

50 YEARS OF HISTORY

OZ was created out of passion for wheels in 1971, and over the following 50 years it has become a legend in the automotive world. The victories enjoyed alongside the most iconic names in motorsport and the ongoing quest for success have ensured OZ's place as industry leader.

For 50 years, OZ has been the market leader for the production of alloy wheels for cars and motorbikes, in particular for:

- motorsport (F1, Rally, DTM, Indycar, Formula E, Dakar Rally, Le Mans 24 and many others)
- automotive aftermarket
- motorbike racing (MotoGP, Moto2, Moto3, EWC, WSBK and many others)
- motorbike aftermarket (Aprilia, Ducati and many others)
- OEM, with special wheels designed exclusively for iconic cars like Lamborghini Countach, Ferrari Testarossa, Lotus Esprit, McLaren F1 LM, Bugatti Veyron, Pagani Zonda and Mercedes-Benz SLR among the others.
- motorbike OEM (Norton, Bimota, Brammo, KTM to name a few)

Furthermore, OZ has cooperated and met the special requirements of prestigious design and supercar companies such as Bertone, Fissore, Dallara, Pininfarina, Italdesign, AMG, Hartge, Carlson, Koenig, Hottinger, Pagani, Fittipaldi, Mazzanti, Callaway, AC Schnitzer, Cizeta, Strosch and Giugiaro.



04 January 1971

1971

1972

1975

1978

Establishment of the factory in San Martino di Lupari, still the company's headquarters and production center.

The company is founded in a petrol station in Rossano Veneto (near Venice) by Silvano Oselladore & Pietro Zen.

The first OZ light alloy rims are artisan-crafted.

OZ debuts in the motorbike world with the first OZ motorbike wheels.

In 1975 OZ makes an appearance in some local races, equipping several prestigious private teams and obtaining its first wins.

OZ Racing Division is set up, run by Claudio Bernoni (the current CEO & President of OZ S.p.A.), and production begins on wheels for Formula 1 competitions.

1984

1985

First F1 wheels produced by OZ. The first single-seater to be equipped with the wheels was Patrese and Cheever's F1 Alfa Romeo Euroracing, with two-piece wheels in magnesium and aluminium.



1987

OZ sets up the "Racing Wheels" award, with the aim of identifying emerging talents in motorsport. Gordon Murray (1988), Carlos Sainz (1990), Michael Schumacher (1991), Jacques Villeneuve (1994) and Frank Williams (1996) are the first to be honored with the prize.

1989

OZ Japan is set up.

Carlos Sainz wins the World Rally Championship drivers' title in a Toyota Celica 4WD, equipped with OZ wheels.

1990



1993

OZ Deutschland is set up.





OZ celebrates 30 years of history in the world of racing.

2014



The company celebrates the 45th anniversary of its founding, renovating its headquarters in San Martino di Lupari.

2016



OZ renews its IATF 16949 certification for the manufacture of forged wheels, a basic requirement for suppliers to the leading auto manufacturers that have, for many years, chosen OZ for the production of the most prestigious supercars.

2017

OZ achieves historic results winning, for the third time in a row, all three of the world Grand Prix motorcycle racing championships: MotoGP, Moto2 and Moto3.

OZ is fundamental to set a new record in the Pikes Peak International Hill Climb, equipping the all electric Volkswagen I.D. R driven by Romain Dumas.

2018



OZ celebrates its 50 years of history with 21 consecutive victories in the WRC championship, 14 F1 world titles, 5 consecutive victories in MotoGP and 6 Formula E titles.

2021

Scuderia Ferrari picks and chooses OZ: the 2012 season marks the beginning of the partnership with Ferrari. OZ develops and manufactures the wheels for Fernando Alonso and Felipe Massa's cars.

2012

2007

OZ reaches the incredible record of 100 championships.

2006

35th Anniversary. OZ opens the OZ Wheel Museum at its headquarter in San Martino di Lupari.

2006

The classic Superleggera design makes an additional step forward in terms of weight reduction: Ultraleggera is born.



The legendary Superturismo, sported in innumerable motorsport victories, enters the aftermarket collection.

2004



OZ adopts Lean Organization principles. It's a complete organizational turning point.

2002

2001

Return of OZ to the motorbike aftermarket sector with new forged aluminum wheels.

1993

OZ with Alain Prost - Williams - wins its first F1 championship.



1997

Victories in the Indianapolis 500 Miles and Indy Racing League are added to the OZ collection of medals.



1998

OZ obtains the ISO 9001 Certification, issued by the German KBA board; the first Italian wheels company with this certification across its entire production cycle.

