

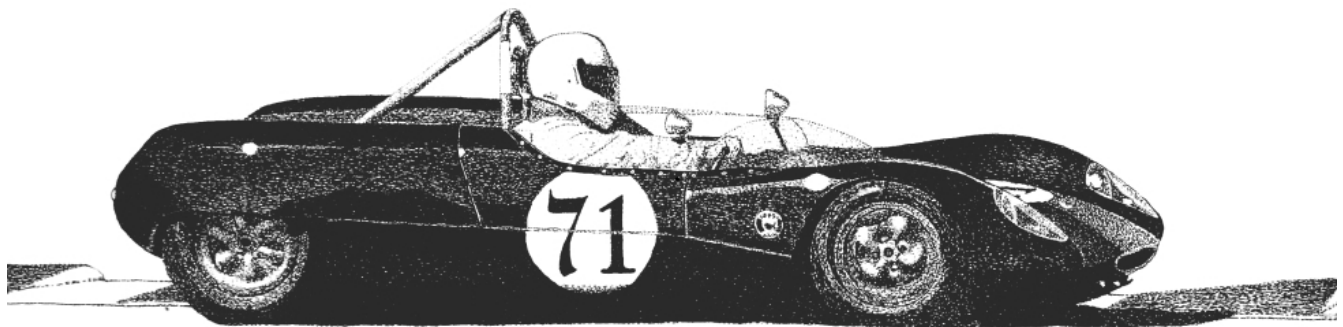
Drawing Cars – Sports / Racers are Easy!

If you have always wanted to draw cars, but thought that you didn't have any “artistic talent,” or “natural talent” whatever those are, there is an easy way to learn drawing. Normal street cars can be very intimidating to draw because of their external adornments (chrome, bumpers, and styling cues of all kinds).

A far easier type of car to draw is the sports / racer. Because it is a race car, it only has what is needed to do its job, which is, hopefully, winning races. They are designed from the ground up to be aerodynamic, light, and quick. Other than the safety equipment (roll bars, mirrors, fire extinguishers) they generally have very “slippery” bodies, devoid of phony vents and bulges. This makes them ideal for beginning automotive artists.

My personal favorite car of this type is the Lotus 23, from the first time that I saw one, I was hooked! My dad and I stopped in at Bob Challman Lotus, in Manhattan Beach, California, and there was the most beautiful race car that I had ever seen! It was hardly bigger than a ballet slipper, and it was so aerodynamic that I could see it going through the air without disturbing the molecules.

When I decided to teach drawing online, the Lotus was the obvious choice. My newsletter is a tutorial about drawing cars with pen and ink. The Lotus 23 that I used as the reference for my drawing is owned by a friend of mine, and he races it in vintage racing events. In addition to the previously mentioned reasons, this car is very dark in color. Because I draw almost exclusively with black ink, it is quite an advantage to draw a dark colored car. Here is a drawing of it:



The technique that I use to draw is called “stippling,” or “pointillism.” This simply means that a picture is drawn using only dots, just like your ink jet printer does. If you put more dots in one spot, then it becomes darker, fewer dots equal a lighter area. This way of drawing is almost foolproof! It's the easiest way to draw that I've ever found.

If you would like a more complete explanation of how it works, please check out my website: www.DrawingCarsIsEasy.com. It is a FREE newsletter, you won't have to buy anything! I love to teach drawing, I hope you enjoy it.

Rick Rucker is an automotive artist. He lives in Southern California with his wife of more than thirty-five years. His clients include some of the auto industry's elite, including CEOs of auto companies, and celebrity auto collectors, to just fans. He has been drawing with pen and ink for more than fifty years.