

JJ Lehto impressed by Audi R8

Former Formula One driver JJ Lehto was impressed by his first-ever run in an Audi R8. The Finn, who will be competing for Team ADT Champion Racing in the 2003 American Le Mans Series (ALMS) and the Le Mans 24 Hour race, had his first taste of the triple Le Mans winning R8 at the Moroso track in Florida. "It's got just so much grip – you can take an amazing amount of speed into a corner," explained Lehto. "It's not just an aerodynamic thing – the mechanical grip is awesome. The Audi R8 is an unbelievably good car."

Lehto will be joined by Stefan Johansson and Emanuele Pirro for the 12 Hours of Sebring on March 15 and the Le Mans 24 Hour race in June. His partner in the ALMS is Johnny Herbert.

Champion Racing also successfully completed two days of shakedown runs at Moroso with its two brand new Audi RS6 "Competition" GT cars which will have their race debut at Sebring on March 14 in the SPEED series.