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## **Audi R10 TDI faster than in Qualifying**

- **Trouble-free warm-up for Audi at Le Mans**
- **Allan McNish beats Qualifying time**
- **Singer James Morrison performs in the Audi Racing Arena**

**Ingolstadt/Le Mans – Also the warm-up for the Le Mans 24 Hours was absolutely free of troubles for the three Audi R10 TDI prototypes. All nine Audi drivers got further track time. With 3m 23.319s Allan McNish was faster than in Qualifying despite running on used tyres – thus confirming that the Audi Sport Team Joest has found a good set-up for the race.**

The 76th running of the Le Mans 24 Hours will start on Saturday afternoon at 3 p.m. At the start of the race, Frank Biela (#1), Allan McNish (#2) and Lucas Luhr (#3) will be at the wheel of the three Audi R10 TDI prototypes. The cars will come to the pits for scheduled refuelling stops about every 40 minutes. The drivers will change in alphabetical order:

- #1 Frank Biela > Emanuele Pirro > Marco Werner**
- #2 Allan McNish > Dindo Capello > Tom Kristensen**
- #3 Lucas Luhr > Alexandre Prémat > Mike Rockenfeller**

Over 250,000 spectators are following the race at Le Mans this weekend, millions worldwide via television. In Ingolstadt, the start and the finish of the race will be shown live on large screens in the market place in front of the Town Hall.



At Le Mans, a lot of prominent guests are expected. Star guest in the Audi Racing Arena at the race track will be British singer James Morrison who will perform a private concert for the Audi guests on Saturday evening.

Dry weather is expected for the start. During the race, however, it might start to rain. The three Audi R10 TDI cars will start with a set-up which can quickly be transformed into a rain set-up.

**Photographs and information can be obtained at [www.audi-motorsport.info](http://www.audi-motorsport.info)**

AUDI AG sold a total of 964,151 cars in 2007 and thus achieved its twelfth consecutive record year. With revenue of €33,617 million and profit before tax of €2,915 million, the company attained its best figures ever. Audi produces vehicles in Ingolstadt and Neckarsulm (Germany), Győr (Hungary), Changchun (China) and Brussels (Belgium). At the end of 2007, production of the Audi A6 started in Aurangabad, India. The company is active in more than 100 markets worldwide. AUDI AG's wholly owned subsidiaries include Automobili Lamborghini Holding S.p.A. in Sant'Agata Bolognese, Italy, and quattro GmbH in Neckarsulm. Audi employs about 54,000 people worldwide, including 45,000 in Germany. The brand with the four rings invests more than €2 billion each year in order to sustain the company's technological lead embodied in its "Vorsprung durch Technik" slogan. Audi plans to significantly increase the number of models in its portfolio by 2015, from the 26 currently on offer to 40.