

**International Debut:** Nov 15, 1989

**Retired:** Nov 16, 2013

**Batting:** Right-hand Batsman

**Bowling:** Right-arm Off-break, Leg-break Googly

**Represented:** Mumbai, India, Asia XI, Yorkshire, and Mumbai Indians.

**Nicknames:** Master Blaster, Little Champion, Batting Maestro, Run Machine, and God of Cricket. Sachin Tendulkar, without a doubt, the best batsman of the modern era, and in all probability, second only to the Don when it comes to the title of the 'Best Ever'. A man who single-handedly unites a one billion-plus strong nation, Sachin Tendulkar is nothing short of a demigod. His records include a long, long list of ODI, Test, world, and other batting records, which if stacked up, would create a pile many, many times taller than the man's 5-feet 5-inch frame. It is rightly said, *Sachin does not chase records, records chase Sachin*. For the purpose of simplicity (and subsequent updation), this SportsAspire article is divided into various categories such as ODI Records, Test Records, World Records, etc. Enjoy the read!

Batting Statistics								
Format	Matches	Innings	Not Outs	Runs Scored	Highest Score	Average	100s	50s
Tests	200	329	33	15,921	248*	53.78	51	68
ODIs	463	452	41	18,426	200*	44.83	49	96
T20s	1	1	0	10	10	44.83	0	0

Bowling Statistics									
Format	Matches	Innings	Balls Bowled	Runs Given	Wickets	Average	Economy	5W	B (lb)
Tests	200	145	4,240	2,492	46	54.17	3.52	0	3,000
ODIs	463	270	8,054	6,850	154	44.48	5.10	2	5,000
T20s	1	1	15	12	1	12.00	4.80	0	1,000

## ODI Records

- First person to score a double century in One Day Internationals.
- Third highest individual score (after Sehwag and Rohit Sharma) in the history of One Day Cricket (200\* vs. South Africa on Feb 24, 2010 at Gwalior).
- Highest number of centuries (49). Highest number of fifties (96).
- Most 150+ scores (5). Most runs in a calendar year (1,894 runs in the year 1998).
- Most centuries in a calendar year (9 in the year 1998).
- Most centuries against a single opponent (9 ODI centuries against Australia).
- Most boundaries (4s) scored (In his career, till date, Sachin has spanked the cricket ball across the boundary line a whopping 2,016 times!).

- Sachin Tendulkar has played the most one dayers (463 ODIs).
- Sanath Jayasuriya of Sri Lanka is behind him in 2nd place. First player to score 10,000 right up to 18,000 ODI runs.
- Most Man of the Match (MoM) awards (62). Most Man of the Match awards in World Cup Matches (9).
- Most Man of the Series (MoS) awards (15).
- Another of Sachin Tendulkar's ODI records happens to be that of the *most number of consecutive matches for a team*. Between 25th April, 1990 and 24th April, 1998, he represented India in 185 consecutive ODIs.
- Sachin has scored 1,000+ runs in a calendar year on 7 occasions (1994, 1996, 1997, 1998, 2000, 2003 and 2007). This is a world record.
- Sachin Tendulkar was involved in a mammoth 331-run partnership for the 2nd wicket with Rahul Dravid (vs. New Zealand at Hyderabad on 8th Nov, 1999). Till date, this remains the highest partnership for any wicket in ODIs.
- The formidable pair of Sachin Tendulkar and Sourav Ganguly scored 26 hundred-plus partnerships in ODIs. Of these, 21 century stands were for the opening wicket. Both of these happen to be world records.
- Another lesser-known record (also a world record) is that of most stadium appearances. In ODI cricket, till date, Sachin has played on 90 different grounds across the world.
- He has scored over 2,500 runs against Australia, as well as against Sri Lanka. No other batsman has managed to achieve such a feat even against a single opponent, forget about two.

## Test Records

the South Africans at SuperSport Park, Centurion. In the process, he became the first, and remains the only cricketer on the planet to have scored 50 Test hundreds; a phenomenal achievement in the game of cricket.

- He is now the leading run scorer in Test cricket, after having surpassed Brian Lara's tally of 11,953 Test runs in 2008.
- Prior to Sri Lanka's Kumar Sangakkara (who broke Sachin Tendulkar's record on Aug 5, 2010), Sachin was the fastest man to reach the milestone of 8,000 runs in Test cricket (in terms of least number of innings required. Sachin required 154 innings to cross the mark, whereas Sangakkara did it in 152 innings).
- Sachin is also the joint-fastest to reach the coveted milestone of 10,000 runs in Test cricket (Sachin Tendulkar and Brian Lara both achieved this milestone in 195 innings).
- First man to reach 12,000 right up to 15,000 runs in Test cricket.
- He has scored centuries against all Test-playing nations, a feat achieved only by a handful of international players.
- When he stepped out onto the field in Sri Lanka to play his 169th Test Match, Sachin Tendulkar created a new record by surpassing Steve Waugh of Australia, to become the most capped player in the world in Test Cricket.
- When he scored his 49th Test century against Australia at Bangalore on 11th Oct, 2010, Sachin Tendulkar became the first Indian batsman to have scored 6 Test hundreds in a calendar year. The previous Indian record was 5 hundreds in a calendar year, which was jointly held by Sunil Gavaskar, Rahul Dravid and Sachin himself! A couple of months later, in Dec 2010, he brought up his 50th Test century, thereby increasing his tally of Test hundreds in the year 2010 to 7.
- Sachin Tendulkar also holds the record for the most number of 150+ scores in Test

hundreds against Australia is Jack Hobbs of England, who scored all of his 12 Test hundreds against the Australians.

