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Preining sets fastest time of the day on the DTM's return to the Sachsenring

- Austrian, second in the table, clocks Friday's fastest time in FP2
- Championship leader Bortolotti confirms his impressive recent form with third place
- First sessions against the clock at the Sachsenring for 21 years decided late on

Hohenstein-Ernstthal. A statement of intent from Thomas Preining (A): the Austrian, who currently lies second in the championship, was the fastest man of the day on Friday, as the DTM returned to the Sachsenring, leaving his rivals in no doubt that he is here to regain top spot in the table this weekend. The Porsche works driver won the afternoon's second free practice session with a time of 1:18.537 minutes – the fastest lap of the day. "As a big MotoGP fan, I always like driving at the Sachsenring. I hope we can back up our performance from practice when it comes to qualifying on Saturday. However, we have often seen this season that the pole-sitter has not necessarily been right up there in the preceding free practice. Despite this, the first indications give me cause for optimism," said the 25-year-old, adding a brief analysis of the track: "The Sachsenring has a lot of peculiarities. It is a lot more undulating than other DTM tracks. Plus, you have some blind corners, which demand a lot of courage from us drivers. It is a real old-school circuit, which is great fun."

Kelvin van der Linde (ZA), in an Audi R8 LMS GT3 Evo2 for Abt Sportsline, was the fastest man in the opening session on Friday morning. However, he ended the day 0.041 seconds slower than the Austrian. Championship leader Mirko Bortolotti (I) from SSR Performance confirmed his fine form, setting exactly the same time as van der Linde in FP1. However, the Lamborghini works driver clocked his fastest time later than the South African and was thus classified in third place at the end of the day. Ayhancan Güven (TR) steered another Porsche 911 GT3 R to fourth place. The top Mercedes-AMG driver was Maro Engel (Monaco), who was fifth fastest in the "Mamba" of Mercedes-AMG Team Mann-Filter.

The first appearance of DTM cars at the Sachsenring for 21 years saw both sessions decided late on. In the morning, the top two drivers Kelvin van der Linde and Bortolotti set their fastest times on their 18th laps. In the afternoon, Preining clocked the fastest time of the day on his 20th lap in slightly higher temperatures of 28 degrees Celsius. The full results of both free practice sessions can be found at dtm.com/en/results.

Saturday's qualifying gets underway at 09:05. The battle for the best grid positions will be streamed live at ran.de. TV partner ProSieben is showing all 16 of this season's races live on free-to-air TV. The DTM is broadcast live or replayed in full in over 150 territories around the world.

Media Information

2023 DTM calendar

26.05. – 28.05.2023	Motorsport Arena Oschersleben
23.06. – 25.06.2023	Circuit Zandvoort / NL
07.07. – 09.07.2023	Norising
04.08. – 06.08.2023	Nürburgring
18.08. – 20.08.2023	DEKRA Lausitzring
08.09. – 10.09.2023	Sachsenring
22.09. – 24.09.2023	Red Bull Ring / A
20.10. – 22.10.2023	Hockenheimring Baden-Württemberg

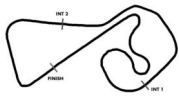
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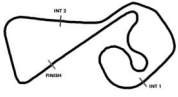
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CONDITIONS	Dry
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PRESSURE	1015 hPa

Track Information

GREEN FLAG	00:00:00
CHEQUERED FLAG	00:00:00
SAFETY CAR PHASE	0
FULL COURSE YELLOW PHASE	0
TRACK NAME	Sachsenring
TRACK LENGTH	3645m
TURN COUNT	13
FASTEST LAP:	#91. PRE - 1:18.537
FASTEST PIT STOP:	#92. BOR - 1.823

