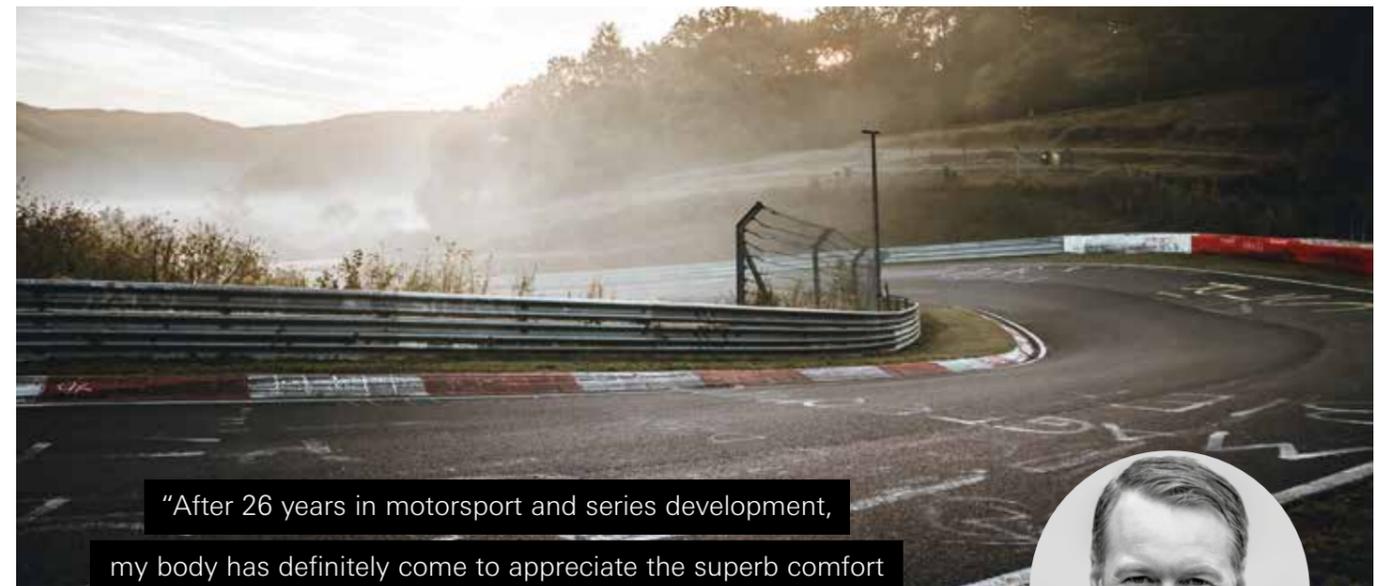
Frank Beermann
Chief Engineer Industrial Design
RECARO Automotive Seating

"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."



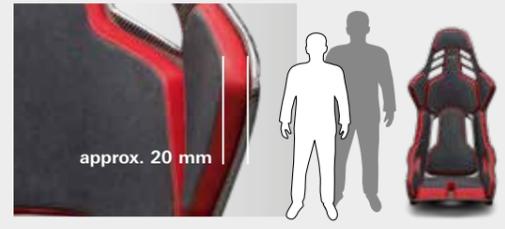
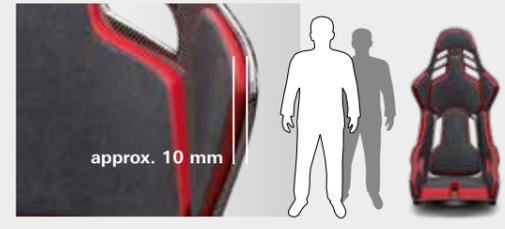
"After 26 years in motorsport and series development, my body has definitely come to appreciate the superb comfort of RECARO seats. Even more so on the Nordschleife when I'm facing the challenge of so many fast sections and the centrifugal forces they produce – not to mention the bumps – a perfectly shaped seat is priceless!"



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

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

One size never fits all. Thanks to the varying pad thicknesses, the RECARO Podium 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 M <small>for medium build drivers</small>	RECARO Podium L <small>for larger build drivers</small>
The RECARO Podium M is suitable for medium build drivers. The approx. 20 mm thick pads are available in all of the listed cover options.	The RECARO Podium 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. 6.1 kg	Weight incl. pads (velour black): approx. 5.9 kg
 <p>approx. 20 mm</p>	 <p>approx. 10 mm</p>



EVERY INCH LUXURIOUS.

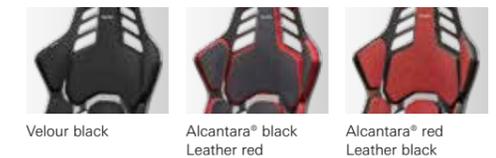
Hand-picked surfaces. Innovative pads. Real Alcantara®. Perfect stitching and an eye-catching silhouette with flowing contours. The RECARO Podium combines aesthetics, superb materials and outstanding craftsmanship. And the result is very special indeed.

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

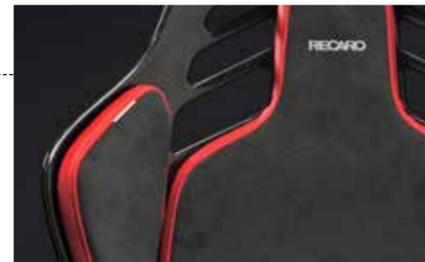
- + Carbon fiber reinforced plastic (CFRP) seat shell
- + Original Alcantara® fabric
- + Embroidered RECARO logo
- + Contrast seaming on the Alcantara® pads
- + Sleek racing seat look
- + Visible seat structures

Seat cover options



SEATS TAILORED FOR PERFECTION.

