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**LANCIA STRATO'S**  
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 (for owners of Lancia Strato's vehicles)

# MOTORSPORT and the LANCIA STRATO'S

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LANCIA STRATO'S in the ALITALIA Racing Colours That Made it Famous

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The LANCIA STRATO'S was produced with two aims in mind.

- To lift the profile of the Lancia Company
- To win the World Rally Championship

The Strato's made its motorsport debut in 1972 at the Tour de Corse rally in Corsica. Many in the motorsport department did not wish this to happen as they feared that the recently modified rear suspension mount fabrications ( the car was a prototype ) would not hold up on the seriously rougher than normal Corsican roads. The car, ( chassis number 2 ) painted in Marlboro livery and with no spoilers, lined up at the start. The car retired early in the event due to rear suspension failure.

The same Strato's was then raced at the Costa Del Sol rally in Spain only one month

later. Again the rear suspension failed, but not before the Strato's had led the rally for several stages. The Lancia Strato's had proved that it had the potential required to be a champion.



#### PIRELLI WORKS STRATO'S at the 1977 LOMBARD RAC RALLY

In 1973 things began to come together for the Strato's. On the 6-8/4/73 the Strato's had its first win. At the hands of Sandro Munari, A614056 clad in **Marlboro** livery, took out the Rallye Firestone. A further first was had in the Tour De L'Aisne driven by Andruet. Then came a very important win with Munari piloting **Marlboro** car no.111 to victory in the Tour De France which covered about 6000 km.

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Lancia won the Championship in 1974 with a combination of wins by their older cars, topped off with Strato's wins in the following □

- Ronde de la Giraglia
- **Ronde Neige et Glace**
- Rallye Int Sicilia
- Paris □ St Raphael
- **Four Regions Rally**
- Targa Fiorio
- Sanremo Rally
- Giro d' Italia
- Rideau Lakes
- **Tour de Corse**

Lancia again won the World Rally Championship in 1975, this time it was all Strato's in the famous **Alitalia** colour scheme with wins in the following events □

- **Monte Carlo Rally**
- **Swedish Rally**
- **Sicilian Rally**
- **Four Regions Rally**
- **San Marino di Castrozza**
- **Tour De France**
- **Liburna Cup**
- **Sanremo Rally**
- **Tour de Corse**
- **Ronde du Var**

The Strato's won its final World Championship in 1976 with wins in the following events

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- Monte Carlo Rally
- Chamonix 24 Hour
- Ronde de la Giraglia
- Rond Neige et Glance
- Rally of Portugal
- Sicilian Rally
- Ronde de Touraine
- Four Regions Rally
- Ronde de Vosses
- Rallye d'Antibes
- Polish Rally
- Rallye di Piacenza
- San Martino di Castrozza
- Rally Baltic
- Coppa Liburna
- Sanremo Rally
- Giro d'Italia
- Rally Lyon Charbonnieres
- Tour De Corse
- Rallye del R.A.C.E.
- Rally del Ciocco

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At this point in time, the Fiat company decided to retire the Strato's in favour of one of its high production models □ the Fiat 131. It was only to be entered in selected events. Despite this, The Strato's was the victor in the following events in 1977 □

- Monte Carlo Rally
- Ronde de la Giraglia
- Rallye Int Sicilia
- Isola d'Elba
- Firestone Rally
- Criterium Alpin
- Criterium Lucien Bianchi
- Romagna di S. Giacomo
- Four Regions Rally
- Donegal Rally
- Rally Campagnolo
- Total Rally
- Polish Rally
- Valli Piacentine
- Ypres Rally
- San Martino di Castozza
- Rallye Chatoigne
- Tour de France
- Coppa Liburna
- Rallye Jeanne d'Arc
- Rallye Valle d'Aosta

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1977 saw the end of the Alitalia colours on the Strato's.



A Road Racing Version of the LANCIA STRATO'S in the MATUSA COLLECTION MUSEUM in Japan

1978 was the last year of the "works" Strato's. This year saw the introduction of the **Pirelli** colour scheme to the works cars for the few events they were to contest. The Strato's scored wins in the following events □

- Rallye Costa Brava
- Rally Lyon Charbonnieres
- Rallye Int Sicilia
- Criterium Jean Behra
- Ronde de Touraine
- Rally Saarland
- Isola d'Elba
- Criterium Alpin
- Rallye Lorraine
- Four Regions Rally
- Ostapen Rallye
- Ronde Cevenole
- Rioja Rally
- Rally d'Antibes
- Orense Rally
- Rheinhessen Rally
- Alpi Orientali
- Vorderpfalz
- Hunsbruck Rallye
- Rallye di Piacenzo
- Halkidikis
- Coppa Liburna
- Sanremo Rally
- OASC Rally
- Chataigne Rally
- Giro d'Italia
- Rallye del R.A.C.E
- Tour de Corse
- Criterium des Cevennes
- Costa del Sol

1979 saw the entire Strato's competition fleet in privateer hands, but this didn't stop the wins. The following are a list of victories from 1979 onward □

- Monte Carlo Rally
- Serre Chevalier
- Rallye San Marino
- Earinon Rally
- Maspolamas Rally
- Rally di Radiofani
- Ronde de Touraine
- Ronde Hivernale
- Rally Costa Smeralda
- Nocturnes- Alicante 500
- Rioja Rally
- Orense Rally
- CS Rally
- Valli Piacentine

- Isola d'Elba
- Luis de Bavaria
- Orense Rally
- Valli Placentine
- Madiera Rally
- Liburna Cup
- Tour de France
- Sanremo Rally
- Rallye del R.A.C.E.
- Trabucchi 100,000
- Tour de Corse
- Isla de Tenerife
- Tour de France
- Ronde de Touraine
- Las Palmas
- Tour de Corse
- Belgien Rally
- Liburna Cup
- Monza Rally
- Isola d'Elba
- Colline di Romanga

NOTE: Figures may not be accurate

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The above list was compiled using magazine articles of the day and several books on the Strato's that are worth the effort to read if you are a Strato's fan. They are as follows

- "Lancia Strato's World Champion Rally Car" by Nigel Trow
  - "Lancia Strato's Profili" by Piero Casucci
  - "Lancia Strato's Super Profile" by Graham Robson
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