

Audi customer team ABT Sportsline new leader of the DTM standings

- Three podium finishes for Audi R8 LMS GT3 in the DTM
- Class success for Audi in International GT Open
- Trophies for the Audi R8 LMS GT4 in Spain and Portugal

Neuburg a. d. Donau, May 28, 2024 – Thanks to the first win of the season at the Lausitzring, Kelvin van der Linde, ABT Sportsline and Audi are at the top of the three DTM standings. Three different teams contributed six podium finishes to the weekend result with the Audi R8 LMS GT4.

Audi R8 LMS GT3

Top performance under difficult conditions: Team ABT Sportsline enjoyed a convincing second race weekend in the **DTM** at the Lausitzring. Kelvin van der Linde celebrated his first win of the season in the Audi R8 LMS in Saturday's race in chaotic weather conditions. The South African had started from first place and was not deterred by the heavy rain or two interruptions to the race. Unlike his pursuers, he had a clear view on the wet track and won by 2.5 seconds ahead of Mercedes driver Maro Engel. His number 3 Audi R8 LMS was also absolutely competitive on Sunday, although it had to carry 20 kilograms of extra weight due to the previous day's success. Van der Linde finished second, 1.44 seconds behind. Teammate Ricardo Feller followed in third position. Kelvin van der Linde now leads the standings by eight points, with Feller in third. ABT Sportsline is in first place in the team standings, while Audi is currently the best of seven brands in the manufacturers standings. In the **International GT Open** racing series, the Olimp Racing customer team achieved its first class win of the year on the third race weekend at Spa. In the 500-kilometer race in Belgium, Karol Basz/Marcin Jedlinski in the Audi R8 LMS were the best of 20 Pro-Am driver teams. As a result, the two Poles moved up to second place in the respective standings. They are now only three points behind the leading Ferrari drivers Eddie Cheever/Marco Pulcini. At the second round of the **North Island Endurance Series** in New Zealand, Luke Manson/James Penrose were the best drivers of an Audi R8 LMS, as they had been at the season opener. Rain made for uncertain conditions in the last quarter of an hour of the 3-hour race in Taupo. Penrose from Team IMS was the only driver in the leading group who had rain tires fitted to his GT3 sports car and was thus able to overtake Lamborghini driver Andrew Waite. In the end, Manson and Penrose celebrated second place behind a line-up of three McLaren drivers.

Audi R8 LMS GT4

Fast Audi customers on the Iberian Peninsula: Audi privateers finished on the podium a total of six times last weekend south of the Pyrenees. In the **Supercars Endurance** season opener, Patrick Cunha/Jorge Rodrigues clinched victory in the bronze category in the second race in Jerez,

Spain. The two Portuguese drivers in the Audi R8 LMS GT4 from Veloso Motorsport were 4.9 seconds faster than their pursuers in the Mercedes-AMG. In the **Ultimate Cup Series**, the Audi R8 LMS GT4 contested five races in Portimão. Pierre Arraou won the first and third sprints for Herrero Racing. The Frenchman was second in the UCS4 class in each of the other two sprints. In the four-hour endurance race at the same event, the GL Racing Team finished second in class with Philippe Cosi/Hervé Alloro in another Audi.

Coming up next week

30/05–01/06 Aldo Scribante (ZA), round 3, South African Endurance Series

30/05–02/06 Nürburgring (D), Nürburgring 24 Hours

31/05–02/06 Imola (I), round 2, Campionato Italiano GT Sprint

31/05–02/06 The Bend (AUS), round 3, GT World Challenge Australia

31/05–02/06 The Bend (AUS), round 4, TCR Australia

31/05–02/06 Salzburgring (A), round 3, TCR Europe

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