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Facts about the DTM race at Barcelona

- **Barcelona is last year's best DTM Organiser**
- **Martin Tomczyk celebrated his first DTM race win in Spain**
- **Biggest crowd ever to attend a DTM premiere abroad**

Audi comes to the ninth round of the DTM at Barcelona (Spain) with two drivers heading the leader board. Listed below are several interesting facts about the race in Catalunya.

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Did you know that...

... Audi scored its **42nd DTM race win** at the Nürburgring and the A4 DTM won for the **15th time**?

... last year, the DTM started **for the first time** in Spain since the championship's history started in 1984?

... with **42,000 spectators at its debut**, Barcelona replaced Zandvoort as the most successful foreign premiere since the advent of the new DTM?

... the organisers were able to claim another personal best performance, this was for becoming the first race on its debut to be awarded the prize for **DTM Organiser of the Year** by the ITR?

... a **new chicane**, built in the area of the penultimate corner, will be used for the first time this year?

... as a result of the modification the circuit length of the national version of the Barcelona track has been increased by 28 metres from 2.949 kilometres to **2.977 kilometres**?

... Audi occupied the **first three grid positions** with three A4 DTM cars at Barcelona in September 2006 and claimed two places on the podium with first and third places at the chequered flag?

... **Martin Tomczyk** claimed his **fourth pole position** in the DTM a year ago at Barcelona?

... in the process of taking pole position he bettered his lap time between the first and third qualifying sessions from 1m 14.764s to 1m 13.900s therefore recorded the **biggest improvement** in the entire field?

... the Bavarian went on to celebrate **his first of three DTM victories** to date and, at that time, the 20th DTM race win for today's Audi Sport Team Abt Sportsline?

... in addition to qualifying and the result in 2006, Audi also dominated the race by leading **54 of a possible 58 laps**?

... in the process, **three of the four** Audi Sport Team Abt Sportsline drivers led the race at least once and finished in the top four at the finish?

... by starting **fourteenth** on the grid at Barcelona in 2006 **Vanina Ickx** achieved her best qualifying result to date in the DTM, she went on to equal this in June 2007 at the Norisring – also on a wet track?

... Rally ace **Carlos Sainz** drove a DTM car for the first time at Barcelona last year and chauffeured guests in the A4 DTM Race Taxi around the circuit?

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