

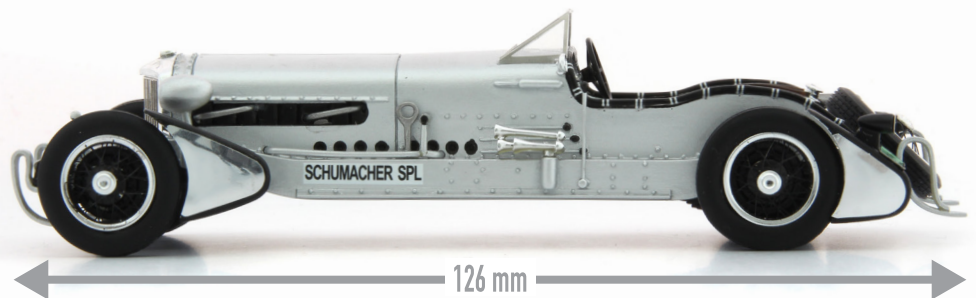
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To make a virtue out of necessity"

At the end of the 1920s Gustav Schumacher ran a mechanical workshop named "Schumacher – Motor-Service" in the city of Yonkers near New York. He was described as being talented in the fields automotive engineering, design works and metalworking. If he was aware, that the race driver Frank Lockhart did a world record run attempt on the beach of Florida on April 25, 1928, is not known.

For his run on the beach of Daytona Lockhart designed himself a special car with an extremely streamlined body. This car definitely entailed something sensational back then. Lockhart named his racer "Stutz Black Hawk Special Streamliner", which reflected the fact that the car based on a chassis of the company Stutz. Lockhart's attempt ended tragically as he was killed in an accident during his run. But this tragedy did not deter the son of a very rich New Yorker industrialist from entering the business premises of the company

Schumacher – Motor-Service and asking Gustav Schumacher to design and build him a similar car like the world record car in 1928. The real work for Gustav Schumacher began only after the purchase of the chassis and the engine. He sketched an open race car, which was strongly guided by the design of Lockhart's record car. Due to the collapse of the stock market the wealthy customer lost a big part of his asset and was no longer able to finance his project. Gustav Schumacher ended up without having a customer for his special automobile.

But the clever mechanic made a virtue out of his necessity, continued building the car for himself and used it until the mid of the 1930s.

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