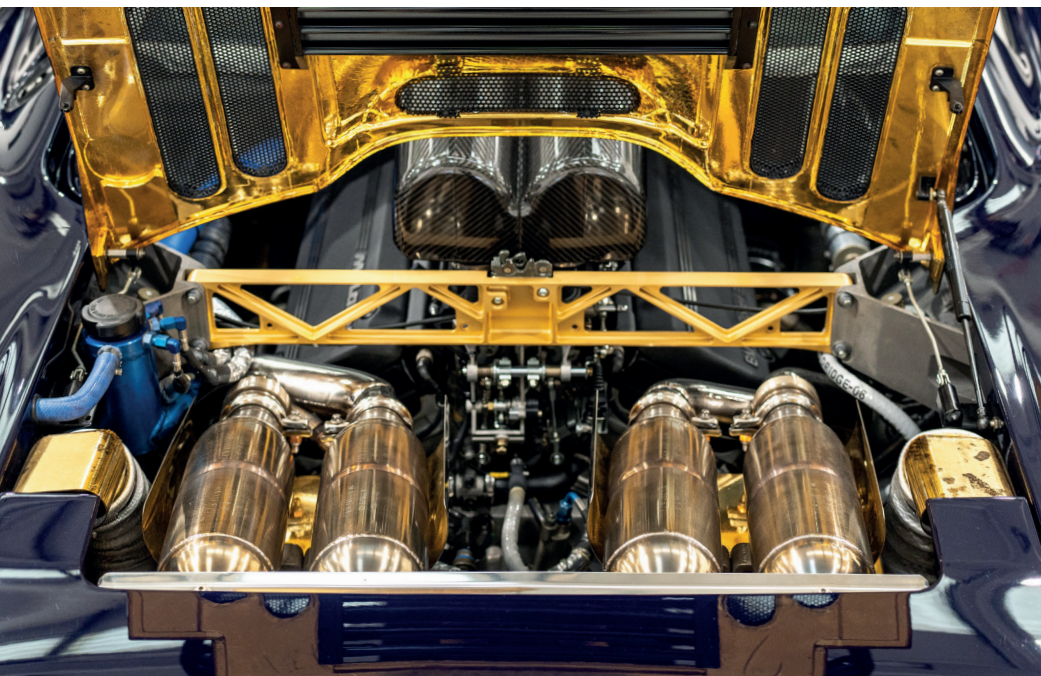


1995 McLaren F1

Owner Private Collection
Location UK

BELOW McLaren F1 famously used gold foil in the engine bay for its superior heat insulating properties.

OPPOSITE This is one F1 that certainly knows its way around MSO; it's only ever been serviced there.



WAITING AT MILAN AIRPORT AFTER THE 1988 GRAND Prix, four McLaren Racing luminaries discussed the company's future. Before their flight was called, the executive team agreed McLaren would design and build the finest road car in the world. Bold and uncompromising, this decision changed automotive history.

It was no coincidence that the F1 was conceived during McLaren's all-conquering 1988 Formula 1 season, when the MP4/4 race car won 15 out of 16 races.

Designed and built without compromise, the McLaren F1 would do the same on the road. A technological masterpiece, it was so far ahead of its time that engineering highlights still feature on today's McLarens. It was the world's fastest naturally aspirated production car when launched – and more than 30 years later, it still is.

This McLaren F1, chassis #040, was delivered to its first owner in the UK in April 1995. This first owner requested the car be finished in silver with a black interior and over the next six years he drove around 5000 miles in the car. As the first of five cars fitted with the high door mirrors, it has a very unusual specification, which also includes high-intensity gas discharge headlights – a lighting set-up that featured on just 12 McLaren F1s to leave the factory.

In April 2001 it was sold to the current owner and over the first three years he drove an amazing 20,000 miles, enjoying the car to its full.

The decision was taken to change the colour from silver to a one-off bespoke blue colour. During this time McLaren Special Operations (MSO) were commissioned to make a carbonfibre dash binnacle, which is only fitted to three F1s, along with similarly rare carbonfibre upper and lower door pulls. This F1 became one of the most frequent visitors to MSO, with all its servicing being done there. The paintwork and interior are in superb condition and reflect 41,000 miles of care and commitment.

The current owner chose to enhance the car's suspension, brakes and wheels, while storing the original parts for future refitting. This F1 has been over much of western Europe and the owner has driven more miles in an F1 than almost anyone else. During recent years it's been used more sparingly and in the past 12 months the car has been returned to MSO for an in-depth mechanical update, which has restored the car to standard factory mechanical specification.



ENGINE	6064c/V12/ naturally aspirated/DOHC
TRANSMISSION	Six-speed manual, RWD
POWER	618bhp
TORQUE	480lb ft
TOP SPEED	240mph
0-60MPH	3.2secs
WEIGHT	1140kg

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