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## **Audi driver Timo Scheider about Hockenheim**

- **First DTM career podium at Hockenheim**
- **Second place for Scheider in Audi one-two-three in April**
- **Incomparable atmosphere in Motodrom**

**Ingolstadt – The DTM returns to Hockenheim – to the only circuit which is visited twice in a year. Audi celebrated a podium lockout there in April. Timo Scheider comes as championship leader to Hockenheim. Holding a two-point lead the 29-year old Audi factory driver has the chance to become DTM champion for the first time – and this on a circuit which he adores.**

### **Does Hockenheim have a special meaning for you?**

“Hockenheim always has a really unique atmosphere. The Motodrom has a special charm, which you feel every day – irrespective of whether it’s Friday in practice or Sunday during the race. Every person has subconscious perceptive powers. Even if you are concentrated on what’s going on around you during the race you simply can’t escape noticing the huge crowds and the flags waved by the Audi fans lap after lap.”

### **What do you expect from the sporting side?**

“With two pole-positions and one victory Audi demonstrated during the 2007 season that Hockenheim is by no means just a Mercedes track. At the opener in 2008 Audi claimed a one-two-three. I also personally connect a great moment with the track: I mounted the podium in the DTM for the first time there at the finale in 2007 and at the opener again in 2008. Now it’s all about the title for me.”



### **Are there any good places to overtake at Hockenheim?**

“Actually in this respect Hockenheim is absolutely fantastic. On the Parabolika heading towards the hairpin you have a good chance to come out of the slipstream and overtake. There are also good places entering the section in front of the Mercedes grandstand. We’ve seen incredible manoeuvres on more than one occasion in the Sachs corner. You can do quite a lot at the end of the lap in the two right-hand corners before the start and finish. You can possibly set yourself up so you can turn-in to the corner first at the end of the pit straight. So, there are at least four overtaking opportunities at Hockenheim.”

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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 57,000 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 to 40.