CLASSIC DRIVER

McQueen's 917K takes centre stage at newly opened Brumos Collection

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The long-awaited Brumos Collection has opened in Jacksonville, Florida, and it's every bit the temple of motorsport history we hoped it would be. Especially surprising is the museum's star car: the Porsche 917K driven by Steve McQueen in the 1971 racing thriller 'Le Mans'...

The Gulf-liveried beauty – which was discovered in a barn in 2001, meticulously restored and sold at auction in 2017 for over 14m US dollars – is the first in a long list of motoring marvels to see at The Brumos Collection.





The 35,000-square-foot museum was designed to look like a former Ford Model T factory in the area, and features large brick facades, generously sized windows and triangular skylights that provide plenty of natural light to showcase the 40 historic cars, artefacts and interactive exhibits displayed inside. Other standout cars on show include the Porsche 908 in which Jo Siffert and Vic Elford won the Nürburgring 1,000km in 1968, the Porsche 917/10 Can-Am car that was the first car to wear the famous Brumos Racing colours, and the team boss Peter Gregg's final racing car: the 1979 Porsche 935, believed to be the last unmodified example on the planet.

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