

PANOZ ESPERANTE GTLM_e CHASSIS #3

Chassis # 3 was completed in the spring of 2004 and delivered to the Panoz Motor Sports team in time for the June 27th race at Mid Ohio and distinguished itself by running the fastest GT race lap during the event. The balance of the season saw minor mechanical issues as the team developed the car and by the end of the season it was running in the top 10 consistently. The 2005 season saw a similar start as the end of the 2004 season with a modest 11th place at the 12 Hours of Sebring; however the next race at its home track saw a stunning upset win by the Panoz in the Grand Prix of Atlanta. This great result was followed by a season with several top 5 positions and was topped off with a second place finish in the season finale at Laguna Seca in Monterey Ca.

2006 dawned bright and full of hope as the Panoz did not disappoint taking GT2 poll and the GT2 win at the historic 12 hours of Sebring. Traveling to France for the 24 hour race at LeMans it saw its sister car shake the racing world with the GT2 class win in this the ultimate endurance race. The balance of the season saw two more podiums and always in the top 10 with the exception of an early race ending accident at Mosport in Canada.

In 2007 the Panoz car liveried with the 21 number and running under the watchful eye of Tom Milner's Prototype Technology group saw some frustrating engine failures during the early part of the season, in order to capitalize on the points gained by the 22 car during this period, chassis #3 was re numbered as the 22 car for three races, Road America, Mosport and Belle Isle after which it was switched back to 21 and for the balance of the season. Now running in house built engines from Tom Milner's PTG shop all efforts from this master race car strategist with championships in his blood look to 2008

2008 saw chassis three, now a little "long in the tooth" as race cars go become the perfect training platform for a young Tommy Milner who turned in some very mature drives culminating in a fantastic podium finish in the final race of the season at Laguna Seca.

2009 finds chassis 3 in its sixth season of world class competition and shows everyone its pedigree by standing its drivers on the podium at The 12 hours of Sebring and following this up with a podium at the very next race in St Petersburg. Just two race later a hard fought 4th place proved that there was still life in this truly unique American sports car.