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## **Formula E: latest news and miscellaneous from Mexico City**

- **Daniel Abt and Lucas di Grassi visit Audi plant in San José Chiapa**
- **Circuit in Mexico City features fastest corner in the history of Formula E**
- **150 employees and guests of Audi Mexico at the race track**

**Mexico City, February 14, 2020 – Formula E will make a guest appearance in Mexico City this weekend (race start on Saturday at 4 PM local time/11 PM CET). The two Audi drivers, Daniel Abt and Lucas di Grassi, used the opportunity to visit one of the most modern and sustainable Audi plants prior to the race.**

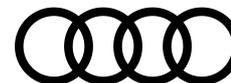
Audi has been producing the Audi Q5\* in **San José Chiapa** in the state of Puebla since 2016, and now also the hybrid version\* of the premium SUV. The Mexican plant is already powered 100 percent by renewable energy and aims to be completely CO<sub>2</sub>-neutral by 2025. “The visit was very impressive,” says Lucas di Grassi. “The regenerative energy is primarily obtained from solar energy. Puebla is a good example of modern automobile production.”

About **150 employees and guests of Audi Mexico** will keep their fingers crossed for Daniel Abt and Lucas di Grassi in Saturday’s race. This has worked well in the past: Audi Sport ABT Schaeffler has been unbeaten in Mexico City for three years.

Already a small tradition and extremely popular is the **Audi driving experience** that is part of the Formula E event. This time, the driving experience also included hot laps with Daniel Abt in the all-electric Audi e-tron\*.

Formula E stands for technical innovation and at every race, Audi looks for exciting projects and start-ups in the region. On Thursday, Daniel Abt and Lucas di Grassi were allowed to take a look behind the scenes at **Biomitech**. The young technology company is developing the artificial tree “BioUrban 2.0,” which uses photosynthesis to break down 368 times more CO<sub>2</sub> than a natural tree.

After the **track walk** on Friday morning, both Audi drivers were impressed by the **new track layout** of the Autódromo Hermanos Rodríguez circuit. “Especially the first section is really cool,” says Daniel Abt. “The final corner is the fastest in the history of Formula E,” adds Lucas di Grassi. “We are driving at well over 200 km/h, this is a real challenge. I prefer the new track layout. It’s more technical than the previous layout with its tight, unpredictable chicanes.”



Thanks to the redesigned final corner, Mexico City has the **longest full-throttle section** on the Formula E calendar. Combined with the longest race distance to date, fans can look forward to a race in which energy management will play a decisive role and the outcome of the race will probably only take place in the final meters, as it was the case last year. In 2019, Lucas di Grassi secured victory with a spectacular overtaking move right on the finish straight.

In 2018, Daniel Abt celebrated his first ever Formula E win in Mexico – a defining experience. The 27-year-old German even had a Mexican Skull tattooed on his upper arm as a memento of the occasion. Abt is not alone this weekend: Audi has produced temporary tattoos in the form of adhesive stickers that are distributed to all of the team members and fans.

The race in Mexico will start on Saturday at 4 PM local time (11 PM CET) and, as usual, will last for 45 minutes plus one lap. As always, Eurosport will air live coverage. All of the international channels, including the broadcast schedules, can be found online at [www.fiaformulae.com](http://www.fiaformulae.com).

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#### **Consumption figures of the models named:**

##### **Audi Q5**

Combined fuel consumption in l/100 km: 7.5 – 4.4;  
combined CO<sub>2</sub> emissions in g/km: 177 – 115

##### **Audi Q5 TFSI e**

Electric power consumption, combined, in kWh/100 km (62.1 mi): 19.1 – 17.5; fuel consumption, combined, in l/100 km 2.4–2.0; combined CO<sub>2</sub> emissions in g/km: 53 – 46

##### **Audi e-tron**

Combined electric power consumption in kWh/100 km (62.1 mi): 24.3 – 21.0 (NEFZ); Combined CO<sub>2</sub> emissions in g/km: 0

*Fuel/power consumption and CO<sub>2</sub> emissions figures given in ranges depend on the chosen equipment level of the vehicle*

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