



Nicolas Minassian Biography

- 1990 – 1991 competed in both the European 100cc Karting Championship and the French 100cc Karting Championship earning third place in both series.
- 1992 - Took his first title as Junior Champion in Renault Clio Cup finishing fifth overall in the Championship.
- 1993 – Runner up in the Formula Renault Championship.
- 1994 – First year in French Formula 3, finishing sixth in the Championship Jean-Philippe Belloc took the title.
- 1994 – 24 Hours of Le Mans – teammates: Patrick Bourdais, Olivier Couvreur - DNF suspension.
- 1995 – Returned to French Formula 3 with Team Winfield. Runner up in the Championship, with 3 wins, 7 podiums and 4 poles - Laurent Redon took the title.
- 1996 – First year in British Formula 3 with Team Promatecme Renault he finished fourth in the Championship, Ralph Firman took top honours.
- 1997 – Returned to British Formula 3 with Promatecme Renault finishing runner up in the Championship with no less than 7 wins, 9 podiums and 6 poles. The title went to Johnny Kane.
- 1997 – First F1 test with Williams Renault in Barcelona.
- 1998 – FIA International Formula 3000 Championship – Team West McLaren (Junior) – 12th overall – Recorded his season-best finish of fourth place at Hungaroring - Championship was won by Juan Pablo Montoya.
- 1998 – Indy Lights test with top runners Dorricott Racing Team.
- 1999 – Joined Kid Jensen Racing in the FIA International Formula 3000 Championship, finishing joint fifth with Bruno Junqueira overall, Nick Heidfeld took the title.
- 1999 – Three-day F1 test with BAR-Honda at Pembrey circuit in Wales.
- 2000 – Recruited by Team D2 Super Nova in the FIA International Formula 3000 Championship, finishing runner up to Bruno Junqueira in the series standings by just three points.





- 2000 – 24 Hours of Le Mans teammates: Yanick Dalmas, Jean-Philippe Belloc – DNF Oil pressure.
- 2001 – Took part in a four-way shoot out for one of two Target Chip Ganassi Racing seats in the then CART Fed-Ex Championship – securing the drive alongside fellow F3000 rival Bruno Junqueira.
- 2001 – CART Fed-Ex Championship – competed in seven races before being controversially replaced.
- 2002 – European ASCAR Championship for Ray Mallock Limited – took the title in both his and the team's first year in the series.
- 2002 - 24 Hours of Le Mans team-mates: Stephane Sarrazin and Franck Montagny for Team Oreca, Play Station 2. Qualified in fourth and finished sixth.
- 2002 – FIA Sportscar winner at Estoril.
- 2002 – DTM Testing – Opel.
- 2003 – FIA International F3000 Championship.
- 2003 – 24 Hours of Le Mans, finished 9th overall for Pescarolo Sport Play Station 2.
- 2003 – Australia V8 Supercars Team Dynamik.
- 2004 – 24 Hours of Le Mans teammates: Sebastien Bourdais, Emmanuel Collard – DNF Engine failure.
- 2004 –Le Mans Endurance Series.





Editorial Notes

Nicolas Minassian, 31, lives in England with his wife Jayne. Minassian was runner up in the French F3 Championship in 1995, British F3 in 1997 and the FIA F3000 Championship in 2000. He has tested with both Williams and Honda in Formula One and competed in the Champ Car World Series with Ganassi Racing before taking the 2002 ASCAR title with RML. With Creation Autosportif, Minassian is a front-runner in the inaugural four-round LMES Championship.

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