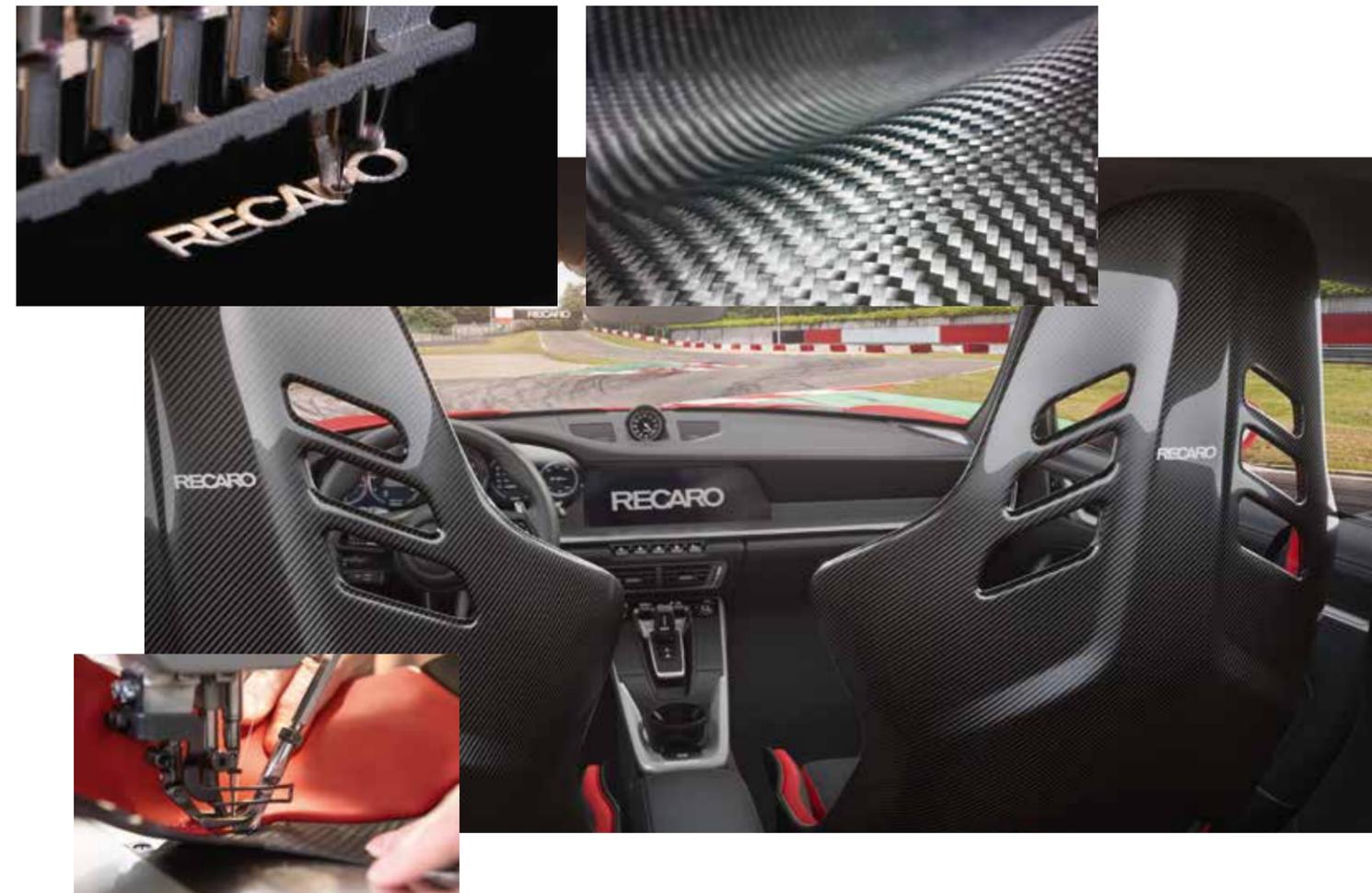
A RECARO Podium is like a tailor-made suit. It fits perfectly, effortlessly underlining the car's and driver's personality by combining sportiness, the ultimate in functionality, premium quality and individual style. Only products made with passion and skill make you feel this special. Our seats are 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.





OUR TRADITION? INNOVATION!

For over 110 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.

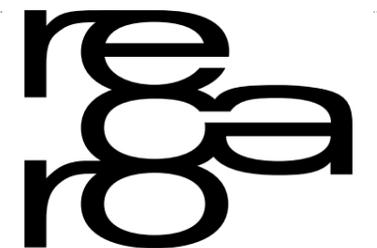
In 1963, REutter CAROsserie became seat specialist RECARO. In 1965, RECARO unveiled its “sports seat,” the very first of its kind. The automotive seating revolution had begun! Just two years later, the RECARO *rallye* became the first road-legal shell seat. The success story continued with countless pioneering milestones in comfort, safety and lightweight construction. Innovation is second nature to us, and RECARO Automotive Seating 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



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.



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**.



2019

Debut of the limited edition RECARO Sportster CS "**Nürburgring**" – for a unique driving experience, even on the road through "Green Hell".



2005

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



1995

The world's first racing shell with **head protection**. 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.



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.



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 (6.5 kg).



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. Radfabrik" body plant.



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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