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## **Audi with twelve experienced drivers at the Nürburgring 24 Hours**

- **Nine former Nürburgring 24 Hour race winners in the Audi R8 LMS at the world's largest car race**
- **Car Collection Motorsport, Land-Motorsport and Phoenix Racing are the Audi Sport teams**
- **Audi most successful GT3 manufacturer in the event in Germany's Eifel region**

**Neuburg a. d. Donau, August 18, 2020 – When the starting lights for the Nürburgring 24 Hours go out on September 26, Audi Sport wants to fight for the sixth overall victory with a strong line-up. Since the beginning of the customer racing program in 2009 the brand has already won the endurance classic five times with the GT3 sports car Audi R8 LMS. No other manufacturer was as successful in this era.**

“We have succeeded in shaping an era at the Nürburgring in just over a decade. At our twelfth start we now want to fight for our sixth overall victory,” says Chris Reinke, Head of Audi Sport customer racing. Like last year, the long-standing Audi Sport customer teams Car Collection Motorsport, Land-Motorsport and Phoenix Racing, together with the team from Audi Sport customer racing, are each entrusted with the deployment of one R8 LMS. In addition, the brand expects further entries by private teams in various classes.

A total of twelve experienced professional drivers who compete for Audi in DTM, Formula E and customer racing share the three cockpits. Nine of them have already won the world's biggest car race with the R8 LMS. The race has a track length of 25.378 kilometers and about 150 participants every year. Markus Winkelhock is the most successful of them with three victories. As in 2019 he shares the work with two-time winner Christopher Haase in the Audi Sport Team Car Collection. In addition, new signing Mirko Bortolotti and DTM driver Robin Frijns are also on board. Peter Schmidt's outfit was an Audi Sport Team in the Eifel race for the first time last year and immediately finished third.

Audi Sport Team Land won the Nürburgring 24 Hours for Audi in 2017. This year, the squad of Wolfgang and Christian Land will compete with DTM Champion René Rast and Kelvin van der Linde. Each of them has already won the race once. They alternate in the cockpit with two-time winner Christopher Mies as well as junior driver Mattia Drudi.



Audi Sport Team Phoenix, based in Meuspath within sight of the Nürburgring, has already triumphed five times at its home race, including three times with Audi – most recently in 2019. With two-time winner Frank Stippler as well as Dries Vanthoor and Frédéric Vervisch, team boss Ernst Moser has three of last year’s four winners on board. Nico Müller, 2019 DTM runner-up and 2015 winner of the Nürburgring 24 Hours, completes the driver quartet.

### **The Audi Sport Teams at the Nürburgring 24 Hours**

#### **Audi Sport Team Car Collection**

Mirko Bortolotti/Robin Frijns/Christopher Haase/Markus Winkelhock (I/NL/D/D)

#### **Audi Sport Team Land**

Mattia Drudi/Kelvin van der Linde/Christopher Mies/René Rast (I/ZA/D/D)

#### **Audi Sport Team Phoenix**

Nico Müller/Frank Stippler/Dries Vanthoor/Frédéric Vervisch (CH/D/B/B)

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