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## **di Grassi and Müller test Audi RS 5 DTM**

- **Audi Sport gives two young race drivers a chance**
- **Brazilian and Swiss drive at the Red Bull Ring**
- **Preparation for the final spurt in the DTM season 2013**

**Ingolstadt, August 26, 2013 – Lucas di Grassi (BR/29) and Nico Müller (CH/21) get the opportunity to test the Audi RS 5 DTM this week at the Red Bull Ring in Spielberg (Austria).**

Audi, BMW and Mercedes-Benz complete a multiday test at the race track in Styria in preparation for the final spurt beginning at Oschersleben on September 15. Audi driver Mike Rockenfeller starts the final dash as championship leader with a 35-point advantage.

Rockenfeller and Mattias Ekström are in action for Audi in Spielberg. At the same time, Audi Sport offers two young racing drivers the chance to test the Audi RS 5 DTM.

The former Formula 1 driver and GP2 runner-up Lucas di Grassi belongs to Audi's sportscar driver line-up since mid 2012. The Brazilian clinched a podium position on his Le Mans debut in the Audi R18 e-tron quattro in June 2013.

Nico Müller had previously impressed Audi at the wheel of an Audi A4 DTM at a driver test for budding talents in spring 2012. The 21-year old Swiss now receives the opportunity to drive a current DTM racecar for the first time. Müller currently races in Formula Renault 3.5 and won the series' highlight of the season in Monaco this year.

"We are intrigued to see just how Nico (Müller) and Lucas (di Grassi) get to grips with our RS 5 DTM," says Dieter Gass, Head of DTM at Audi Sport. "Nico is a promising young driver whose career we have followed with great interest for some years now. Lucas has impressed our sportscar team with his speed and knowledgeable technical feedback, which is why he is regarded as excellent test driver."



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