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## **Best Audi takes provisional second row slot**

- **Marco Werner fourth in first qualifying**
- **Audi teams concentrate on race preparation**
- **Audi R8 LMS #17 involved in collision**

**Ingolstadt/Nürburg, June 23, 2011 – the best Audi currently lies in fourth position after first qualifying for the 24-hour race around the Nürburgring.**

In the #16 Audi R8 LMS fielded by Audi Sport Team Abt Sportsline Marco Werner posted a lap time of 8m 31.536s on Thursday evening shortly before 22:00. As a result, last year's fastest overall qualifier missed a spot on the front row by only 1.155 seconds.

The two Audi Sport Team Phoenix Audi R8 LMS hold ninth (#15) and twelfth (#14) positions after first qualifying. The second Audi Sport Team Abt Sportsline R8 LMS (#17) with Christian Abt at the wheel was touched at the rear on the right while overtaking and subsequently hit on the driver's side. After successfully repairing the car the team decided not to send the car back out onto the track on Thursday, but in fact to prepare calmly for final qualifying on Friday (16:55 to 18:55). The R8 LMS #17 currently lies in a provisional 19th place.

On Thursday both Audi factory teams concentrated solely on preparation for the race (start on Saturday at 16:00).

The two Audi TT RS entered by Raeder Motorsport claimed the first two places in the SP 4T class on Thursday. The two Audi race experience Audi R8 LMS are in 37th and 41st overall.



The Audi Group sold around 1,092,400 cars of the Audi brand in 2010. The Company posted revenue of €35.4 billion and an operating profit of €3.3 billion in 2010. Audi produces vehicles in Ingolstadt and Neckarsulm (Germany), Győr (Hungary), Changchun (China) and Brussels (Belgium). Aurangabad in India saw the start of CKD production of the Audi A6 at the end of 2007, of the Audi A4 in early October 2008 and of the Audi Q5 in July 2010. Production of the new Audi A1 has been running at the Brussels plant since May 2010. The Company is active in more than 100 markets worldwide. AUDI AG's wholly owned subsidiaries include AUDI HUNGARIA MOTOR Kft., Automobili Lamborghini Holding S.p.A. in Sant'Agata Bolognese (Italy) and quattro GmbH in Neckarsulm. Audi currently employs around 60,000 people worldwide, including around 46,600 in Germany. Between 2011 and 2015 the brand with the four rings is planning to invest around €11 billion, mainly in new products, in order to sustain the Company's technological lead embodied in its "Vorsprung durch Technik" slogan. By 2015, Audi plans to increase the number of models in its portfolio to 42.

Audi has long been fulfilling its social responsibility on many levels – with the aim of making the future worth living for generations to come. The basis for Audi's lasting success is therefore formed by environmental protection, the conservation of resources, international competitiveness and a forward-looking human resources policy. One example of AUDI AG's commitment to environmental issues is the newly established Audi Environmental Foundation.