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drivers



Audi Sport

AUDI'S 18TH LE MANS

Audi is prepared for the toughest race of the year – the 24 Hours of Le Mans. The 13.629-kilometer-long race track is only closed off for the test day and race week. Two weeks prior to the race, Audi used the Le Mans test day to adapt the new Audi R18 to the legendary circuit. The most recent generation of the Audi R18 features a new technology concept. It is more powerful and more efficient than any of its predecessors. From

the central monocoque, the suspension and aerodynamics, through to the hybrid system, the LMP1 sports car with the four rings has been fundamentally revised. The engineers have made a system change, with respect to the powertrain. For the first time, the hybrid system is equipped with a lithium-ion battery to store energy. Ten years after Audi raced at Le Mans with TDI power for the first time, the latest V6 TDI engine that powers the rear axle has become more fuel-efficient once more.

The efficiency regulations require it to use 9.79 percent less energy than last year, but the engineers have partially compensated for the loss. The efficient and powerful unit delivers 378 kW (514 hp). A system output of 1,000 hp means that Audi is competing with the most powerful sports prototype in the company's history, which, at the same time, uses the brand's most fuel-efficient LMP1 powertrain. On the test day, the two Audi R18 cars completed a total of 138 laps in France. This equates to

1,881 kilometers. The race week begins for Audi on June 13, with technical scrutineering in the Le Mans city center. The 24-hour race starts on June 18 at 15:00 CEST.



Marcel Fässler, André Lotterer, Benoît Tréluyer, Lucas di Grassi, Loïc Duval, Oliver Jarvis

SPORTS EQUIPMENT

The Audi RS 6 Avant is a high performance sports car for everyday and recreational activities. Its 4.0 TFSI produces 412 kW (560 hp) and 700 Nm (516.3 lb-ft) of torque. Just the right amount of power for a race driver. "I love this car," says Audi's three-time Le Mans winner André Lotterer. "It's fast, comfortable and spacious. It's perfect for long distances, but I can also use it to transport my bicycle in everyday life."

Audi RS 6 Avant: Combined fuel consumption in l/100 km: 9.6; Combined CO₂ emissions in g/km: 223



13 LE MANS WINS

2000
Frank Biela/Emanuele Pirro/Tom Kristensen

2001
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2002
Frank Biela/Emanuele Pirro/Tom Kristensen

2004
Seiji Ara/Dindo Capello/Tom Kristensen

2005
Tom Kristensen/JJ Lehto/Marco Werner

2006
Frank Biela/Emanuele Pirro/Marco Werner

2007
Frank Biela/Emanuele Pirro/Marco Werner

2008
Dindo Capello/Tom Kristensen/Allan McNish

2010
Timo Bernhard/Romain Dumas/Mike Rockenfeller

2011
Marcel Fässler/André Lotterer/Benoît Tréluyer

2012
Marcel Fässler/André Lotterer/Benoît Tréluyer

2013
Loïc Duval/Tom Kristensen/Allan McNish

2014
Marcel Fässler/André Lotterer/Benoît Tréluyer



Dr. Wolfgang Ullrich, Head of Audi Motorsport

This week, the most important date of the year is on your calendar, the 24 Hours of Le Mans. After 17 years and 13 wins, what is still crucial?

Dr. Wolfgang Ullrich: You've always got to be prepared for a surprise. Even if you are prepared as thoroughly as possible, every edition of the race will have new aspects to be considered. There is always a hazard lurking around the corner. That is why it is such a special race.

What's Audi's target?

We have never had such a powerful race car like the R18 and never before did we use such a small amount of fuel per lap. Ten years after the first win of a TDI-powered

car at Le Mans, we've got to cope with 46.3 percent less fuel. That said, we are lapping faster than a decade ago. It's all about progress, efficiency and a good performance when compared to our strong competitors.

What do you expect for the 84th edition?

I'm sure that this year's Le Mans race has all of the ingredients to be a classic. At least three teams are set to fight for victory in a stunning field of 60 cars in total. In the past, more than 250,000 spectators flocked to the circuit to see the 24 Hours of Le Mans. I hope that we will have one of the greatest events in international motorsport once again this year.



IN THE THICK OF THE BATTLE

Miguel Molina and Jamie Green presented Audi with a one-two finish in the first race during the Motorsport Festival at the Lausitzring on Saturday. Audi was the strongest brand overall, with five cars finishing in the points. Molina in the Teufel Audi RS 5 DTM dropped behind Jamie Green in the Hoffmann Group Audi RS 5 DTM at the start, before the Spaniard made a clean overtaking maneuver entering the first turn in order to retake the lead on the eighth lap. Afterwards, he increased his lead to around 2.5 seconds before crossing the finish line as the

winner in convincing style. On Sunday, only 14 days after his strong performance in Spielberg, Mattias Ekström inspired the DTM fans once again with another fantastic comeback drive in his Red Bull Audi RS 5 DTM. The Swede from Audi Sport Team Abt Sportsline fought his way from ninth on the grid to second and, in doing so, he put himself in the thick of the title hunt as the best placed Audi driver in the points before the Norisring races on June 25–26.



