

2017 NÜRBURGRING 24 HOURS.

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FOREWORD.

JENS MARQUARDT, BMW MOTORSPORT DIRECTOR.



Dear media representatives,

The 24-hour race at the Nürburgring is the highlight of our European GT season in 2017. No other manufacturer has competed in this event with as much success as BMW. With 19 overall wins, we have been part of the 24h Nürburgring success story since 1970, and have shaped the event. The fans reward our teams with fantastic support every year and I'm certain the same will be true in 2017. The 'Green Hell' has become a second home for BMW Motorsport and the M Festival, which has turned into a permanent fixture on the support programme of the 24-hour race.

To enjoy sporting success on the Nordschleife, you need experienced teams and reliable, fast drivers. We will compete with both once again this season, as well as competitive cars – the BMW M6 GT3 in particular. This may just be our biggest and best squad of all time at the Nürburgring. But it will, of course, once again be an extremely difficult race – due to the demanding track, the strong competition and all the surprises that a 24-hour race in the Eifel mountains has in store.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, which reads "Jens Marquardt". The signature is fluid and cursive.

Jens Marquardt
BMW Motorsport Director



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TRACK FACTS.

Opened	27 th June 1927
Length	25.378 km
24h debut	1970
24h races	44
BMW wins	19
Most recent BMW win	Augusto Farfus Jörg Müller Uwe Alzen Pedro Lamy (16 th May 2010)

FASCINATION 24H.

In 2017, the legendary Nürburgring-Nordschleife will host the 24-hour race for the 45th time. To date, BMW has claimed more victories in the “Green Hell” than any other manufacturer. The brand currently has 19 overall triumphs to its name – of which eight were one-two finishes. The Nordschleife is the toughest circuit in the world, and that is why BMW puts every new production car to the ultimate endurance test there. The over 20 kilometre long circuit demands skill, courage and a cool head at all times.

WELCOME TO “GREEN HELL”.

The Nordschleife is the longest permanent race track in the world. The 24-hour race sees cars wind through more than 25 kilometres of the Eifel terrain, putting both man and machine to the ultimate test. The amount of cars on the narrow track makes it even more of a challenge, as does the unpredictable weather in the mountainous area. Rain and fog often make life difficult for the teams and drivers. This all goes to make victory at the marathon in the “Green Hell” all the more prestigious.



THE CHALLENGER.

BMW M6 GT3.

The BMW M6 GT3 has been the top model in the BMW Motorsport customer racing range since 2016. The car is powered by a 4.4-litre V8 engine with M TwinPower Turbo Technology. The power train has dry sump lubrication and generates up to 585 hp – with the whole car weighing less than 1,300 kilograms. Other technical features include the transaxle drive concept, a sequential six-speed racing gearbox and powerful motorsport electronics.

TECHNICAL DATA.

DIMENSIONS.

Length	4,944 mm
Width	2,046 mm
Wheelbase	2,910 mm
Weight	less than 1,300 kg (without driver, depending on regulations)

ENGINE.

Model	Based on the S63 production engine and slightly modified for the specific requirements of motorsport; with M TwinPower Turbo Technology
Type	V8
Capacity	4,395 cc
Performance	up to 585 hp (depending on classification)
Oil supply	Oil system, based on dry sump, specifically developed by BMW Motorsport
Top speed	approx. 280 km/h



THE 2017 BMW M6 GT3 CONTINGENT.



/// BMW TEAM SCHNITZER.

Nobody knows how to conquer “Hell” better than BMW Team Schnitzer. The experienced crew has won the Nürburgring 24 Hours on five occasions. The most recent of these was in 2010, with the BMW M3 GT. In total, Schnitzer has won championships with BMW in a relationship spanning over more than 50 years. Schnitzer’s last major triumph came in 2012, when the team won the Drivers’ and Teams’ Championships on BMW’s return to the DTM.



/// ROWE RACING.

The ROWE Racing team travels to the “Green Hell” on the back of the BMW M6 GT3s first victory at a major 24-hour race. Last season, team principal Hans-Peter Naundorf’s team triumphed at the 24 Hours of Spa-Francorchamps – in its first year with BMW. The team also impressed at the Nürburgring in 2016: fifth place overall for the number 23 BMW M6 GT3 represented the best result for a BMW team.



/// SCHUBERT MOTORSPORT.

