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NEW AUDI R18
Technical
Masterpiece

STRONG FORCE
Audi in the
2016 DTM

GOOD START
Audi R8 LMS wins
two 24 Hour races



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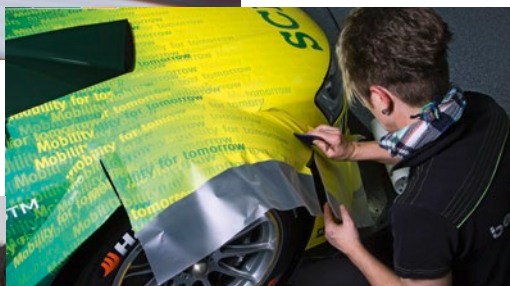


READY TO RUMBLE



The 2016 DTM season is getting closer and closer. One month before the season opener at Hockenheim on May 7 and May 8, Audi Sport contested the final pre-season tests at the German Grand Prix circuit. All eight Audi drivers tested on at least two days with Audi setting two best achievements: The absolutely fastest

lap during the test was achieved by two-time DTM Champion Mattias Ekström during a tire test for 2017. In regular testing for the 2016 season, Mike Rockenfeller, the 2013 DTM Champion, was the front runner, setting the best time in the Schaeffler Audi RS 5 DTM of Audi Sport Team Phoenix.



YOUNGSTERS FIT FOR 2016

During the fitness camp for the 2016 Audi Sport TT Cup, the young guns laid their foundations for the season. It included orientation runs, spinning and Pilates courses, cross-country skiing practice and mountain runs. They were assisted by Mattias Ekström and World Mountain Running Champion Helmut Schießl, among others.

“Rocky’s” RS 5 DTM is sporting a new livery in 2016. Audi Sport has opted for a mix of continuity and innovation for this year’s DTM season. The matte look of the eight Audi RS 5 DTM cars is a new feature with a technical background. Due to a new type of wrap, weight amounting to about one kilogram can be saved per car. “As the DTM is known for being a series in which even the smallest details matter, we’re delighted about this further improvement of our cars’ performance that we’re achieving together with our partners,” says Dieter Gass, Head of DTM at Audi Sport.

The Schaeffler Group made particularly consistent use of the new technology. In terms of colors, Mike Rockenfeller’s RS 5 DTM is clearly greener, as well as more progressive, in 2016. The look of all eight cars has changed slightly with Adrien Tambay sporting the colors of new partner Speedweek.com and Nico Müller switching to the Playboy car.

SUCCESSFUL HISTORY



Tourist Trophy (top picture), Audi A4 quattro (below)

Audi's motorsport programs have harboured many trophies in the UK. Already in rallying, Audi showed its colors with the legendary quattro when Stig Blomqvist/ Björn Cederberg won the 1983 British Open title. In the Super Touring car era, Frank Biela clinched the 1996 BTCC title with the Audi A4 quattro. The biggest streak of success came in the sports car era though. In 2004 and 2005, the Audi R8 won two endurance races at Silverstone before the Audi R10 TDI clinched a victory in 2008. In the FIA WEC era, Audi has won the 6 hour race three times – in 2012, 2013 and 2015. Since 2013, the coveted Tourist Trophy is bestowed upon the winners.



YOUNG GUNS

The new Audi Sport racing academy has the mission to enable young talents to enter professional motorsport. They will be guided through a two-year program by mentors Pierre Kaffer, Rahel Frey and Sepp Haider. The first drivers to be selected for this program are Sheldon van der Linde, Vivien Keszthelyi and Nicklas Nielsen.



TK CORNER

Tom Kristensen was inducted into the Sebring Hall of Fame. The Dane is the record holder in the racing history of the Sebring 12 Hours with six wins. Fellow endurance racing legend Derek Bell presented Kristensen with the award. The officials of the Sebring 12 Hours had another big surprise in store for the Dane and renamed the third corner on the track 'Kristensen Corner'.

DOUBLE PROGRAM FOR EKSTRÖM



Audi driver Mattias Ekström will again participate in the FIA World Rallycross Championship title chase alongside his DTM commitment this year. With his privateer rallycross team EKS, the 37-year-old Swede will be on the grid himself in selected world championship rounds. His teammate will be the Finn Toomas Heikkinen. At the Hockenheim double-header on May 6–8, Ekström will contest both the DTM and the RX races.

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