Miguel Molina and Jamie Green scored a 1-2 (left), Mattias Ekström inspired fans on Sunday (right)

JANUARY

GT3 15.–16.01. 24h Dubai (UAE)*
GT3 30.–31.01. 24h Daytona (USA)*

FEBRUARY

GT3 07.02. 12h Bathurst (AUS)*

MARCH

GT3 19.03. 12h Sebring (USA)*

APRIL

FIA WEC 17.04. Silverstone (GB)
GT3 16.–17.04. Qualifying race for 24h Nürburgring (D)*

MAY

Audi Sport TT Cup 06.–08.05. Hockenheim (D)
FIA WEC 07.05. Spa (B)
DTM 07./08.05. Hockenheim (D)
DTM 21./22.05. Spielberg (A)
Audi R8 LMS Cup 21.–22.05. Shanghai (CN)
Audi Sport TT Cup 26.–29.05. Nürburgring (D)
GT3 28.–29.05. 24h Nürburgring (D)*

JUNE

DTM 04./05.06. Lausitzring (D)
FIA WEC 18.–19.06. Le Mans (F)
Audi Sport TT Cup 24.–26.06. Norisring (D)
DTM 25./26.06. Norisring (D)

JULY

Audi Sport TT Cup 15.–17.07. Zandvoort (NL)
DTM 16./17.07. Zandvoort (NL)
Audi R8 LMS Cup 23.–24.07. Buriram (THA)
FIA WEC 24.07. Nürburgring (D)
GT3 30.–31.07. 24h Spa (B)

AUGUST

Audi R8 LMS Cup 13.–14.08. Malaysia (MAL)
DTM 20./21.08. Moscow (RUS)

SEPTEMBER

FIA WEC 03.09. Mexico (MEX)
Audi Sport TT Cup 09.–11.09. Nürburgring (D)
DTM 10./11.09. Nürburgring (D)
FIA WEC 17.09. Austin (USA)
Audi Sport TT Cup 23.–25.09. Budapest (H)
DTM 24./25.09. Budapest (H)
Audi R8 LMS Cup 24.–25.09. Yeongam (ROK)

OCTOBER

GT3 01.10. Petit Le Mans, Road Atlanta (USA)*
Audi Sport TT Cup 14.–16.10. Hockenheim (D)
DTM 15./16.10. Hockenheim (D)
FIA WEC 16.10. Fuji (J)
Audi R8 LMS Cup 15.–16.10. Taiwan (RC)

NOVEMBER

Audi R8 LMS Cup 04.–05.11. Shanghai (CN)
FIA WEC 06.11. Shanghai (CN)
GT3 17.–20.11. Macau Grand Prix (MAC)*
FIA WEC 19.11. Bahrain (BRN)

DECEMBER

GT3 11.12. 12h Sepang (MAL)*

* Selected international races



Filipe Albuquerque celebrated a second win in Audi Sport Italia's Audi R8 LMS with Marco Mapelli (top and left)



Rahel Frey is the leader of the Audi R8 LMS Cup after the season opener at Shanghai (right)



Christopher Mies and Connor De Phillippi lead the ADAC GT Masters championship



TROPHIES FOR AUDI R8 LMS DRIVERS

The streak of success continues for the Audi R8 LMS. In Germany, Christopher Mies and Connor De Phillippi defended their lead in the ADAC GT Masters standings. They finished third for Montaplast by Land-Motorsport in round six at the Lausitzring. In Italy, Marco Mapelli and Filipe Albuquerque won round four of the Italian GT Championship at Imola for Audi Sport Italia. They are now second in the championship classification, just one point behind the leaders. After the opening weekend of the Audi R8 LMS Cup, which relies on the new Audi R8 LMS for the first time this season, Rahel Frey emerged as the leader. The Swiss lady won the second race at Shanghai and Martin Rump won the first. Frey is now four points ahead of the driver from Estonia in the standings.

WHO WILL WIN EURO 2016? HERE ARE THE TEAMS THAT THE SIX AUDI DRIVERS FANCY FOR GLORY.



Marcel Fässler	Germany	
André Lotterer	Germany	
Benoît Tréluyer	France	
Lucas di Grassi	Germany	
Loïc Duval	France	
Oliver Jarvis	Germany	



AUDI SPORT TT CUP: THE CHASERS HUNT A ROOKIE

After two of seven events, a clear pattern has emerged in the 2016 Audi Sport TT Cup. So far, rookie Sheldon van der Linde has dominated the Audi one-make cup by winning three out of four races. However, three drivers are lurking behind the 17-year-old South African. They have gained experience in the Audi Sport TT Cup last year: German Dennis Marschall was third in 2015, and Joonas Lappalainen from Finland, as well as Bavarian Christoph Hofbauer, have also shown their talent. All three drivers underlined their ambitions for the title with podium finishes at Hockenheim and at the Nürburgring. Just as leader van der Linde, new boy Nicklas Nielsen also comes to Audi's race on home turf at Nuremberg without any previous experience of the Norisring track. The young Danish driver is currently fifth overall and the second-best rookie. The street circuit in Franconia should suit the 19-year-old. In karting, he learned how to battle in a confined setting. In his successful karting career, he has beaten, amongst other drivers, today's Formula 1 star Max Verstappen.

Joonas Lappalainen, Dennis Marschall and Christoph Hofbauer are among the top talents in the Audi Sport TT Cup (below)



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