



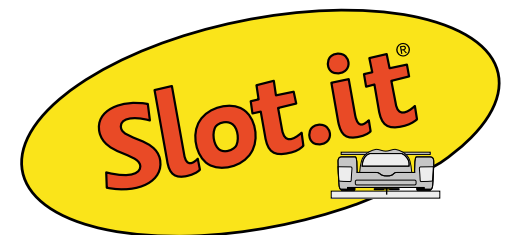
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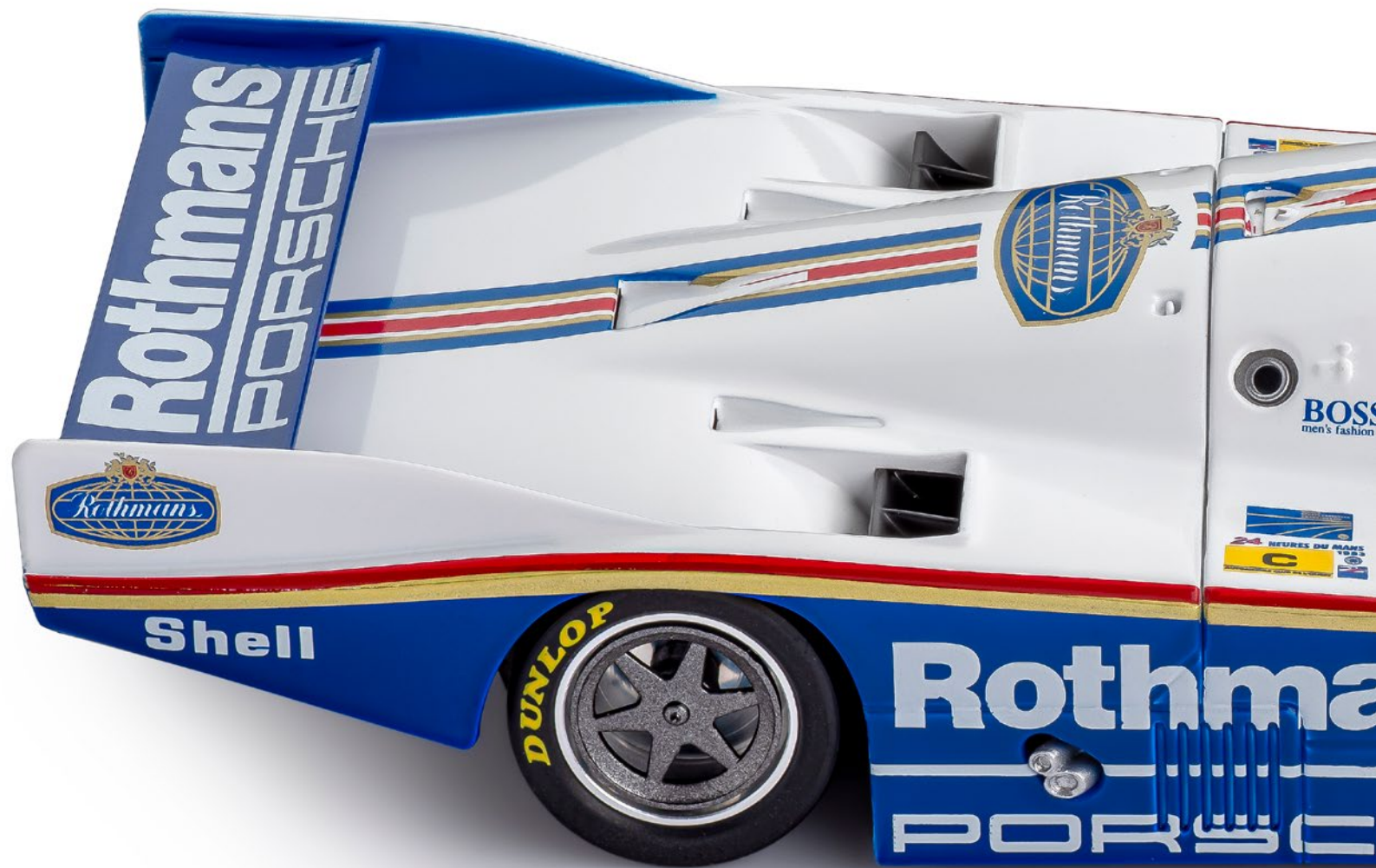
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Porsche 956C LH

Le Mans winner 1983

#3 – V. Schuppan, H. Haywood,
A. Holbert





Porsche 956C LH







The 956 model was created by Porsche in 1982 to compete in the new Group C category. It was replaced in 1985 by the similar 962 model.

