

1971 McLaren M8E/D Chassis 80-08

Racing team VDS and driver Teddy Pilette raced this car for the first time at the July 1971 Hockenheim Interserie event. They finished tenth and went on to finish seventh at the August 1971 Keimola Interserie race. After an engine failure at the October 1971 Hockenheim Interserie race, they began development of a Morand twin turbocharged Chevrolet engine. The clutch failed at the May 1972 Imola Interserie race but was upgraded in time for the May 1972 Silverstone Interserie race. After driving in the rain, Teddy was quoted as saying the car was terrific (a combination of horrific and terrifying.) He went on to finish eighth but this car was traded in on a McLaren M8F afterwards. The twin turbo engine stayed with racing team VDS while this car was upgraded to M8D bodywork and sold to Kaye Griffiths.



McLaren M8E/D race car on a track.



Front view of the McLaren M8E/D race car.



Side view of the McLaren M8E/D race car.



Teddy Pilette in a racing suit.



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Kaye Griffiths' first race in this car was the May 1973 Silverstone Interserie race where he finished eighth. He went on to finish eighth overall (sixth in class) at the June 1973 Norisring Interserie race but the clutch failed at the July 1973 Hockenheim Interserie race and the transmission failed at the September 1973 Hockenheim Interserie race.



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Yellow race car with '5-Juli Interserie' text.

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| E4 Interserie II McLaren M8E (1973) | |
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| PK | 750 |
| G/min | 6800 |
| cc | 8000 |
| Cyl | 8 |
| kg | 750 |

McLaren M8E race car specifications table.



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A large, ornate building facade.

Kaye Griffiths' big break came when John Bonham, the drummer for Led Zeppelin, sponsored this car. The deal was announced on the Evening News Motor Racing Showboat in January 1974 and began a string of top finishes. Kaye won the March 1974 Silverstone Sports GT and Formula Libre races and was runner up at the April 1974 Silverstone Formula Libre race. After a spin during the May 1974 Silverstone Interserie race he went on to finish second in the May 1974 Silverstone Formula Libre race and move into the lead of the Jaybrand Racewear Formula Libre championship points. Although entered in the June 1974 Silverstone Sports GT and Formula Libre races, he did not show. This car was sold to John Harper who entered it in the August 1974 Silverstone Formula Libre race. If you have any additional info on this car's history, please let us know.



A person working on a car.



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Silverstone B.R.D.C. Easter Championship Car Races cover.



Silverstone Super Sports magazine cover.



Tricentrol Race Day Silverstone cover.



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