

Competition Car Aerodynamics By Simon Mcbeath

Updated with nearly 60 percent new material on the latest racing technology, this book details how to design, build, and setup the chassis and suspension for road race and stock cars. Includes chassis dynamics, spring and shock theory, front and rear suspension geometry, real world racing aerodynamics, steering systems, racing chassis software and all you need to know to set you chassis up to win races.

'Cosmic Motors' shows the design process of unique futuristic vehicles, from the first initial sketches to the stunningly detailed 3-D models and final photorealistic full spread renderings. Spaceships, pods, racing cars, giant trains, warships and balloons are shown from concept to completion.

In 2006, a small unavailing university auto racing team began building a racecar that would challenge the best engineering schools in the world. With fewer people and resources than any of the top competitors, the only way they were going to win was to push the limit, go for broke, and hope for more than a little luck. By the time they got to the racetrack, they knew: In the fog of fierce competition, whether you win or lose, you learn the hardest lessons about engineering, teamwork, friendship, and yourself.

Whether repairing existing components, fabricating new ones, building a race car, or restoring a classic, this is the one book to guide the reader through each critical stage. Smith's Fundamentals of Motorsport Engineering provides the ultimate guide to motorsport engineering and what to expect at the racetrack, with content to suit motorsport learners from Level 3 up to degree level.

This set includes Race Car Vehicle Dynamics, and Race Car Vehicle Dynamics - Problems, Answers and Experiments. Written for the engineer as well as the race car enthusiast, Race Car Vehicle Dynamics includes much information that is not available in any other vehicle dynamics text. Truly comprehensive in its coverage of the fundamental concepts of vehicle dynamics and their application in a racing environment, this book has become the definitive reference on this topic. Although the primary focus is on the race car, the engineering fundamentals detailed are also applicable to passenger car design and engineering. Authors Bill and Doug Milliken have developed many of the original vehicle dynamics theories and principles covered in this book, including the Moment Method, "g-g" Diagram, pair analysis, lap time simulation, and tyre data normalization. The book also includes contributions from other experts in the field. Chapters cover: *The Problem Imposed by Racing *Tire Behavior *Aerodynamic Fundamentals *Vehicle Axis Systems and more. Written for the engineer as well as the race car enthusiast and students, the companion workbook to the original classic book, Race Car Vehicle Dynamics, includes: *Detailed worked solutions to all of the problems *Problems for every chapter in Race Car Vehicle Dynamics, including many new problems *The Race Car Vehicle Dynamics Program Suite (for Windows) with accompanying exercises *Experiments to try with your own vehicle *Educational appendix with additional references and course outlines *Over 90 figures and graphs This workbook is widely used as a college textbook and has been an SAE International best seller since it's introduction in 1995.

Composites have been around since ancient civilisations began making bricks from clay and straw. Glass fibre, carbon fibre and aramid fibres - to name but three - are recent innovations, yet today there are few competition cars that don't have at least some components made out of one or more of these materials. However, while it is well known that glass fibre technology can be used in the home workshop, what may not be so widely realised is that more advanced fibres also lend themselves to DIY methods. This revised edition of Competition Car Composites starts by examining the materials and methods that can be used, explaining basic 'wet' and 'dry' laminating techniques, pattern making and mould construction, and the design and manufacture of components. It then goes on to cover material and technology upgrades, and how more advanced materials can be exploited to achieve improved properties and reduced weight. The use of thermoplastic materials, resin infusion methods, and, especially, 'pre-pregs' in the home workshop, are also discussed, as are the composite techniques used by top racecar constructors.

In most forms of racing, cornering speed is the key to winning. On the street, precise and predictable handling is the key to high performance driving. However, the art and science of engineering a chassis can be difficult to comprehend, let alone apply. Chassis Engineering explains the complex principles of suspension geometry and chassis design in terms the novice can easily understand and apply to any project. Hundreds of photos and illustrations illustrate what it takes to design, build, and tune the ultimate chassis for maximum cornering power on and off the track.

Aerodynamics of Road Vehicles details the aerodynamics of passenger cars, commercial vehicles, sports cars, and race cars; their external flow field; as well as their internal flow field. The book, after giving an introduction to automobile aerodynamics and some fundamentals of fluid mechanics, covers topics such as the performance and aerodynamics of different kinds of vehicles, as well as test techniques for their aerodynamics. The book also covers other concepts related to automobiles such as cooling systems and ventilations for vehicles. The text is recommended for mechanical engineers and physicists in the automobile industry who would like to understand more about aerodynamics of motor vehicles and its importance on the field of road safety and automobile production.

