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DTM: Audi and fans fired up for “Lausitz”

- **Another joint DTM and ADAC GT Masters appearance at Lausitzring**
- **“Pit View” provides peek behind the scenes of Audi’s number 35 pit**
- **New DTM thrilled drivers and fans at Hockenheim, Head of Audi Motorsport Dieter Gass: “Races were highly entertaining”**

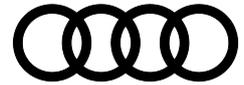
Neuburg, May 15, 2017 – The spectacular opening races at Hockenheim earned the DTM plenty of positive headlines – the rush for tickets to the season’s second race weekend at the Lausitzring now being in full swing as a result. Last year, nearly 70,000 spectators flocked to the motorsport festival at the Lausitzring. The crowd might even be larger this weekend, May 20/21.

This weekend, spectators attending the DTM’s only East German round will again have the opportunity to watch the mechanics at work during the “Pit View” and to take a peek underneath the carbon fiber body shell of the new Audi RS 5 DTM. At the Lausitzring, pit number 35 dedicated specifically to fans will be located between the garages of Audi Sport Teams Abt Sportsline and Rosberg.

The joint appearance of the DTM and ADAC GT Masters at the Lausitzring met with favorable response by the fans in 2016. “I’m sure that the motorsport festival will be another resounding success this year,” says Head of Audi Motorsport Dieter Gass. “We’re excited to see how the new DTM format is going to pan out at the Lausitzring. The first two races were highly entertaining.”

Jamie Green and Audi Sport Team Rosberg achieved the first victory of the new Audi RS 5 DTM at Hockenheim. In 6.9 seconds, Audi Sport Team Abt Sportsline delivered the fastest pit stop according to the DTM’s new pit stop format that allows only eight mechanics to work on the car, and Audi Sport Team Phoenix started the new DTM season well, too. Mike Rockenfeller scored points in both races and thrilled the fans in race one with a comeback from position 16 to third place. “The DTM is really good fun again,” says the 2013 DTM Champion. “I haven’t been looking forward to the next DTM races like this year in a long time. I think the spectators feel the same way.”

ARD is going to air live coverage of both races from the Lausitzring (Saturday, starting at 14:30 (CEST) and Sunday, starting at 15:00). Tickets are available online at www.audi.com/dtm.



#DTMLausitzring: Did you know that ...

... Jamie Green at the Lausitzring in 2015 was the only driver to have won both races on the same weekend to date?

... the Briton at the Lausitzring since last year has been holding the DTM lap record of 1m 17.840s in a race?

... Audi at the Lausitzring in 2015 celebrated a 1-2-3-4 and a 1-2-3-4-5 success?

... Nico Müller will be tackling his 50th DTM race on Sunday?

... the Lausitzring is one of three DTM race tracks driven counter-clockwise?

... the DTM's premiere at the Lausitzring in 2000 fell through because both races had to be cancelled due to heavy rain?

... at the Lausitzring in 2003 "Turn 1" of the tri-oval was driven in qualifying, but the tires used at the time were not designed for the extreme loads acting on them in this banked turn?

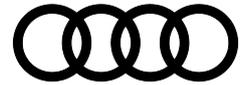
... Mattias Ekström at the Lausitzring in August 2001 clinched the first podium result in his DTM career?

... Ekström to date has contested 19 DTM races at "Lausitz" that saw him on podium ten times and winning twice (2004 and 2005)?

... Ekström inherited victory in 2004 because Gary Paffett was retroactively disqualified and Ekström, while heading for his second Lausitzring victory in 2005, fought a fascinating duel with the Briton over the entire race distance?

... flattening of the rear wing angle using the DRS at the end of the start-finish straight provides an advantage of about 5 km/h, as a result of which the RS 5 DTM achieves a top speed of about 260 km/h at the Lausitzring?

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