





Opposite (top): 1936 Bugatti Type 57G (chassis no. 57G 01) co-driven by Jean-Pierre Wimille and Raymond Sommer wins the 1936 ACF Grand Prix (French Grand Prix) held at Monthéry going at an average speed of 125 km/h (78 mph) for just under eight hours. One week later, on July 7, Wimille won the Grand Prix de la Marne held at Rheims in the same car at an average speed of 140 km/h (87 mph).

Opposite (bottom): Jean-Pierre Wimille and Pierre Veyron having just won the 1939 24 Hours of Le Mans in a different and one-off variant of the Type 57G "Tank," known as the 57C "Tank." A few weeks later, on August 11, this car was destroyed in a tragic accident that killed 30-year-old Jean Bugatti, who was test driving the car not far from the factory on the road near the village of Duppigheim.

Above: Promotional photograph celebrating Jean-Pierre Wimille and Robert Benoist's win at the 1937 24 Hours of Le Mans in chassis no. 57G 01 — the first time a Bugatti had ever prevailed in that race.



