

## Communications Motorsport

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## Facts on the DTM race at the EuroSpeedway

- Audi comes to race in Lausitz region as DTM leader
- Markus Winkelhock started Audi career at EuroSpeedway
- String of pole positions by Audi and Timo Scheider

**Ingolstadt – The EuroSpeedway is the “youngest” circuit on the DTM schedule. Audi has the chance to continue its impressive series of pole positions and to defend its lead of the standings. Here are all the key facts on the fourth round of the 2008 DTM at a glance.**

### Did you know that ...

... the 2008-spec **Audi A4 DTM** remains unbeaten in qualifying, despite carrying considerable ballast weight, and has the chance to clinch its fourth consecutive pole position at the EuroSpeedway?

... **Audi** set the best time in qualifying for the eighth time in a row in Italy and has been undefeated in this discipline since July 2007?

... **Audi** – before the round at the EuroSpeedway – has thus clinched its 40th pole position in the DTM (including invitation races) since 1990?

... DTM leader **Timo Scheider** in the **Audi A4 DTM** started from pole position at each of the previous three races of the 2008 season?

... **Scheider** with a fifth-place finish last year, after a chaotic race for which only half the points were awarded, was the **best Audi driver**?



... **Audi**, with **Mattias Ekström** after Hockenheim and Timo Scheider since Oschersleben, has been consistently leading the standings in the 2008 season?

... the **EuroSpeedway Lausitz**, after the modification of the first corner, became slower in the 2007 season by approx. 2.1 seconds per lap and 2.7 kph on average when comparing the fastest race lap with the one from the year 2006?

... this fastest race lap in the Lausitz region last year was achieved by **Mattias Ekström**?

... the Swede performed this feat despite the fact that his **Audi A4 DTM** weighed in at 1084 kilograms with 14 kilograms of ballast, which made his – as well as the other 2007-spec A4 DTM vehicles – the **heaviest car** in the field?

... **Mattias Ekström** clinched as many as five and **Tom Kristensen** as many as three podium results at the EuroSpeedway?

... **Audi** celebrated victory there in 2004 and 2005, and both of them with **Mattias Ekström**?

... **Audi** before the race in the Lausitz region can reduce some of its weight for the first time in the 2008 season, but – at 1055 kilograms – the new A4 DTM remains the heaviest car in the field nonetheless?

... **Markus Winkelhock**, standing in for Tom Kristensen, at the EuroSpeedway one year ago drove his **first DTM race for Audi**?

... the **EuroSpeedway Lausitz** with an average turnout of 68,833 spectators at all DTM events since 2000 is an extremely popular circuit?

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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 54,000 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, from the 26 currently on offer to 40.