It was one of the most successful racing cars ever: it won four 24h Le Mans competitions consecutively, in 1982, 1983, 1984, 1985, and the World Car Manufacturer title three times. The car was powered by a 2.650 cc engine. Its monocoque aluminium chassis was new for Porsche, previously known for their space frame design. Through this change, the regulated minimum weight of 800 Kg was reached. The victory of the Porsche n.3 of Holbert, Haywood and Schuppan on the n.2 of Ickx and Bell came mainly thanks to the American driver: the loss of a door had damaged the radiator and caused an engine bank to overheat, but Al Holbert, a mechanical engineer, managed to complete the race, despite the smoking engine that seized immediately after the finish line, that he crossed only 17" ahead of Derek Bell ... who in the meantime had run out of fuel. Notice how this edition was dominated by the Porsche 956 with 8 cars in the first 8 positions.









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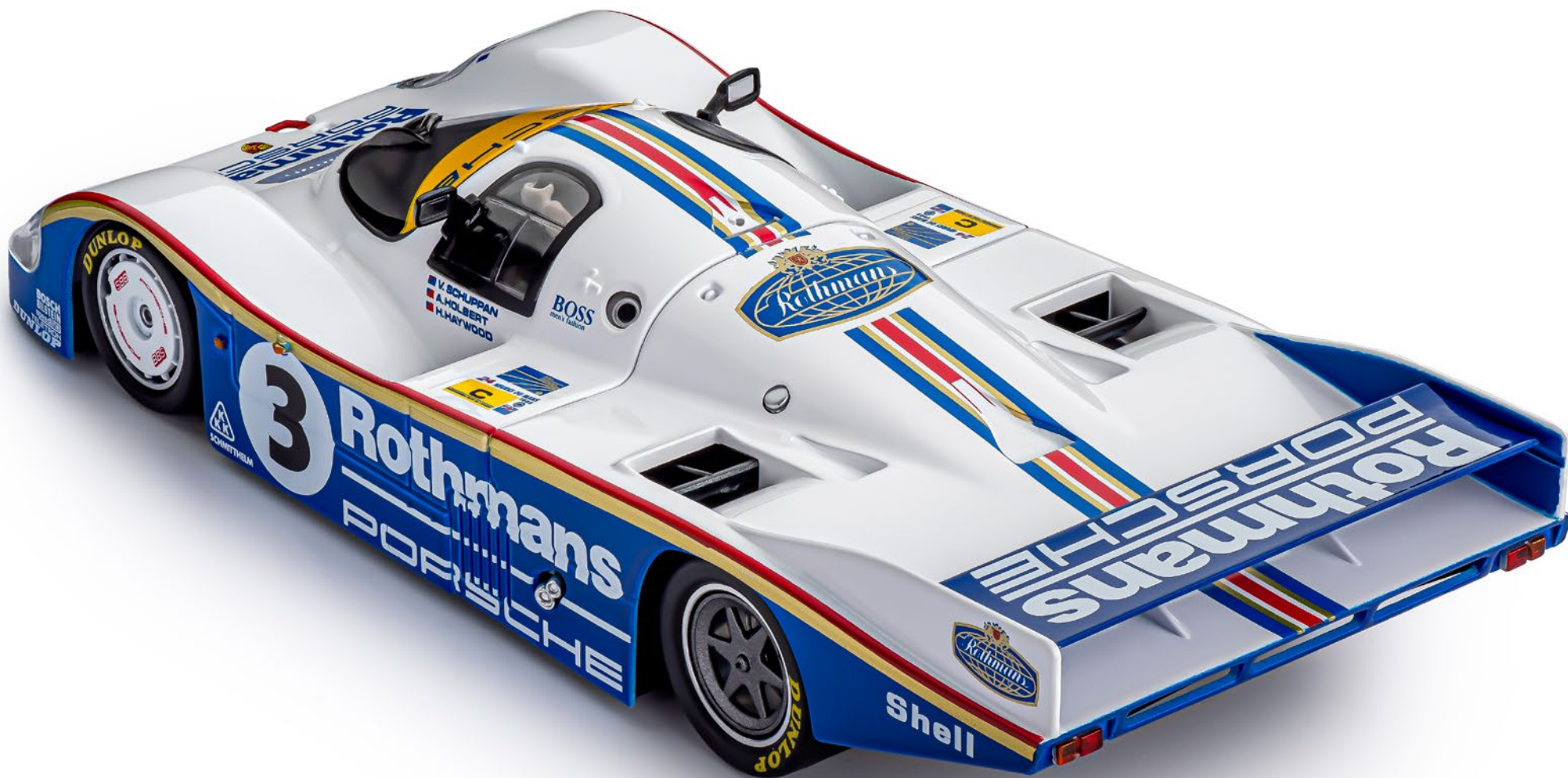
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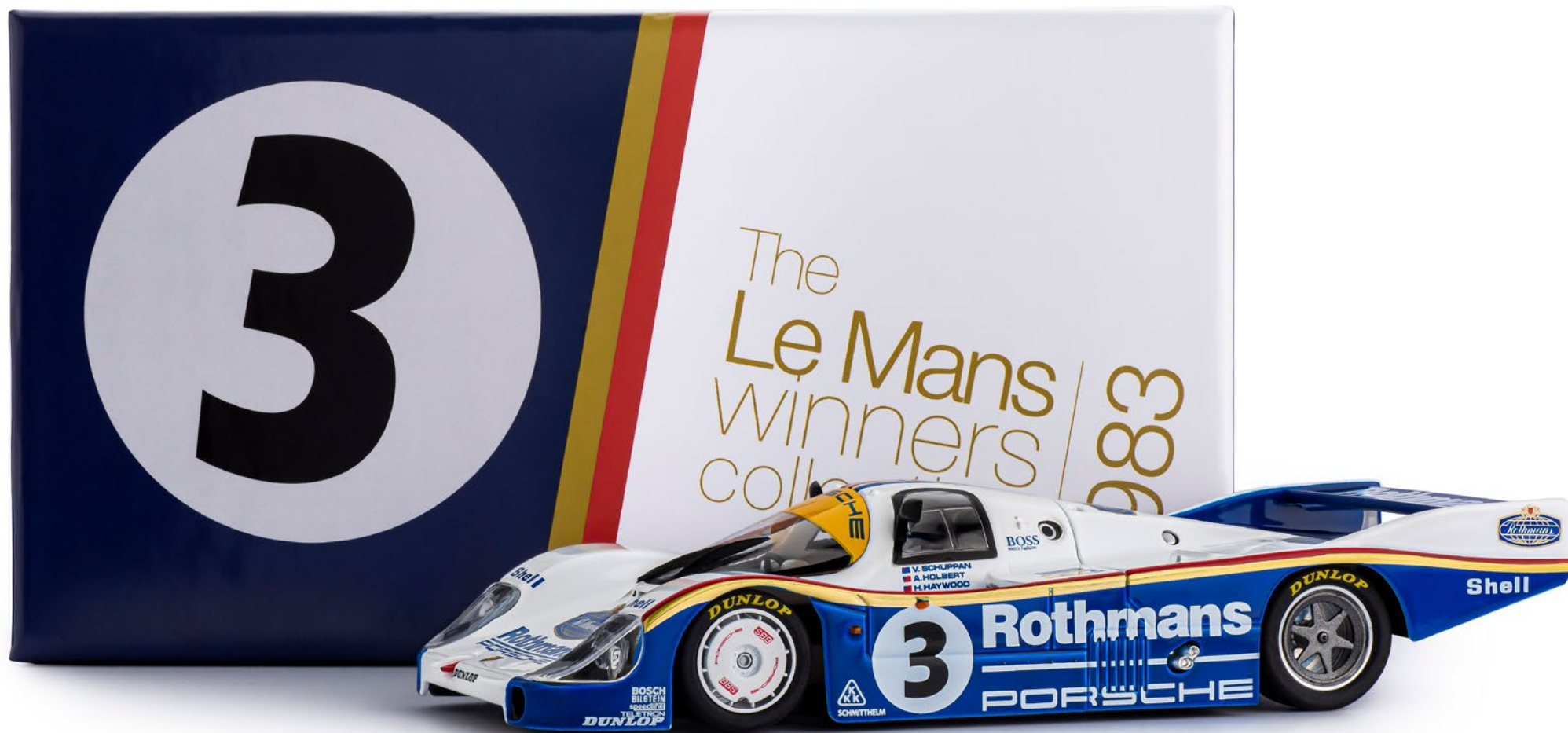


