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## **Deliveries of the Audi RS 3 LMS have begun**

- **Handover of the first two Audi RS 3 LMS cars to customer teams in Neuburg**
- **First racing commitment in customers' hands in Dubai in the middle of January**
- **Three variants of the Audi RS 3 LMS available**

**Ingolstadt/Neuburg an der Donau, December 15, 2016 – Audi Sport GmbH delivered the first two Audi RS 3 LMS cars in Neuburg on Thursday. Stephan Winkelmann, Managing Director of Audi Sport GmbH, and Chris Reinke, Head of Audi Sport customer racing, handed over the new TCR touring cars to Cadspeed-Racing and Speed Factory Racing Team, whose season will start as early as in the middle of January 2017 in the 24-hour race in Dubai.**

“Following successful development and testing, production of the RS 3 LMS was launched at the end of November,” says Chris Reinke. “The delivery of the first cars to customer teams is a special moment for this project that is still young. We are delighted about the great demand and already very excited about the first races of the RS 3 LMS in the customer’s hand.”

The Audi RS 3 LMS has been developed by Audi Sport GmbH for the burgeoning TCR touring car category for which more and more fielding opportunities exist around the globe. By now they include the new TCR Middle East debuting as part of the 24-hour race in Dubai from January 12 to 14, 2017. For the 24-hour race at the Nürburgring and the VLN Endurance Championship dedicated classes for TCR touring cars have just been established as well.

The Audi RS 3 LMS puts customer sport at Audi on an even broader base than before. Together with the Audi R8 LMS GT3 sports car that is the market leader in its segment, Audi Sport GmbH concurrently offers two customer race cars for the first time. A 243 kW (330 hp) four-cylinder two-liter TFSI engine accelerates the Audi RS 3 LMS in about 4.5 seconds from 0 to 100 km/h. The purchase price for the TCR variant with a sequential six-speed racing transmission is 129,000 euros (plus VAT). Additionally, Audi Sport GmbH offers a TCR version with an S tronic direct-shift transmission for 109,000 euros (plus VAT) and a club sport variant for 99,000 euros (plus VAT) which further expand the possible uses of the RS 3 LMS.

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