

## Communication Motorsport

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## Facts about the DTM race at the Norisring

- Audi lead standings since start of season
- Home race for Audi on only street circuit in the calendar
- Tom Kristensen holds qualifying record in Nuremberg

**Ingolstadt** – Existing since 1947, the Norisring, which is traditionally visited by almost 150,000 spectators, is once again regarded as the highlight of the DTM season in 2008. Audi still holds a record on the street circuit which doubles as the Ingolstadt squad's home race.

### Did you know that...

... the Norisring is traditionally the home race for **Audi**? Ingolstadt is only about 90 kilometres from the Franconian street circuit.

... the **Norisring** is the only street circuit on the DTM calendar? The circuit was included in the DTM calendar for the first time in 1984; the DTM has started every season in Nuremberg since 1987.

... the **DTM** contests its 30<sup>th</sup> race at the Norisring this year?

... the 2008 cars from Audi and Mercedes compete for the first time since the 2008 season opener with **identical weight** – namely 1,050 kilogram?

... defending champions **Audi** have led the standings constantly since the start of the season? Champion Mattias Ekström led initially before Timo Scheider took the lead in Oschersleben?



... the Norisring, at only 2.3 kilometres in length, was the **shortest track** on the DTM calendar for years before the "Indy Circuit" at Brands Hatch replaced it in this count in 2005?

... **Audi** recorded a one-two on its first start at the Norisring in its debut year in 1990 with Hans-Joachim Stuck and guest driver Walter Röhrl at the wheel of the V8 quattro?

... **Walter Röhrl** set the fastest lap of 55.6 seconds in the **V8 quattro** around the 2.3 kilometre circuit, while the fastest lap of an **Audi A4 DTM** last year took 49.015 seconds?

... **Tom Kristensen** is the only DTM driver since the last race at the EuroSpeedway to have won another race, and incredibly one of the world's most important? The Dane won the 24 Hours of Le Mans for the eighth time on the 15 June and since then like to sign his emails with "TK after eight"...

... **Tom Kristensen** with his fastest lap of 48.446 seconds set in the Audi A4 DTM during qualifying in the 2005 season still holds the DTM track record in qualifying?

... the best lap of an Audi A4 DTM in last year's race around the Norisring was set by **Alexandre Prémat** in 49.015 seconds at the wheel of a year old car?

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