Aerodynamics has become an increasingly significant performance enhancer over the past 50 years. Competition Car Aerodynamics 3rd Edition continues the practical, hands-on approach of its popular predecessors to cover all aspects of motorsport aerodynamics and features yet more CFD and wind tunnel project material and case studies. Aerodynamic theory is tackled in a comprehensive yet comprehensible way by author Simon McBeath, who has been granted unprecedented access to state of the art computational fluid dynamics (CFD) techniques, as well as regular access to the MIRA full-scale wind tunnel in the UK. Photographs, graphs, CFD-generated images and wind tunnel data - much of which has appeared in the successful Aerobytes series in Racecar Engineering - are used to explain with unrivalled clarity how aerodynamic performance benefits are obtained in practice. With case studies from Formula 1, sports prototypes, Formula 3, GT and saloon cars, club single seaters and karts, this book will appeal to anyone, whether a designer, competitor, student or armchair enthusiast, wishing to gain an understanding of aerodynamics and how it can benefit the performance of all types of

competition cars.

Modifying the Aerodynamics of Your Road Car is a unique handbook that assumes no starting knowledge of vehicle aerodynamics. It begins with simple ideas and finishes with sophisticated and effective aerodynamic modifications that work. Three major chapters cover on-road testing techniques that give you all the information you need to decide what modifications you should make - and, after you've made them, how well they work. Low-cost techniques allow you to visualize the patterns of airflow over your car so that you can actually see the problem areas that need improvement. Uniquely, you're also shown how to measure aerodynamic pressures, so you can determine which body surfaces are creating lift, drag and downforce. Want to work out where a wing should be placed? On-road testing to find that out is covered as well. The book also shows you how to measure downforce to see if that wing is actually working! If you wish to reduce drag, more than ten different areas are covered. Reducing frontal area, lowering cooling system drag, optimizing vehicle ride height and rake, reducing the strength of the wake, achieving clean airflow separation and optimizing wheel designs are all covered using the latest research findings. And if you're a performance driver, there's a major chapter devoted to reducing lift and improving stability. This chapter includes the design and development of undertrays and diffusers, wings and spoilers. The example car developed measurable downforce when fitted with an undertray and rear diffuser, something that transformed its on-road handling. The author has been writing about the aerodynamics of road cars for more than 25 years. He is also an experienced and proficient car modifier who has performed numerous aerodynamic modifications and upgrades to his own cars. The book's technical consultant, RH Barnard, is an acknowledged world leading automotive aerodynamicist. If you want a practical, hands-on guide that demystifies and explains car aerodynamics, and shows you how to make effective aerodynamic modifications to your car, this book is for you.

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Fundamentals of Biomechanics introduces the exciting world of how human movement is created and how it can be improved. Teachers, coaches and physical therapists all use biomechanics to help people improve movement and decrease the risk of injury. The book presents a comprehensive review of the major concepts of biomechanics and summarizes them in nine principles of biomechanics. Fundamentals of Biomechanics concludes by showing how these principles can be used by movement professionals to improve human movement. Specific case studies are presented in physical education, coaching, strength and conditioning, and sports medicine.

From selecting shifting points to load transfer in car control and beyond, Fast Car Physics is the ideal source to consult before buckling up and cinching down the belts on your racing harness.

Shelby Cobra Daytona Coupe tells the fascinating history of the Daytona Coupe version of Carroll Shelby's fabled Cobra with special focus on one of the six cars built. The fabulous Daytona Coupe, brutally purposeful in both looks and performance, was created to win the FIA World Sportscar Championship and duly did so in 1965, beating Ferrari in the large-capacity class – the category that really counted as it fired the public's imagination. The specific car covered in detail in this book, CSX2300, took part in five championship rounds (one in 1964, four in 1965) and played its part in Shelby American's unique team success. Truly one of the 'Great Cars', the Shelby Cobra Daytona Coupe is a most worthy addition to this acclaimed series of books. The expert text is supplemented by 300 period photographs, many previously unpublished, supported by a portfolio of commissioned special photography.

From historical background to state of the art techniques, and with chapters covering airdams, splitters, spoilers, wings, underbodies and myriad miscellaneous devices, Competition Car Aerodynamics 3rd Edition also features in-depth case studies from across the motorsport spectrum to help develop a comprehensive understanding of the subject.

"The story of how Kris Meeke and Peugeot UK won the Intercontinental Rally Championship in their rookie year, from the disasterous opening round in Monte Carlo, to the ecstasy of winning the Sanremo rally and the championship in the same weekend."--Back cover.

