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Mazda 787B Returns to Circuit de la Sarthe to Commemorate 35th Anniversary of Its Le Mans Victory

HIROSHIMA, Japan—Mazda Motor Corporation (Mazda) will conduct demonstration runs of the Mazda 787B—the winning car of the 24 Hours of Le Mans—at Le Mans Classic 2026, one of the world’s largest historic endurance events, held at the Circuit de la Sarthe in Le Mans, France, from July 2 to 5, 2026 (local time).

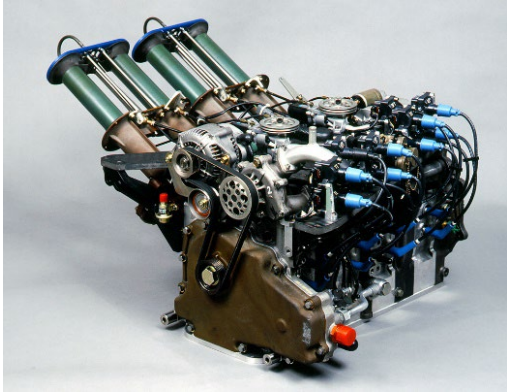


The Mazda 787B performing a demonstration run to commemorate the 20th anniversary of its victory
(2011, Circuit de la Sarthe)

Le Mans Classic is a popular event that brings together numerous race cars that have competed in the 24 Hours of Le Mans, held at the Circuit de la Sarthe, showcasing their performance. With the cooperation of Spark, a model car brand, the Mazda 787B will take part in a special parade session, performing a standalone demonstration run driven by Yojiro Terada—long associated with the 24 Hours of Le Mans—and Pierre Fillon, President of the ACO*. Commenting on this opportunity, Mr. Fillon said: “It has long been a dream of mine to have the privilege of getting behind the wheel of this iconic car.”

Since the launch of the Cosmo Sport in 1967, Mazda has introduced a wide range of rotary-engine vehicles. The Mazda 787B remains the only rotary-powered car to have achieved an overall victory at the 24 Hours of Le Mans, marking a historic milestone in 1991 as the first Japanese manufacturer to win the race. The 787B has captivated fans around the world through demonstration runs at various events, including at the Circuit de la Sarthe. Marking the 35th anniversary of its victory, this occasion offers a unique opportunity to once again hear the clear, unmistakable sound of the rotary engine across the Circuit de la Sarthe, allowing audiences to experience Mazda’s enduring commitment to the joy of driving and its relentless challenger spirit. Development of the rotary engine continues to this day, and it will mark its

60th anniversary in 2027. Through this demonstration run, Mazda aims to inspire anticipation for the future and ensure this legacy is passed on to the next generation.



R26B 4-rotor rotary engine
in the Mazda 787B



Mazda 787B parading alongside historic Mazda models
(2018, Be a Driver. at FUJI SPEEDWAY)

Mazda will continue to cherish “the joy of driving” and “challenger spirit,” delivering experiences that pass these values on to the next generation.

■ For Mazda 787B, visit the LE MANS VICTORY COMMEMORATIVE SITE
<https://www.mazda.com/ja/experience/mspr/motorsports/lemans/>

■ Footage of the demonstration run at Le Mans Classic 2026 will be made available to the IMAGE GALLERY and VIDEO GALLERY on the MAZDA NEWSROOM around Tuesday, July 7.
<https://newsroom.mazda.com/ja/>

* Automobile Club de l'Ouest: Automobile Club of Western France