

The Porsche 550 Spyder is considered an icon of design.



CHAPTER 3

Porsche Evolution

With the success of the Porsche 356, the company developed other car models.

The Porsche 550 Spyder was a race car made from 1953 to 1956. Only 90 Porsche 550s were made! It had a **mid-engine layout**. A mid-engine layout puts the car's engine in front of the rear-wheel **axles** but behind the front axle. Axles are the metal rods that connect the wheels on either side of the car. This layout is now the standard for many supercar designs.

The Porsche 550 won the first race it entered in 1953. In later races, the Spyder usually finished in the top of its class.