Schubert Motorsport continues on its journey with BMW Motorsport in 2017. The team from Oschersleben in Germany will field two BMW M6 GT3s at the Nürburgring 24 Hours. Team boss Torsten Schubert’s crew has competed in this classic since 2003. In 2016, the #100 BMW M6 GT3 was on course for a podium finish for much of the race until a collision with a slower car brought its race to a premature end.

THE 2017 BMW M6 GT3 CONTINGENT.



/// FALKEN MOTORSPORTS.

The Falken Motorsports team will contest the 24-hour race at the Nürburgring with the BMW M6 GT3 for the first time. Peter Dumbreck, Alexandre Imperatori, Marco Seefried and Stef Dusseldorf will take it in turns behind the wheel. “We are delighted to welcome a new, and very well-known and renowned team such as Falken Motorsports,” said BMW Motorsport Director Jens Marquardt. “We hope to celebrate success together at the ‘Green Hell’.”

/// WALKENHORST MOTORSPORT.

Team principal Henry Walkenhorst’s squad has been one of the long-term successful privateer teams that celebrated great results with BMW race cars – with the BMW M235i Racing, the BMW Z4 GT3, and the top model BMW M6 GT3. BMW Motorsport Junior Nico Menzel is one of the drivers who will contest the 24-hour race in car number 100. As well as the two BMW M6 GT3, Walkenhorst Motorsport will also field a BMW Z4 GT3.

BMW Team Schnitzer will bolster what is already a strong BMW contingent in the “Green Hell” in 2017, competing with ROWE Racing, winners of the 24-hour race at Spa-Francorchamps, and Schubert Motorsport. BMW Team Schnitzer, with team principal Charly Lamm, will start the Nürburgring 24 Hours hoping to claim BMW’s 20th overall victory at this classic race. Walkenhorst Motorsport and Falken Motorsports will also race with the BMW M6 GT3. They will be joined by many other private BMW teams and drivers in a wide range of cars.



THE DRIVERS FOR THE NÜRBURGRING 24 HOURS.

BMW TEAM SCHNITZER.



/// #42 MARCO WITTMANN.

Born	24 th November 1989
Nationality	GER
Driver fact	won the DTM title in 2014 and 2016



/// #42 TOM BLOMQVIST.

Born	30 th November 1993
Nationality	GBR
Driver fact	on his first DTM race at Oschersleben in 2015



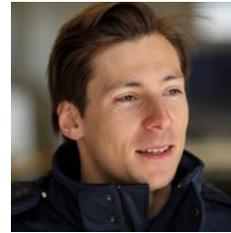
/// #42 MARTIN TOMCZYK.

Born	7 th December 1981
Nationality	GER
Driver fact	won the 2011 DTM title, driving for BMW Team RLL in North America this season



/// #42, #43 AUGUSTO FARFUS.

Born	3 rd September 1983
Nationality	BRA
Driver fact	member of the victorious BMW team at the Nürburgring 24-hour race in 2010



/// #43 ALEX LYNN.

Born	17 th September 1993
Nationality	GBR
Driver fact	new member of the BMW family, 2014 champion in the GP3 series



/// #43 TIMO SCHEIDER.

Born	10 th November 1978
Nationality	GER
Driver fact	new member of the BMW family, 2008 and 2009 DTM champion, 2003 winner at the 24 Hours Nürburgring



/// #43 ANTÓNIO FÉLIX DA COSTA.

Born	31 st August 1991
Nationality	POR
Driver fact	drives for MS Amlin Andretti in the FIA Formula E Championship

THE DRIVERS FOR THE NÜRBURGRING 24 HOURS. ROWE RACING.



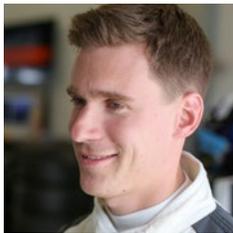
/// #98 MARKUS PALTTALA.

Born	16 th August 1977
Nationality	FIN
Driver fact	won the 2015 24 Hours of Spa-Francorchamps in a BMW Z4 GT3



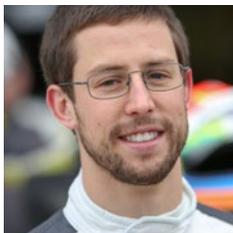
/// #98 RICHARD WESTBROOK.

Born	10 th July 1975
Nationality	GBR
Driver fact	driving for BMW on the Nordschleife for the third consecutive year



/// #98 NICK CATSBURG.

Born	15 th February 1988
Nationality	NED
Driver fact	won the 2015 24 Hours of Spa-Francorchamps in a BMW Z4 GT3



/// #98, #99 ALEXANDER SIMS.

