

# List of Formula One driver numbers

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Since the start of the [2014 Formula One season](#), drivers have to choose an available starting number before entering their first [Grand Prix](#).<sup>[1]</sup> Drivers carry this number throughout their Formula One career.

In 1974 a consistent race-to-race numbering system was first implemented in Formula One, based on the [1973 Constructors' Championship](#) results. These assigned numbers were supposed to stay with their teams as long as they were part of Formula 1 or until they ran the reigning [World Drivers' Champion](#), in which case they would swap numbers with the team previously running numbers 1 and 2. In the event of the drivers' champion not returning, no swap would take place, and number 0 would be used instead of 1 — this only occurred in 1993 and 1994 with [Damon Hill](#). A little over two decades later, in 1995, the system was changed again. The numbers would change every year, as the previous season's Constructors' Championship standings would be used to determine the order from numbers 3 and 4 downwards, with the team of the World Drivers' Champion still getting numbers 1 and 2. In 2014, it was decided to introduce the current system, where each driver gets to choose a permanent number.<sup>[2]</sup>

The FIA have also issued temporary numbers to drivers that are exceptions to this rule, for example if a driver withdraws from a race and a reserve driver takes their place then they receive a team-allocated number, this is also the case of free-practice-only drivers. Some examples of those numbers are 36 (used by [Antonio Giovinazzi](#) in two races), 40 (used by [Paul di Resta](#) in one race and [Liam Lawson](#) in another), 45 (used by [André Lotterer](#) and [Nyck de Vries](#) in one race each), 46 (used by [Will Stevens](#) in one race), 47 (used by [Stoffel Vandoorne](#) in one race) and 51 (used by [Pietro Fittipaldi](#) in two races). A permanent number can only be reallocated if the driver associated with that number has not participated in a race for two entire consecutive seasons;<sup>[3]</sup> for example, a driver picking their number for 2024 can not choose numbers which were last used in 2022 or 2023, unless the number was issued temporarily by the FIA. For instance, [Jenson Button](#)'s number 22 would have been available for re-allocation in 2019 after his departure from full-time racing in 2016, but an appearance in the [2017 Monaco Grand Prix](#) replacing [Fernando Alonso](#) (who was participating in the [2017 Indianapolis 500](#) on that weekend instead), meant that his number could not be reassigned until 2020 at the earliest. [Yuki Tsunoda](#) subsequently picked that number (22) for the [2021 Formula One World Championship](#).

The reigning Formula One World Drivers' Champion can elect to use their allocated permanent number or car number 1 during the year following their title. The first driver to exercise that right under the new regulations was [Sebastian Vettel](#) in 2014. The number then went unused for seven seasons, with [Lewis Hamilton](#) keeping his permanent number 44 after his title wins in 2014, 2015, 2017, 2018, 2019 and 2020, and [Nico Rosberg](#) retiring after his championship win in 2016. [Max Verstappen](#) is using number 1 in 2022, 2023 and 2024 after his titles in 2021, 2022 and 2023.<sup>[4]</sup>

The number 17 was used by [Jules Bianchi](#) in 2014 before his crash at the [Japanese Grand Prix](#). Following his death, the number was retired as a mark of respect.<sup>[5]</sup>

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The following lists all Formula One driver numbers which were claimed as permanent career numbers since the 2014 season.

