

First Audi R8 test for Mika Salo

Finnish driver Mika Salo completed his first test with the Audi R8 at Snetterton (England) on Monday. The former Formula One driver competes in the 12 Hours of Sebring and the Le Mans 24 Hour race for the Audi Sport UK team. "I hadn't been to Snetterton for 13 years, it was cold and damp and I was driving a sports racing car for the first time – difficult conditions," explained Salo. "But my first impressions of the Audi R8 are very favourable. The car seems easy to drive."

Mika Salo will have his first race with the Audi R8 on March 15 at Sebring. A total of three Audi R8 sports cars will compete at the opening round of the American Le Mans Series (ALMS). Salo joins Jonny Kane and Perry McCarthy in the Audi Sport UK R8. JJ Lehto, Stefan Johansson and Emanuele Pirro are the drivers for the Team ADT Champion Racing. The Audi R8 of Infineon Team Joest will be shared by Frank Biela, Philipp Peter and Marco Werner.

Pictures of Mika Salo's first test in the Audi R8 and further information are available in the Internet:
www.audi-sportpress.com (accreditation necessary).