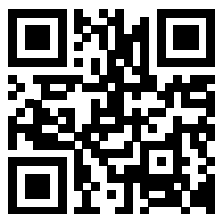
La Porsche 956, creata nel 1982 per partecipare alle gare della nuova categoria Gruppo C, fu una delle auto da corsa di maggior successo: vinse quattro volte consecutivamente la 24h Le Mans, nel 1982, 1983, 1984, 1985, e tre volte il titolo mondiale costruttori. L'auto era spinta da un motore da 2.650 cc e telaio monoscocca in alluminio come da regolamento per le auto Gruppo C. Questo particolare, una novità per le Porsche che erano generalmente contraddistinte da telaio tubolare, permise di raggiungere un peso minimo regolamentare di 800 Kg.

La vittoria alla 24h di Le Mans del 1983 per la Porsche 956 numero 3 arrivò dopo un arrivo in volata con la sorella ufficiale di Ickx e Bell. Holbert riuscì ad arrivare al termine con il motore fumante fermandosi subito dopo il traguardo, tagliato con soli 17 secondi su Bell... che aveva nel frattempo finito la benzina.

Da notare come questa edizione fu dominata dalla Porsche 956 piazzando 8 vetture nelle prime 8 posizioni.







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146 mm

32 mm

95,7 mm

62 mm

67 g

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MOTOR: V12/4 23K

PINION/
GEAR: 9/28

FRONT
RIMS/
TYRES: 15.8x8.2x1.5
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REAR
RIMS/
TYRES: 16.5x8.2x1.5
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