

Škoda UK Motorsport

2010 Fabia Super 2000

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Guy's first taste of driving a motor vehicle was behind the wheel of a tractor when he was seven. Initially, it was two-wheeled motorsport that attracted him, competing in motorcycle trials in his teens and it wasn't until he was 19 before he sat behind a wheel of a rally car.

Right from the start Guy showed his potential and in 2000 - his first ever season - he became Junior Champion in the Ford KA Championship. Spurred on by his early success, he contested the 1400 Puma series the following year and ended the season in a credible second place.

In 2002 he moved-up again, with a full-season in the British Rally Championship driving a Super1600 Puma. Ironically, he finished second in the S1600 category behind Gwyndaf Evans, but his performance was good enough for him to get noticed and Ford offered him support and the use of a car for the 2003 FIA Junior World Rally Championship.

Guy did not disappoint and, after an exciting year, ended his inaugural season in the J-WRC in sixth place, having scored podium finishes in Finland and Turkey. Again, his performance had impressed and, because of his obvious pace, Suzuki invited Guy to drive for its works team in 2004.

It was a busy year, with both a full S1600 British Championship and J-WRC programme ahead of him. A highly successful season concluded with Guy being crowned British Super 1600 Champion and a third place finish in the Junior World series, which included wins in Greece and Britain.

Suzuki had no hesitation in retaining him for 2005 and a series of consistent results, topped with victory in Mexico, saw Guy emerge as runner-up in the JWRC. Now determined to become Junior World Champion at the third time of asking with Suzuki, 2006 brought with it wins in Argentina and Finland, but transmission failure on the final round, Wales Rally GB, robbed him of almost certain victory.

Coupled with his trips overseas, Guy was also seen posting a number of excellent performances in the British Championship in 2006, his efforts rewarding the Suzuki GB operation with the British Team's award.

Intent on developing his career in 2007, Guy secured sponsorship from Mobil 1 and, with its support, has embarked on a WRC campaign in a Ford Focus. In March this year he was invited to drive for the Mitsubishi Motors UK Works Team and, although not familiar with Group N machinery, he blitzed the opposition to take the 2007 Tesco 99 Octane MSA British Rally Championship title.

He repeated this feat in 2008 becoming the first driver since Colin McRae to win back-to-back British titles.

In 2009 Guy competed in his first Intercontinental Rally Challenge (IRC) event, the RAC MSA Rally of Scotland, in a Škoda UK-entered Fabia Super 2000. After a spectacularly tight battle with series Champion Kris Meeke, Guy eventually secured a notable victory.

2010 will see Guy continue his partnership with Škoda UK with an IRC programme that will take him back onto the international rally scene.

“Following our victory on last year’s Rally of Scotland, I’m very much looking forward to driving for Škoda UK Motorsport on the 2010 Intercontinental Rally Challenge. The Fabia S2000 has a very good engine and chassis and is ideally suited to the extreme conditions we’ll face in the IRC. With a professional team set-up and clear objectives, I’m confident we’ll be able to do extremely well in 2010.”