No. .....	Driver	2023 team .....	First used	Last used
1	<b>Reserved for champion</b> <sup>[N 1]</sup>	 <u>Red Bull Racing</u>	2014	2023
2	 <u>Stoffel Vandoorne</u> <sup>[N 2]</sup>	—	2017	2018
	 <u>Logan Sargeant</u>	 <u>Williams</u>	2023	2023
3	 <u>Daniel Ricciardo</u>	 <u>AlphaTauri</u>	2014	2023
4	 <u>Max Chilton</u>	—	2014	2014
	 <u>Lando Norris</u>	 <u>McLaren</u>	2019	2023
5	 <u>Sebastian Vettel</u> <sup>[N 3]</sup>	—	2015	2022
6	 <u>Nico Rosberg</u>	—	2014	2016
	 <u>Nicholas Latifi</u>	—	2020	2022
7	 <u>Kimi Räikkönen</u>	—	2014	2021
8	 <u>Romain Grosjean</u>	—	2014	2020
9	 <u>Marcus Ericsson</u>	—	2014	2018
	 <u>Nikita Mazepin</u> <sup>[N 4]</sup>	—	2021	2021
10	 <u>Kamui Kobayashi</u>	—	2014	2014
	 <u>Pierre Gasly</u>	 <u>Alpine</u>	2017	2023
11	 <u>Sergio Pérez</u>	 <u>Red Bull Racing</u>	2014	2023
12	 <u>Felipe Nasr</u>	—	2015	2016
13	 <u>Pastor Maldonado</u>	—	2014	2015
14	 <u>Fernando Alonso</u>	 <u>Aston Martin</u>	2014	2023
16	 <u>Charles Leclerc</u>	 <u>Ferrari</u>	2018	2023
17	 <u>Jules Bianchi</u>	<i>Number retired</i> <sup>[N 5]</sup>	2014	2014
18	 <u>Lance Stroll</u>	 <u>Aston Martin</u>	2017	2023
19	 <u>Felipe Massa</u>	—	2014	2017
20	 <u>Kevin Magnussen</u>	 <u>Haas</u>	2014	2023
21	 <u>Esteban Gutiérrez</u>	—	2014	2016
	 <u>Nyck de Vries</u> <sup>[N 6]</sup>	 <u>AlphaTauri</u>	2023	2023
22	 <u>Jenson Button</u>	—	2014	2017
	 <u>Yuki Tsunoda</u>	 <u>AlphaTauri</u>	2021	2023
23	 <u>Alexander Albon</u>	 <u>Williams</u>	2019	2023
24	 <u>Zhou Guanyu</u>	 <u>Alfa Romeo Racing</u>	2022	2023
25	 <u>Jean-Éric Vergne</u>	—	2014	2014
26	 <u>Daniil Kvyat</u>	—	2014	2020
27	 <u>Nico Hülkenberg</u>	 <u>Haas</u>	2014	2023
28	 <u>Will Stevens</u> <sup>[N 7]</sup>	—	2015	2015

	 <a href="#">Brendon Hartley</a> <sup>[N 8]</sup>	—	2017	2018
30	 <a href="#">Jolyon Palmer</a>	—	2016	2017
31	 <a href="#">Esteban Ocon</a>	 <a href="#">Alpine</a>	2016	2023
33	 <a href="#">Max Verstappen</a> <sup>[N 1]</sup>	 <a href="#">Red Bull Racing</a>	2015	2021
35	 <a href="#">Sergey Sirotkin</a>	—	2018	2018
40	 <a href="#">Liam Lawson</a>	 <a href="#">AlphaTauri</a>	2023	2023
44	 <a href="#">Lewis Hamilton</a>	 <a href="#">Mercedes</a>	2014	2023
45	 <a href="#">André Lotterer</a>	—	2014	2014
47	 <a href="#">Mick Schumacher</a>	—	2021	2022
53	 <a href="#">Alexander Rossi</a> <sup>[N 9]</sup>	—	2015	2015
55	 <a href="#">Carlos Sainz Jr.</a>	 <a href="#">Ferrari</a>	2015	2023
63	 <a href="#">George Russell</a>	 <a href="#">Mercedes</a>	2019	2023
77	 <a href="#">Valtteri Bottas</a>	 <a href="#">Alfa Romeo Racing</a>	2014	2023
81	 <a href="#">Oscar Piastri</a>	 <a href="#">McLaren</a>	2023	2023
88	 <a href="#">Rio Haryanto</a>	—	2016	2016
	 <a href="#">Robert Kubica</a>	—	2019	2021
89	 <a href="#">Jack Aitken</a>	—	2020	2020
94	 <a href="#">Pascal Wehrlein</a>	—	2016	2017
98	 <a href="#">Roberto Merhi</a>	—	2015	2015
99	 <a href="#">Adrian Sutil</a>	—	2014	2014
	 <a href="#">Antonio Giovinazzi</a> <sup>[N 10]</sup>	—	2019	2021
Sources: <sup>[8][9][10][11]</sup>				

## Notes

1. Max Verstappen exercised his right to use number 1 as the reigning world champion in 2022 and 2023.
2. Vandoorne used number 47 while substituting for another driver in 2016.
3. Vettel used number 1 when he was reigning World Champion in 2014.
4. Mazepin is Russian, but he competed as a neutral competitor using the designation RAF (Russian Automobile Federation), as the [Court of Arbitration for Sport](#) upheld a ban on Russia competing at World Championships. The ban was implemented by the [World Anti-Doping Agency](#) in response to [state-sponsored doping program](#) of Russian athletes.<sup>[6]</sup>
5. The number 17 was retired by the FIA following Bianchi's death in 2015.<sup>[7]</sup>
6. De Vries used number 45 while substituting for another driver in 2022.
7. Stevens used number 46 while substituting for another driver in 2014.
8. Hartley used number 39 while substituting for another driver in 2017.
9. Rossi used number 42 while substituting for other drivers in 2014.

10. Giovinazzi used number 36 while substituting for another driver in 2017.

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