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Facts about the DTM race at Le Mans

- Audi returns to the scene of its greatest victories
- Record hunt starts again after circuit modifications
- Tom Kristensen is Le Mans record holder

Ingolstadt – For many fans Le Mans is a mythical place – also for Audi. The Ingolstadt based brand has won the 24 Hours of Le Mans eight times since 2000. The DTM races on the Circuit Bugatti, which was reopened in March 2008 after some small modifications.

Did you know that ...

... **France**, with 47,540 cars delivered (2007), is one of Audi's four core markets in continental Europe and that last year the brand sold 4.4 per cent more vehicles there than in 2006?

... **Le Mans** with the Circuit Bugatti was once – namely 2006 – a part of the DTM calendar and this was the only French race to date to have been run since the new DTM was established in the year 2000?

... the DTM immediately attracted **34,000 spectators**?

... **Audi** won the 24 Hours of Le Mans for the **eighth time** since 2000 in June, and **Tom Kristensen** for the **eighth time** since 1997?

... **Tom Kristensen** is the only one of the three victorious Audi R10 TDI drivers who races in the DTM at the same time?



... two other Audi drivers, **Alexandre Prémat** and **Mike Rockenfeller**, compete for the second time this year at Le Mans?

... **Tom Kristensen** is not only a record winner on the long-circuit at Le Mans, but was also the best **Audi driver** in the DTM on the Bugatti circuit in 2006? He qualified on the front row and finished on the podium in third place.

... only **four** of the current **ten** Audi drivers raced in the DTM at Le Mans in **2006**, and in fact the quartet that today drives for Audi Sport Team Abt Sportsline?

... other drivers from the current Audi squad have good memories of Le Mans? **Alexandre Prémat's** motorsport career started on the circuit at the Sarthe, while **Markus Winkelhock** won a Formula Renault World Series race there in 2005?

... the **DTM track records** set in October 2006 can no longer be regarded as benchmark because the circuit has been lengthened since then by **five metres** in the area of "Virage du Garage vert"?

... **Tom Kristensen** and his team mates will complete 40 laps around the 4.185-kilometre circuit on the first weekend in October?

... the length of the DTM race therefore equals 167.4 kilometres? This represents 3.2 per cent of the distance (5192,649 km) covered by **Tom Kristensen/Dindo Capello/Allan McNish** as winners of the 24-hours in June.

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AUDI AG sold a total of 964,151 cars in 2007 and thus achieved its twelfth consecutive record year. With revenue of € 33,617 million and profit before tax of € 2,915 million, the company attained its best figures ever. Audi produces vehicles in Ingolstadt and Neckarsulm (Germany), Győr (Hungary), Changchun (China) and Brussels (Belgium). At the end of 2007, production of the Audi A6 started in Aurangabad, India. The company is active in more than 100 markets worldwide. AUDI AG's wholly owned subsidiaries include Automobili Lamborghini Holding S.p.A. in Sant'Agata Bolognese, Italy, and quattro GmbH in Neckarsulm. Audi employs about 57,000 people worldwide, including 45,000 in Germany. The brand with the four rings invests more than € 2 billion each year in order to sustain the company's technological lead embodied in its "Vorsprung durch Technik" slogan. Audi plans to significantly increase the number of models in its portfolio by 2015 to 40.