STARTED: 27 CLASSIFIED: 27 NOT CLASSIFIED: 0 DISQUALIFIED: 0

Nr.	Drivers Car	Nation	Team	Best Time	Time 1	Lap 1	Time 2	Lap 2	Gap
1	91 Thomas Preining(AUT) Porsche 911 GT3 R		Manthey EMA	1:18.537	1:18.601	14	1:18.537	20	
2	3 Kelvin van der Linde(ZAF) Audi R8 LMS GT3 EVO II		ABT Sportsline	1:18.578	1:18.578	18	1:18.864	22	0.041
3	92 Mirko Bortolotti(ITA) Lamborghini Huracan GT3 EVO 2		SSR Performance	1:18.578	1:18.578	18	1:18.794	19	0.041
4	24 Ayhancan Güven(TUR) Porsche 911 GT3 R		Team75 Motorsport	1:18.708	1:19.146	17	1:18.708	11	0.171
5	48 Maro Engel(DEU) Mercedes-AMG GT3		Mercedes-AMG Team MANN-FILTER	1:18.729	1:18.729	19	1:19.204	20	0.192
6	69 Thierry Vermeulen(NLD) Ferrari 296 GT3		EMIL FREY RACING	1:18.731	1:19.201	11	1:18.731	20	0.194
7	94 Franck Perera(FRA) Lamborghini Huracan GT3 EVO 2		SSR Performance	1:18.910	1:18.970	16	1:18.910	18	0.373
8	4 Luca Stolz(DEU) Mercedes-AMG GT3		Mercedes-AMG Team HRT	1:18.950	1:18.993	21	1:18.950	14	0.413
9	9 Tim Heinemann(DEU) Porsche 911 GT3 R		Toksport WRT	1:18.973	1:20.269	10	1:18.973	16	0.436
10	22 Lucas Auer(AUT) Mercedes-AMG GT3		Mercedes-AMG Team WINWARD	1:19.005	1:19.469	7	1:19.005	16	0.468
11	36 Arjun Maini(IND) Mercedes-AMG GT3		Mercedes-AMG Team HRT	1:19.038	1:19.038	24	1:19.211	19	0.501
12	90 Dennis Olsen(NOR) Porsche 911 GT3 R		Manthey EMA	1:19.054	1:19.054	16	1:19.204	22	0.517
13	7 Ricardo Feller(CHE) Audi R8 LMS GT3 EVO II		ABT Sportsline	1:19.055	1:19.309	18	1:19.055	12	0.518
14	75 Laurin Heinrich(DEU) Porsche 911 GT3 R		Team75 Motorsport	1:19.073	1:19.471	16	1:19.073	13	0.536
15	14 Jack Aitken(GBR) Ferrari 296 GT3		EMIL FREY RACING	1:19.092	1:19.181	4	1:19.092	10	0.555
16	84 Jusuf Owega(DEU) Mercedes-AMG GT3		Mercedes-AMG Team BWT	1:19.163	1:19.971	10	1:19.163	5	0.626
17	83 Patric Niederhauser(CHE) Audi R8 LMS GT3 EVO II		Tresor Orange 1	1:19.201	1:19.201	9	1:19.357	5	0.664
18	1 Sheldon van der Linde(ZAF) BMW M4 GT3		Schubert Motorsport	1:19.202	1:19.202	18	1:19.224	21	0.665
19	40 Mattia Drudi(ITA) Audi R8 LMS GT3 EVO II		Tresor Orange 1	1:19.230	1:19.230	13	1:19.479	9	0.693
20	8 Luca Engstler(DEU) Audi R8 LMS GT3 EVO II		LIQUI MOLY Team Engstler	1:19.359	1:20.257	5	1:19.359	12	0.822
21	27 David Schumacher(DEU) Mercedes-AMG GT3		Mercedes-AMG Team WINWARD	1:19.461	1:19.461	22	1:19.621	14	0.924
22	33 Rene Rast(DEU) BMW M4 GT3		Schubert Motorsport	1:19.524	1:19.527	18	1:19.524	13	0.987
23	11 Marco Wittmann(DEU) BMW M4 GT3		Project 1	1:19.544			1:19.544	19	1.007



Result List Combined
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Nr.	Drivers	Nation	Team	Best Time	Time 1	Lap 1	Time 2	Lap 2	Gap
24	99 Marvin Dienst (DEU) Porsche 911 GT3 R		Toksport WRT	1:19.722	1:19.722	5	1:19.887	6	1.185
25	63 Clemens Schmid (AUT) Lamborghini Huracan GT3 EVO 2		GRT Grasser-Racing-Team	1:19.807	1:20.270	15	1:19.807	16	1.270
26	56 Sandro Holzem (DEU) BMW M4 GT3		Project 1	1:20.143	1:20.609	18	1:20.143	10	1.606
27	6 Alessio Deledda (ITA) Lamborghini Huracan GT3 EVO 2		SSR Performance	1:20.178	1:21.066	12	1:20.178	24	1.641

Subject to final scrutineering!

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