Born	15 th March 1988
Nationality	GBR
Driver fact	won the 2016 24 Hours of Spa-Francorchamps in a BMW M6 GT3, will be driving for BMW Team RLL in North America this season



/// #99 PHILIPP ENG.

Born	28 th February 1990
Nationality	AUT
Driver fact	won the 2016 24 Hours of Spa-Francorchamps in a BMW M6 GT3



/// #99 MAXIME MARTIN.

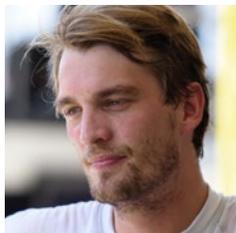
Born	20 th March 1986
Nationality	BEL
Driver fact	won the 2016 24 Hours of Spa-Francorchamps in a BMW M6 GT3



/// #99 MARC BASSENG.

Born	12 th December 1978
Nationality	GER
Driver fact	new member of the BMW family in 2012, won the 24 Hours Nürburgring and the FIA GT1 World Championship

THE DRIVERS FOR THE NÜRBURGRING 24 HOURS. SCHUBERT MOTORSPORT.



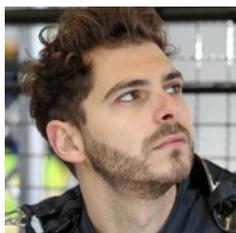
/// #19 JENS KLINGMANN.

Born	16 th July 1990
Nationality	GER
Driver fact	won two races in North America in a BMW M6 GT3 in 2016 (IWSC GTD class)



/// #19 JOHN EDWARDS.

Born	11 th March 1991
Nationality	USA
Driver fact	2017 is his fourth full season for BMW Team RLL in North America



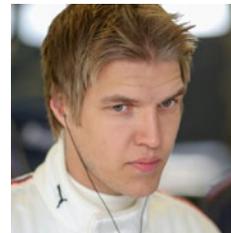
/// #19 TOM ONSLOW-COLE.

Born	16 th May 1987
Nationality	GBR
Driver fact	new member of the BMW family, in previous years, winner of the 24-hour races at Paul Ricard and in Brno



/// #19, #20 JÖRG MÜLLER.

Born	3 rd September 1969
Nationality	GER
Driver fact	won the 24 Hours Nürburgring for BMW in 2004 and 2010



/// #20 JESSE KROHN.

Born	3 rd September 1990
Nationality	FIN
Driver fact	was awarded the title of 'BMW Motorsport Junior of the Year' in 2014 and is now part of the BMW GT driver line-up



/// #20 BRUNO SPENGLER.

Born	23 rd August 1983
Nationality	CAN
Driver fact	won the 2012 DTM title in BMW's comeback year



/// #20 KUNO WITTMER.

Born	6 th September 1982
Nationality	CAN
Driver fact	won the 2014 title in the USCC GTLM class

THE DRIVERS FOR THE NÜRBURGRING 24 HOURS. FURTHER BMW M6 GT3 TEAMS.



/// #33 BMW M6 GT3, FALKEN MOTORSPORTS.

Peter Dumbreck (GBR)
Alexandre Imperatori (SUI)
Stef Dusseldorp (NED)
Marco Seefried (GER)



/// #100 BMW M6 GT3, WALKENHORST MOTORSPORT.

Christian Krognes (NOR)
Michele di Martino (GER)
Matias Henkola (FIN)
Nico Menzel (GER, BMW Motorsport Junior)



/// #101 BMW M6 GT3, WALKENHORST MOTORSPORT.

Henry Walkenhorst (GER)
Jordan Tresson (FRA)



THE NEWCOMER.

BMW M4 GT4.

The BMW family has a new member: the BMW M4 GT4. After the first successful race outing at the 2017 24 Hours of Dubai and initial tests at the Nürburgring-Nordschleife, the official market launch is the next milestone. The BMW Motorsport engineers put their heart and soul into the development of the BMW M4 GT4. The focus is firmly fixed on maximum mileage, high cost-efficiency and being as customer friendly as possible. The result: a sophisticated and reliable GT4 race car that incorporates all of BMW Motorsport's engineering expertise.

TECHNICAL DATA.

DIMENSIONS.

Length	4,670 mm
Width	1,877 mm
Height	1,380 mm
Wheelbase	2,812 mm

ENGINE.

Model	Six-cylinder, in-line engine with M TwinPower Turbo Technology
Capacity	2,979 cc
Performance	up to 431 hp (depending on regulations)
Tank capacity	125 l (depending on regulations)

TEAM AND DRIVER LINE-UP.

