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Facts on the Hockenheim 2008 DTM season opener

- Opening victory and title win last year at Hockenheim
- DTM début for Katherine Legge and Oliver Jarvis
- Tom Kristensen holds absolute DTM track record

Ingolstadt – Audi achieved remarkable successes at Hockenheim in the past season. As the brand returns to this circuit for the season opener, here are some interesting facts from Audi's DTM history at Hockenheim.

Did you know that ...

... at the season opener **Katherine Legge** and **Oliver Jarvis** are contesting their **first race as members of the Audi factory team** as well as making their début in the DTM, in touring car racing and at the Hockenheim circuit?

... **Audi** starts to its **eighth season in the DTM** with a manufacturer's commitment after 1990, 1991, 1992, 2004, 2005, 2006 and 2007?

... **Audi** celebrated the **40th victory of the brand** in the DTM one year ago at Hockenheim?

... factory driver **Mattias Ekström** clinched his **tenth DTM victory** at that event?

... the **Swede** on the list of the best Audi DTM drivers is **now only one exploit short of the record number** achieved by Hans-Joachim Stuck, who is now the Volkswagen Group's representative for motorsport?



... **Audi**, by clinching a **1-2 victory** and the pole position **at the opening race** and the **title win at the finale**, achieved a particularly good tally at Hockenheim?

... the brand has the chance to continue a string of – most recently – **five consecutive pole positions** in the DTM since July 2007?

... **Tom Kristensen** in October 2007, with a lap time of 1m 32.862s and an average speed of 177.321 kph, set the **absolute track record** for a DTM vehicle in qualifying at Hockenheim?

... the present-day **Audi Sport Team Abt Sportsline** at its races at Hockenheim started from **pole position** once in every season since 2002?

... **Timo Scheider**, though only aged 29, is the only member of the Audi factory team who experienced the **DTM relaunch in 2000** as a driver – at Hockenheim?

... this makes him **one** of only **two drivers** in the current DTM field who can say this about himself?

... **Audi** for the **first time** since returning to the DTM in 2004 has retained the **drivers' line-up** for the four cars of Audi Sport Team Abt Sportsline with **no changes** versus the previous year?

... **Mattias Ekström, Martin Tomczyk and Timo Scheider** each start to their **eighth DTM season** at Hockenheim?

... of these three drivers, **Timo Scheider**, with **16 starts** at Hockenheim, has the largest number of races at this circuit under his belt since four races were staged there in 2000?

... **Alexandre Prémat** celebrated his **26th birthday** eight days before the first race of the season and **Christijan Albers** will celebrate his **29th birthday** three days after the race?



... since October 2003 at least 100,000 spectators attended each DTM race at Hockenheim and an average of exactly **125,000 fans** ever since?

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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 nearly double the number of models in its portfolio by 2015, from the 25 currently on offer to 40.