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Facts about the DTM race in Nuremberg

- Home race for Audi at the Norisring
- 60th anniversary of the DTM's only city street circuit
- Audi holds circuit record in qualifying

At the Norisring Audi will contest the fifth of ten DTM races in the 2007 season. Listed below are a few interesting facts about the race on the city street circuit in Nuernberg.

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Did you know that ...

... Nuernberg is the venue of **Audi's** "home race"? The circuit is located only 90 kilometres from the automobile manufacturer's headquarters in Ingolstadt.

... the name "**Norisring**" stems from a name that came up in the Late Middle Ages ("castrum Noricum" and the resulting neologism "Noris") based on the false assumption that the original foundation of Nuernberg dates back to Classical Antiquity and was associated with the Celtic tribe of the Norici?

... the **Norisring** has been on the DTM calendar with a single race in 1984 and continuously since 1987, which makes it the only city street circuit that has permanently established itself in the DTM?

... **28** races have so far been staged on the city circuit that is regarded as the "Franconian Monaco"?

... with a length of 2.3 kilometres, the circuit in Nuernberg, which consists of streets normally open to regular traffic that are blocked for the race, used to be the shortest DTM venue up to **2005**? The only track that is shorter is the "Indy Circuit" at Brands Hatch.

... in 2007, with **74** laps and a distance of **170,200 kilometres**, the Norisring will see the longest DTM race being staged in its history?

... the facility was first used as a race track in **1947**, which means that it is celebrating its **60th anniversary** this year?

... since the launch of the new DTM in the 2000 season an average of **125,286 fans** per year have travelled to the Norisring and that their number during these past seven years has consistently increased, reaching the 147,000 mark last year?

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... **Audi**, in its DTM début year of 1990, celebrated a double victory at the Norisring with Hans-Joachim Stuck and guest entrant Walter Röhrl at the wheel of the V8 quattro?

... **Walter Röhrl** on the circuit that already had a length of 2.3 kilometres back then set the fastest race lap at 55.6 seconds, while last year the best race lap of an Audi A4 DTM, driven by **Mattias Ekström**, was 49.090 seconds?

... **Audi Sport Team Abt Sportsline** last won at the Norisring in 2002 with Laurent Aiello in the Abt-Audi TT-R?

... **Christian Abt** at the Norisring finished as the runner-up in a year-old car in 2005?

... **Audi** with **Tom Kristensen's** 2005 pole position clinched by setting a 48.466-second lap time at the Norisring in 2005 continues to hold the DTM circuit record in qualifying?

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