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Facts about the DTM opener at Hockenheim

- **Four Audi drivers make touring car début**
- **Hockenheimring's 75th anniversary**
- **Audi RS 4 parade on race day**

The first DTM race of the year is staged this coming weekend at Hockenheim. Listed below are several interesting facts about the season opener.

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Did you know that...

... Audi driver Tom Kristensen became a proud father for the third time last Sunday? Oswald Kristensen weighed in at 3,910 grams and was 52 centimetres tall when born.

... Mike Rockenfeller, Lucas Luhr, Alexandre Prémat and Adam Carroll not only compete in their first DTM race at Hockenheim but also their first ever touring car race?

... Mike Rockenfeller and Lucas Luhr at least know the feeling of driving "with a roof over their heads" from GT racing and from one-make-cup races?

... at every DTM race this year a pair of Audi A4 DTM cars are in action as race taxis which sport the colours of partners Playboy and Red Bull?

... at Hockenheim Christian Abt is the only DTM driver in addition to Bernd Schneider to start his eighth consecutive DTM season and has therefore competed in the "new" DTM every year since it began in 2000?

... the DTM has already appeared 14 times at the Hockenheimring since the rebirth in the year 2000?

... Audi has reduced the average age of its driving squad in the season opener by almost two years to 29.5 years in comparison to last year? As a result, the brand books its lowest average since returning to the DTM as factory team (2004: 33.3 years; 2005: 32 years; 2006: 31.4 years).

... the Hockenheimring celebrates its 75th anniversary this year? The history of the “four rings” is just as old: In 1932, Audi, DKW, Horch and Wanderer merged under the trademark which is still valid today.

... the DTM at Hockenheim holds a spectator record? 149,000 spectators attended the finale in October 2006.

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... the 2007 season opener marks the eleventh season in which Audi touring cars compete in the DTM?

... at Hockenheim three different circuit layouts have been used so far? The current Grand Prix track has been used since October 2002.

... an Audi RS 4 parade will take place before the race starts on Sunday?

... Audi Sport “fights on two fronts” this coming weekend? In parallel to the DTM opener at Hockenheim, the fourth round of the American Le Mans Series, in which two Audi R10 TDI sports cars compete, is held on Saturday in Houston (US State of Texas).

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