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Sharper look for new Audi RS 5 DTM

- **Audi unveils race car liveries for 2017 DTM season**
- **First appearance in calendar week 14 in pre-season tests at Hockenheim**
- **Joint test for teams, drivers and new race engineers**

Neuburg, March 31, 2017 – About a month before the DTM season opens, Audi is presenting the liveries of the six Audi RS 5 DTM cars. The engineers at the Audi motorsport department prepared the race cars in the past two weeks together with the teams. From Monday to Thursday next week (April 3 to 6) the new DTM cars will participate in final pre-season tests at Hockenheim.

In the upcoming season, Audi will again be relying on its proven partners who are giving their respective names to one of the six Audi RS 5 DTM cars: special-interest magazine AUTO BILD MOTORSPORT (driver: René Rast), engine oil Castrol EDGE in combination with high-performance fuel ARAL ultimate (Loïc Duval), system partner for quality tools Hoffmann Group (Jamie Green), premium lifestyle magazine for men Playboy (Nico Müller), energy drink manufacturer Red Bull (Mattias Ekström) and technology company Schaeffler (Mike Rockenfeller).

In addition, the logos of Audi Sport, Akrapovič and Castrol EDGE will be displayed on all Audi RS 5 DTM cars. Other partners of Audi's in the 2017 DTM season are Alpinestars, DIE WELT, MAN, Gerolsteiner and the Hofmühl brewery.

All six Audi drivers will be participating in the final pre-season test at Hockenheim. Four of them will have new race engineers in the 2017 season: Mattias Ekström will be working together with Arnau Niubó, who was Mike Rockenfeller's race engineer last year. Laurent Fedacou, who was previously Timo Scheider's race engineer, is assuming this role for Mike Rockenfeller. Mathieu Le Nail, most recently a development engineer in Audi's WEC program, has been assigned to Loïc Duval, and René Rast's car will be taken care of by Florian Rinkes, who has an extensive background in the DTM as a performance engineer.

The three Audi Sport teams, ABT Sportsline, Phoenix and Rosberg, will be using the new Audi RS 5 DTM on track for the first time in the pre-season test at Hockenheim. The Audi Sport Test Team is going to support the test with a test vehicle to gather data with additional sensors and measurement equipment. On Monday, the cars will be driven on the circuit from 14:00 to 18:00. On the three following days, the tests will take place from 9:00 to 12:00 and from 14:00 to



18:00. Some sections of the grandstands will be opened for fans, admission will be free.

The DTM season will open at the Hockenheimring from May 5 to 7. Tickets and Audi Fan Packages are available online at www.audi.com/dtm.

The Audi Sport Teams in the 2017 DTM

Audi Sport Team Abt Sportsline

#5 Mattias Ekström (S), Red Bull Audi RS 5 DTM (engineer: Arnau Niubó)

#51 Nico Müller (CH), Playboy Audi RS 5 DTM (Daniel Grunwald)

Audi Sport Team Phoenix

#77 Loïc Duval (F), Castrol EDGE Audi RS 5 DTM (Mathieu Le Nail)

#99 Mike Rockenfeller (D), Schaeffler Audi RS 5 DTM (Laurent Fedacou)

Audi Sport Team Rosberg

#33 René Rast (D), AUTO BILD MOTORSPORT Audi RS 5 DTM (Florian Rinkes)

#53 Jamie Green (GB), Hoffmann Group Audi RS 5 DTM (Erich Baumgärtner)

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