

## *“Carrera Panamericana*

One of the most epic road races of the past century, Hans Herrmann crossed the line first in November 1954. After a gruelling South to North race of 3,077km, his Porsche 550 Spyder crossed the line just 36 seconds ahead of Jaroslav Juhan in the sister car, with whom Herrmann had been battling for the majority of the race. This gifted Herrmann and Porsche the class win for cars up to 1.5-litres, and put him and Juhan third and fourth overall.

The win is considered a breakthrough for Porsche, and the first achievement in Ferry Porsche’s goal of making the company’s name through success in motor racing. The 1954 Carrera Panamericana has also had an obvious, lasting effect on Porsche nomenclature, “Carrera” becoming the standard name for cars with twin camshafts, and latterly in 2009, being the inspiration for the “Panamera” name.



Porsche 550 Spyder, Hans Herrmann (no 55), Fernando Segura (no 58) and 356 Coupé, Ernst-Joachim Hirz, Carrera Panamericana”

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