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## NGK SPARKS 200TH F1 RACE WINNER IN BARCELONA

NGK Spark Plugs, the leading spark plug manufacturer, has announced that the Spanish Formula 1 Grand Prix held in Barcelona on Sunday, 13 May, marked its 200th success in sparking the winners of Formula 1 races.

NGK sparked its first F1 Grand Prix winner in Mexico with Honda in 1965. Now, over the following 43 seasons the Ferrari F1 car driven by Felipe Massa represents an outstanding success ratio with NGK's 200th race win. The cars of the drivers finishing in both second and third place in Barcelona were also sparked by NGK.

Interestingly it took NGK 33 years after its first F1 success to chalk up its 100th sparked winner when David Coulthard won the San Marino Grand Prix in 1998. The next 100 successes have only taken another nine years!



“At NGK we have always taken pride in the development of racing spark plugs specifically for Formula 1 racing, which is extremely demanding on the spark plug,” says Brian Childs, NGK's Deputy Managing Director, Sales & Marketing.

“We have been particularly proud of our close cooperation with Ferrari over recent years as official supplier of spark plugs to the Scuderia Ferrari who have been regular winners of both the Constructors and Drivers Championships.

“Ferrari is the clear leader in Formula 1 and NGK is the No1 supplier of spark plugs to vehicle manufacturers worldwide, as well as being the biggest global manufacturer of spark plugs for both OE and Aftermarket applications.”