

New for 1996 was that each team now got three qualifying heats, of which the best got to fly two Semifinal heats. How many that were allowed to fly in the Semi's was determined by the number of participating teams.

During the 21st century, many rule changes have been aimed at safety and reducing noise levels and speed. The changes that have come have been a maximum of 3 mm venturi intake, a mandatory wrist strap, lines with a minimum diameter of 0.35 mm, rules for how the engine's exhaust should be on the model, minimum number of pit stops in heat/final and now most recently a ban on using a retractable landing gear (not yet implemented).

Over the years, the engine in an F2C model has also changed. From the beginning there was a large range of different brands although ETA, Oliver Tiger, ED and Super Tigre dominated. Then these were followed by Bugl and Rossi plus somewhat later Nelson and Cipolla. Of course there have also been many home built engines especially from Eastern Europe and today engines from Eastern Europe are more or less standard among all competitors.

This concludes Lina's series on World Champs Podiums and I hope you enjoyed reading all four articles. And perhaps sentimental memories have also flowed over you and brought a tear to the corner of your eye?

/Ingemar Larsson



Jean Maret and Jean Paul Perret.



Yurii Bondarenko, Semen Lerner, Georges Surugue, Pascal Surugue, Valeriy Kramarenko and Yuriy Chayka.



Semen Lerner and Yurii Bondarenko.



Hugh Simons and Thierry Ougen in the 2008 final.

2000 - 2008



Start in the 2008 final; Hugh, Thierry and Pascal.



Vladimir Ivanov, Yuri Shabashov, Pascal Surugue, Georges Surugue, Yuriy Chayka and Valeriy Kramarenko.



Thierry Ougen, Roland Surugue, Hugh Simons, Grant Potter, Pascal Surugue and Georges Surugue.

2000 Landres France

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| 1. Jean Maret/Jean Paul Perret | FRA |
| 2. Yurii Bondarenko/Semen Lerner | UKR |
| 3. Yuri Shabashov/Sergei Moskalev | RUS |

2002 Sebnitz Germany

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| 1. Yurii Bondarenko/Semen Lerner | UKR |
| 2. Yuri Shabashov/Sergei Moskalev | RUS |
| 3. Thierry Ougen/Roland Surugue | FRA |

2004 Muncie USA

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| 1. Pascal Surugue/Georges Surugue | FRA |
| 2. Valeriy Kramarenko/Yuriy Chayka | UKR |
| 3. Yuri Shabashov/Vladimir Ivanov | RUS |

2006 Valladolid Spain

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| 1. Pascal Surugue/Georges Surugue | FRA |
| 2. Yurii Bondarenko/Semen Lerner | UKR |
| 3. Valeriy Kramarenko/Yuriy Chayka | UKR |

2008 Landres France

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| 1. Hugh Simons/Grant Potter | AUS |
| 2. Thierry Ougen/Roland Surugue | FRA |
| 3. Pascal Surugue/Georges Surugue | FRA |