BMW M4 GT4.

The new BMW M4 GT4 will also be in action at the 24 Hours Nürburgring – yet another endurance test for the new car. Dirk Adorf, BMW Motorsport Junior Ricky Collard, Jörg Weidinger and journalist Jethro Bovingdon will alternate at the wheel of car number 40 over the weekend.



/// DIRK ADORF.

Born 10th July 1969

Nationality GER

Driver fact knows the Nürburgring-Nordschleife better than anyone else having numerous VLN class wins and overall wins to his name



/// RICKY COLLARD.

Born 30th July 1999

Nationality GBR

Driver fact won his first race in the BMW M6 GT3 at the season opener of the ADAC GT Masters



/// JÖRG WEIDINGER.

Born 29th May 1975

Nationality GER

Driver fact engineer at BMW M GmbH, long-standing VLN entrant and multiple winner of hill-climb championships



/// JETHRO BOVINGDON.

Born 14th December 1977

Nationality GBR

Driver fact editor-at-large for DRIVETRIBE, contested the 24 Hours Nürburgring for BMW in 2014

THE ENTRY-LEVEL MODEL.

BMW M235i RACING.

As part of the 24-hour race at the Nürburgring, this year sees the return of the separate cup class for the BMW M235i Racing – the entry-level model from BMW Motorsport. With this car, BMW gives its customers the ideal platform for proving their driving expertise on the most difficult racetrack in the world, thereby making a considerable contribution to the development of entry-level motor racing. A total of 13 BMW M235i Racings will contest the 2017 edition of the endurance classic in the Eifel region.

TECHNICAL DATA.

DIMENSIONS.

Max. width	1,862 mm (without mirrors)
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Height	1,380 mm (without antenna)
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Wheelbase	2,691 mm
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Max. track width	1,608 mm
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ENGINE.

Engine	Six-cylinder, in-line
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Capacity	2,979 cc
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Performance	333 hp
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A STRONG BMW FORCE.

THE REST OF THE BMW CONTINGENT AT THE NÜRBURGRING.



In addition to the BMW M6 GT3, BMW M4 GT4 and BMW M235i Racing, the BMW contingent will be supplemented by a multitude of other BMW cars. Drivers and teams will line up in their BMWs in pursuit of top results in a total of nine different classes. In addition to the SP9 class (BMW M6 GT3), SP8T class (BMW M4 GT4) and the Cup-5 class (BMW M235i Racing), these include the SP9LG, SP6, SP5, AT, V4 and V5 classes.

GLORIOUS HISTORY.

ALL BMW VICTORIES AT THE NÜRBURGRING 24 HOURS.



YEAR	DRIVERS	CAR
1970	Stuck / Schickentanz	BMW 2002 ti
1971	von Hohenzollern / Pank	BMW Alpina
1972	Kelleners / Pank	BMW Alpina
1973	Lauda / Joisten	BMW 3,3
1984	Felder / Bröhring / Oberndorfer	BMW 635 CSi
1985	Felder / Hammelmann / Walterscheid-Müller	BMW 635 CSi
1986	Oestreich / Rensing / Vogt	BMW 635 CSi
1989	Pirro / Ravaglia / Giroix	BMW M3
1990	Heger / Winkelhock / Schmickler	BMW M3
1991	Winkelhock / Nissen / Hahne	BMW M3
1992	Cecotto / Danner / Martin / Duez	BMW M3
1994	Wlazik / Katthöfer / Rosterg	BMW M3
1995	Ravaglia / Duez / Burgstaller	BMW 320i
1996	Scheid / Reck / Widmann	BMW M3
1997	Scheid / Reck / Tiemann / Zakowski	BMW M3
1998	Duez / Bovensiepen / Menzel / Stuck	BMW 320d
2004	D. Müller / J. Müller / Stuck / Lamy	BMW M3 GTR
2005	Lamy / Said / Huisman / Priaulx	BMW M3 GTR
2010	Lamy / Farfus / Alzen / J. Müller	BMW M3 GT2

M FESTIVAL.

IT'S ALL ABOUT M.



The M Festival takes place within the framework of the 24-hour race at the Nürburgring for the seventh time. The BMW M Hospitality area will be home to the ever-expanding M community for three days. Fans of the most powerful letter in the world have a weekend full of highlights in store, such as the M Night on Friday or the M Corso on Saturday. Guests can follow the action on the track up close and personal.

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