

Felipe Massa

- Nationality: Brazilian
- Born: 25th April 1981
- Job description: Race Driver #19
- Height: 1.66m
- Weight: 60kg

Career Highlights

2014	Race Driver for Williams
2006 – 2013	Race Driver for Scuderia Ferrari
2004 – 2005	Race Driver for the Sauber Petronas F1 Team
2003	Test Driver for Scuderia Ferrari
2002	Race Driver for the Sauber Petronas F1 Team
2001	Euro F3000 Champion. Test with the Sauber Petronas F1 Team
2000	Italy and European Formula Renault Champion
1999	Formula Chevrolet Champion (Brazil)
1998	Debut in single-seater
1990	Debut in karting

Born on 25 April 1981 in Sao Paulo in Brazil, not far away from the Interlagos circuit, at the age of nine Felipe Massa was already behind a wheel. In 1990 he came fourth in the Sao Paulo Micro-Kart Championship; sixth in 1991; and finished on the podium in 1992.

After his successes in kart racing he participated in Formula Chevrolet in 1998, concluding the Brazilian Championship that year in fifth place and winning the title in 1999. Felipe then moved to Europe and won the Italian Formula Renault Championship in 2000. In the following year he won the European F3000 Championship. In 2001 he signed a contract with Ferrari and took part in what was his first test behind the wheel of a Formula One single-seater, with Sauber, at the Mugello circuit. In 2002 Felipe made his Formula One debut at the Australian GP with Sauber-Petronas. By the end of the season he had claimed four points and started work as a test driver for Ferrari, his full-time occupation in the 2003 season.

2004 saw Felipe return to a race seat with Sauber-Petronas, scoring 12 points in the 2004 season and 11 points the following year. He then signed as a Race Driver for Ferrari in 2006. In his first year he claimed his first race win at the Turkish Grand Prix and finished third in the Drivers' Championship. 2008 would be a standout year for Felipe, coming close to winning the Drivers' Championship only to be beaten by Lewis Hamilton by one point.

2009 saw Felipe suffer a severe injury during qualifying for the Hungarian GP that forced him to sit out the remaining seven races of that season. Fully recovered, he returned for Ferrari in 2010 and finished sixth in the Drivers' Championship, taking five podium finishes. 2011 was his sixth season with Ferrari and again he finished sixth in the Drivers' Championship, and in 2012 Felipe finished seventh in the Drivers' Championship with 122 points.

2013 was Felipe's last season with Ferrari, as he joins Williams for the 2014 Formula One World Championship.