

Porsche 917 KH

Porsche finishes the first 917 in March 1969. By mid-month, the groundbreaking racer rocks the Geneva Motor Show. After scrutineering by representatives of the sport's governing body on April 21 in Stuttgart-Zuffenhausen, the 917 receives homologation for international racing. Following a brief test on the Nürburgring, it is shown at the international Frankfurt International Motor Show IAA and causes a sensation at the Porsche stand. In October 1970, after visiting several international automobile exhibitions, the 917 is taken over by the press department. For the Museum, the 917 is decked out in the colours of the first Porsche overall winner in Le Mans, representing two important milestones in the sporting history of the company. The 917 represents the beginning of an era of Porsche dominance in endurance racing. With its 580 hp 12-cylinder motor, 800 kilograms and radical aerodynamics, the 917 proves virtually invincible. In 1970 and 1971, Porsche triumphs at Le Mans and wins the World Championship for Makes with the legendary race car.

Model Year:	1969
Engine:	12-cyl. V 180°
Displacement:	4,494 cc
Power Output:	426 kW (580 hp)
Weight:	800 kg
Top Speed:	340 km/h