Based on the principles of engineering science, physics and mathematics, but assuming only an elementary understanding of these, Race Car Design masterfully explains the theory and practice of the subject. Bringing together key topics, including the chassis frame, tyres, suspension, steering and brakes, this is the first text to cover all the essential elements of race car design in one student-friendly textbook. Race Car Design: - Features a wealth of illustrations, including a full-colour plate section - Demonstrates the important role of computer tools - Uses dozens of clear examples and calculations to illustrate both theory and practical applications - Is written by an experienced author, known for his engaging and accessible style This book is an ideal accompaniment for motorsport engineering students and is the best possible resource for those involved in Formula Student/FSAE. It is also a valuable guide for practising car designers and enthusiasts.

Advanced Motorsport Engineering is an essential textbook for students on Motorsports Engineering courses and a handy reference those already working in the industry. The book covers advanced topics in motorsport such as diagnosing and rectifying faults in engines, chassis and transmission. Sections on composite materials and advanced engine management systems provide a complete coverage of level 3 courses. Each unit in the IMI and EAL syllabus is covered in full and illustrated with photos, diagrams and key learning points. The chapters can also be easily matched to the BTEC National course structure. Motorsport is not just about the spectacle of some of the world's most popular and famous sporting events - it also plays a crucial role in developing new techniques and technologies. Getting a qualification in motorsport could be the first step in a career in one of the most exciting and challenging sectors of high performance engineering. Andrew Livesey is the Head of the School of Engineering at North West Kent College, UK

Colin Chapman was one of the greatest creative forces in the automotive world but he left behind a mixed legacy. Was he an unparalleled innovator who advanced the state of the art of sports and racing cars? Or was he an uninhibited exploiter of the unaccredited ideas of others? In death as well as life Colin Chapman excites fevered debate about his achievements and methods.

Now Karl Ludvigsen gets to grips with the legend, digging deep beneath the skin of Chapman and his cars to explore and expose the motivations that drove this mercurial genius. For professional teams in all forms of motorsport, data logging has become an essential tool in the search to maximize performance from engine, chassis and driver. Data logging equipment is now accessible to amateur drivers and constructors, and is a very cost-effective way of improving performance. Fully updated to include recent developments, this is a readable, well-illustrated guide to all aspects of data logging, explaining how to design and install a system, and how to interpret the data obtained and use it to analyze performance. The book will also appeal to armchair enthusiasts.

This introductory book teaches the basic techniques of data analysis to help make race cars and drivers go faster. Six main channels are scrutinized including Speed, Engine RPM, Throttle Position, G Force Lateral, G Force Longitudinal and Steering Angle.

Performance and racing drivers constantly seek ways to sharpen their skills and lower their lap times. Ultimate Speed Secrets is the indispensable tool to help make you faster, whatever your driving goals. Professional race driver and coach Ross Bentley has raced everything from Indycars to World Sports Cars to production sedans, on ovals, road courses, and street circuits around the world. His proven high-performance driving techniques benefit novice drivers as well as professional racers. Ultimate Speed Secrets covers everything you need to know to maximize your potential and your car: Choosing the correct line Overtaking maneuvers Adapting to new tracks and cars The mental game and dealing with adversity Finding (and keeping) a sponsor. The pages are filled with specially commissioned color diagrams to illustrate the concepts described. Whether you are a track-day novice or a seasoned professional, Ultimate Speed Secrets will arm you with practical information to lower your lap times and help you get the best out of your vehicle—and yourself. It's the ultimate high-performance driving tutorial!

Racecar data acquisition used to be limited to well-funded teams in high-profile championships. Today the cost of electronics has decreased dramatically making them available to everyone. But the cost of any data acquisition system is a waste of money if the recorded data is not interpreted correctly. This book updated from the best-selling 2008 edition contains techniques for analyzing data recorded by any vehicle's data acquisition system. It details how to measure the performance of the vehicle and driver what can be learned from it and how this information can be used to advantage next time the vehicle hits the track. Such information is invaluable to racing engineers and managers race teams and racing data analysts in all motorsports. Whether measuring the performance of a Formula One racecar or that of a road-legal street car on the local drag strip the dynamics of vehicles and their drivers remain the same. Identical analysis techniques apply. Some race series have restricted data logging to decrease the team's running budgets. In these cases it is extremely important that a maximum of information is extracted and interpreted from the hardware at hand. A team that uses data more efficiently will have an edge over the competition. However the ever-decreasing cost of electronics makes advanced sensors and logging capabilities more accessible for everybody. With this comes the risk of information overload. Techniques are needed to help draw the right conclusions quickly from very large data sets. In addition to updates throughout this new edition contains three new chapters: one on techniques for analyzing tire performance one that provides an introduction to metric-driven analysis a technique that is used throughout the book and another that explains what kind of information the data contains about the track. Aerodynamics is a science in itself, and is one of the most important factors in modern competition car design. This fully updated second edition covers all aspects of aerodynamics, including both downforce and drag. This complex subject is explained in down-to-earth terms, with the aid of numerous illustrations, including color CFD (Computational Fluid Dynamics) diagrams to demonstrate how aerodynamic devices work, as well as wind-tunnel studies.