- During his innings of 214 against the Australians, Sachin Tendulkar achieved another milestone; that of aggregating 3,000 Test runs against Australia. He became only the 3rd man in the world (after Englishmen Jack Hobbs and David Gower) to do so.
- Till date, he has won the Man of the Match award 14 times, which is the highest by an Indian, and the joint 5th highest in the world. He has also been awarded the Man of the Series award on 5 occasions.
- He has scored 1,000+ Test runs in a calendar year on 6 occasions (1997, 1999, 2001, 2002, 2008 and 2010). This particular record also happens to be a world record. Brian Lara of the West Indies and the Australian pair of Matthew Hayden and Ricky Ponting are all in joint 2nd place, each having achieved this feat on 5 occasions.
- When he scored 217 against New Zealand in the 1999/00 season, Sachin Tendulkar broke the record for the highest Test score made by an Indian captain. Previously, the record was held by Sunil Gavaskar, who, when captaining the side, had scored 205 against the West Indies in Mumbai in 1978/79. Dhoni only recently broke this record, when in February 2013, he scored 224 against Australia.
- Sachin Tendulkar was 17 years and 197 days old when he scored his first Test hundred. He remains the youngest Indian to have scored a Test hundred. As far as the rest of the world is concerned, Sachin happens to be 3rd on the list of youngest Test centurions.
- Sachin Tendulkar and Rahul Dravid have put on 19 hundred-plus stands in Test cricket. This is a world record for the most number of century partnerships by a

soil. The previous highest was 4 Test centuries by Wally Hammond of England and Neil Harvey of Australia.

- Out of his 51 centuries, 22 have been scored at home and 29 have been scored overseas. His record of 29 overseas Test hundreds is a world record, not to mention an indication of his consistency and his spectacular performance away from home.
- Another interesting statistic (and of course, another Sachin Tendulkar record!) is that he has scored 12 hundreds after the age of 35. Graham Gooch of England remains the only other player to have done so.
- Sachin, besides playing the most Test matches ever, is also the only player in the world to have played in 200 Test matches.

## Other Records

- Till date, Sachin Tendulkar remains the only player in the world to have scored 5 Test centuries before the age of 20.
- He is the leading run scorer in the history of World Cup Cricket. Recently, in the 2011 edition, Sachin achieved yet another amazing record – that of scoring 2,000 runs in all World Cup matches. He is now the only batsman in the world to have scored 2,000+ runs in World Cup matches.
- He also holds the record for the most number of runs in a single World Cup event (673 runs in the 2003 World Cup).
- Sachin Tendulkar is the only cricketer to have achieved the unique double of scoring 15,000+ ODI runs and taking 150+ ODI wickets.
- He is the first batsman to score 50 international centuries (Test + ODI).

awaited, mind-boggling milestone on 16th March, 2012.

- He is the only player to have scored 30,000 international runs (Tests and ODIs combined).
- On most occasions, Sachin Tendulkar's name finds mention in the record books for an endless amount of good reasons. However, there also exist a couple of reasons which the maestro would not be particularly proud of. A lesser-known Sachin Tendulkar record (which by the way, also happens to be a world record), is that he happens to be the batsman who has been dismissed the most number of times while in the nineties. He has fallen prey to the nervous nineties on 27 occasions (17 times in ODIs and 10 times in Tests).
- Another unique record is that he is the only player to have scored a hundred on his Ranji Trophy debut, Duleep Trophy debut, as well as his Irani Trophy debut (all three being premier domestic cricket tournaments in India).
- During the course of his magnificent innings of 120 against England at Bangalore on 27th Feb, 2011, he scored his 5th hundred in World Cups, and reached yet another milestone; that of having scored the most number of hundreds in World Cup cricket. Later in the tournament, he scored another scintillating ton against the South Africans, and now has 6 World Cup hundreds to his name. Ricky Ponting who began the tournament with 4 World Cup hundreds (and scored another one against India in the Quarter-Finals) is in second place.
- As far as 50+ scores are concerned, Sachin leads the pack by a long, long margin. In World Cup matches, he has crossed the 50-run mark on 21 occasions (this includes his 6 World Cup centuries). Ricky Ponting is in second place with eleven 50+ scores (inclusive of his 5 World Cup centuries), while Herschelle Gibbs, with ten 50+ scores is in third place (2 World Cup centuries).

- He holds the record for the most Man of the Match and Man of the Series awards in international cricket (all three forms combined). Till date, he has won the MoM award 76 times (14 times in Tests, 62 times in ODIs) and the MoS award 20 times (5 times in Tests, 15 times in ODIs). Both are world records.
- He, along with Sourav Ganguly, has been involved in 38 hundred-plus partnerships in international cricket (all three forms combined). This is a world record. The 12,400 runs scored by this pair is also a world record. (Incidentally, the pair of Sachin Tendulkar and Rahul Dravid have also put on 29 century stands, which presently places them at number 3 on the list).
- Between 25th April 1990 and 24th April 1998, Sachin Tendulkar represented India in a total of 239 matches (54 Tests and 185 ODIs) without missing a single