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Audi and Frentzen go their separate ways

- **No basis for a continued collaboration**

Audi and Heinz-Harald Frentzen (39) will part company after just one DTM season. The former Formula 1 driver had prematurely parked his Audi A4 DTM in Sunday's DTM finale at Hockenheim following a collision and later stated that he had not been fully supported by Audi Sport Team Abt Sportsline during the 2006 season having not been accepted within the Audi squad.

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In a conversation between Head of Audi Motorsport, Dr Wolfgang Ullrich, and Heinz-Harald Frentzen on Monday, no basis for a further successful collaboration could be found.

Frentzen was signed by Audi shortly before the start of the 2006 season and competed in ten DTM races for Audi Sport Team Abt Sportsline. He finished third in the season "opener" at Hockenheim and also at Barcelona. He completed the DTM season in seventh position overall with 24 points.

"Unfortunately, Heinz-Harald was also unable to win a DTM race with Audi," explained Head of Audi Motorsport Dr Wolfgang Ullrich. "Audi Sport and the race team of Audi Sport Team Abt Sportsline have been fully committed to enabling Heinz-Harald to achieve good results. It is a shame that the collaboration has come to an end after just one season."

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