Much-needed fourth edition of strong backlist book first published in 1988 and continuously in print ever since. Reformatted to latest 'Competition Car' style and size. Now full color throughout. Most pictures new for this edition.

To make your car handle, design a suspension system, or just learn about chassis, you'll find what you need here. Basic suspension theory is thoroughly covered: roll center, roll axis, camber change, bump steer, anti-dive, ride rate, ride balance and more. How to choose, install and modify suspensions and suspension hardware for best handling: springs, sway bars, shock absorbers, bushings, tires and wheels. Regardless of the basic layout of your car—front engine/rear drive, front engine/front drive, or rear engine/rear drive—it is covered here. Aerodynamic hardware and body modifications for reduced drag, high-speed stability and increased cornering power: spoilers, air dams, wings and ground-effects devices. How to modify and set up brakes for maximum stopping power and handling. The most complete source of handling information available. "Suspension secrets" explained in plain, understandable language so you can be the expert.

Subtitled: A Practical Handbook. Capitalising on years of experience from experts and seasoned enthusiasts alike, this volume covers everything from planning, budgeting, licensing and tuition, to all aspects of getting the car and its driver into the ultimate state of preparation for competition - and keeping them that way! Emphasizes controlling costs; rules and regulations; technical information on competition cars; circuit racing, rallying, hillclimbing and sprints; self-built and pro-built engines; fuel systems, electronics, transmission systems, wheel and tires; plus safety harnesses and communications. Information necessary to put you in pole position! Foreword by Ray Mallock. Hdbd., 6 1/2"x 9 1/4", 208 pgs., 165 b&w ill.

A treatment of low-speed aerodynamics, covering both theory and computational techniques, first published in 2001.

The requirements for a competition car electrical system are significantly different from those of a standard road car. Such luxuries as electric windows and central locking are superfluous. Conversely, equipment such as emergency electrical cut-outs and fire extinguisher systems may be required. Electrical system reliability is an often-overlooked aspect of competition car design, and a common source of trouble. Here is a practical, illustrated guide to all aspects of electrical system design and implementation, essential reading for anyone running or constructing a competition car or modifying a road car for competition use.

At last - a book that shows you how to test the aerodynamics of your road or track car. Measure downforce, lift and drag - all with low cost and easily obtained equipment. See airflow behavior, measure aerodynamic pressures causing lift and drag, and measure airflow speed - even under the car. No more guessing, using rules of thumb or just copying what others have done. Develop undertrays and diffusers that work, set wing angles to give the right results, and optimise drag. Practical, down to earth and low in cost, the techniques covered in this book will revolutionize how you modify the aero of your road or track car.

The first book to summarize the secrets of the rapidly developing field of high-speed vehicle design. From F1 to Indy Car, Drag and Sedan racing, this book provides clear explanations for engineers who want to improve their design skills and enthusiasts who simply want to understand how their favorite race cars go fast. Explains how aerodynamics win races, why downforce is more important than streamlining and drag reduction, designing wings and venturis, plus wind tunnel designs and more.

Now firmly established in its fifth year of publication, The Official Formula 1 Season Review 2008 is a must-have purchase for every fan of Formula 1. Here is the full, in-depth story of the 2008 Formula 1

World Championship, told by the drivers and team personnel involved. Superb feature content allows the sport's personalities to throw new light on many of the season's headlines and incidents, and the clearly presented statistics provide a comprehensive reference source for the future. This is an unrivalled insight into the on-track action and behind-the-scenes details of the 2008 Formula 1 season. This is the latest edition - fully revised and updated - of the standard textbook on aerodynamic theory, as applied to model flight. Everything is explained in a concise and practical form for those enthusiasts who appreciate that a better understanding of model behaviour is the sure path to greater success and enjoyment, whether just for fun or in competition. The revisions for this new edition reflect the significant developments in model aircraft during the last few years, and include brand new data: * The chapter on aerofoils has been rewritten to take account of the vast amount of testing carried out recently in the USA by the University of Illinois. * A brand new chapter explains the latest research into the flight of birds and insects and how it is applied to small drones and model-sized surveillance aircraft. * Older wind tunnel test reports all replaced with the latest trials and measurements.

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