



Press Information

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Statement from Audi Chairman Dr. Paefgen on the death of Michele Alboreto

Dr. Franz-Josef Paefgen, Chairman of the Board of Management of AUDI AG, expresses his „personal shock and deep sadness“ in his first statement on the death of Michele Alboreto, who was a works driver for Audi Sport since 1999.

„Michele Alboreto was an important part of our motorsport programme. His extensive experience was a significant factor in the successful development of the Audi R8 racing sports car, and his calm and thoughtful manner enriched the entire Audi Sport team.

His great passion for motorsport never dimmed throughout his long and successful career. In his last race for Audi, the „12 Hours of Sebring“ in March in the USA, Michele finished as the winner.

We are mourning the loss of a great driver and a great person. My thoughts are with Michele's family in this difficult time.“