



DTM
Race 1, Hockenheim (DE), Race

Historic victory in Hockenheim: Marco Wittmann guides the BMW M4 DTM to its maiden victory at the DTM season-opener.

Hockenheim (DE), 4th May 2014. First race, first win: the new BMW M4 DTM opened its career with a dream result in Hockenheim (DE). After 42 laps of the 4.574-kilometre circuit, Marco Wittmann (DE) crossed the finish line first in the Ice-Watch BMW M4 DTM, as the DTM opened its anniversary season with an eventful race. Not only was it the 24-year-old's first triumph in only his 11th DTM race, but also the maiden victory for BMW Team RMG and BMW's 60th win in the series.

On 11th March 1984, over 30 years ago, it was Harald Grohs (DE) at the wheel of the BMW 635 CSi who won the very first race in the history of the DTM for BMW in Zolder. Three years later, Grohs also won when the new BMW M3 made its debut in Hockenheim. Wittmann's success saw the BMW M4 DTM continue this tradition of new cars winning on their debut.

Six of the eight BMW M4 DTMs finished the race in the points. Timo Glock (DE) came home fifth in the DEUTSCHE POST BMW M4 DTM, followed by Bruno Spengler (CA) in the BMW Bank M4 DTM, Martin Tomczyk (DE) in the BMW M Performance Parts M4 DTM and Augusto Farfus (BR) at the wheel of the Castrol EDGE BMW M4 DTM in places six through to eight. Joey Hand (US) also picked up a point, crossing the finish line in tenth in the Crowne Plaza Hotels BMW M4 DTM.

The two rookies, Maxime Martin (BE) and António Félix da Costa (PT), remain yet to score their first points, having ended their DTM debuts in 20th and 21st respectively. Félix da Costa was enjoying an outstanding race in his Red Bull BMW M4 DTM, and was in reach for a podium position for long periods. However, a collision with Timo Scheider (DE, Audi) and the subsequent drive-through penalty saw the Portuguese driver drop well back. Problems with a loose wheel after his pit top, coupled with the ensuing drive-through penalty, cost Martin any chance of a better result.

Jens Marquardt (BMW Motorsport Director):

"What a dream debut weekend for the BMW M4 DTM. To return to Hockenheim with the brand-new BMW M4 DTM and win the first race, half a year after the last victory with the BMW M3 DTM – it doesn't get much better. At the same time, it is also a great maiden win for BMW Team RMG and Marco Wittmann, who drove an absolutely incredible race and was in a league of his own today. He controlled the entire race magnificently. It was a joy to watch him. However, there is also a

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lot of work behind this win. On the one hand, our team at BMW Motorsport has been working hard on the BMW M4 DTM for over a year. You never know exactly how good you are compared to the opposition until the first race. Therefore, we are very happy today. Also particularly worthy of mention is the fact that Stefan Reinhold's entire team did a lot of testing and made some changes on the test bench over the winter – with great success, as you can see. They deserve a big compliment. We are also pleased to see a further five BMWs in the top ten, and with the 60th victory for BMW in the history of the DTM – in bright sunshine and in front of a big crowd in the grandstands. I feel sorry for António Félix da Costa who, up until the incident, had produced a very impressive DTM debut.”

Facts and figures from Hockenheim:

Circuit / Date	Hockenheimring, 4 th May 2014
Laps / Distance	42 laps, 4.574 km
2014 Pole Position	Adrien Tambay (FR), 1:32.272 min
2014 Winner	Marco Wittmann (DE, BMW)
2014 Fastest Lap	Martin Tomczyk (DE, BMW), 1:32.532 minutes

Driver	FAR	HAN	SPE	TOM	GLO	DAC	WIT	MAR
Country	BR	US	CA	DE	DE	PT	DE	BE
Number	3	4	9	10	17	18	23	24
Team	BMW Team RBM	BMW Team RBM	BMW Team Schnitzer	BMW Team Schnitzer	BMW Team MTEK	BMW Team MTEK	BMW Team RMG	BMW Team RMG
Free practice	5 th	10 th	16 th	15 th	14 th	7 th	1 st	17 th
Qualifying	12 th	17 th	3 rd	8 th	9 th	4 th	2 nd	14 th
Race	8 th	10 th	6 th	7 th	5 th	21 st	1 st	20 th
2014 points	4	1	8	6	10	-	25	-
Current position	8 th	10 th	6 th	7 th	5 th	-	1 st	-

Standings after 1 of 10 races.

Drivers' standings.

1. Marco Wittmann (25 points), 2. Mattias Ekström (18), 3. Adrien Tambay (15), 4. Mike Rockenfeller (12), 5. Timo Glock (10), 6. Bruno Spengler (8), 7. Martin Tomczyk (6), 8. Augusto Farfus (4), 9. Timo Scheider (2), 10. Joey Hand (1).

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Team standings.

1. BMW Team RMG (25 points), 2. Audi Sport Team Abt Sportsline (18), 3. Audi Sport Team Abt (15), 4. Audi Sport Team Phoenix (14), 5. BMW Team Schnitzer (14), 6. BMW Team MTEK (10), 7. BMW Team RBM (5).

Manufacturers' standings.

1. BMW (54 points), 2. Audi (47).

2014 calendar:

4th May – Hockenheim (DE), 18th May – Oschersleben (DE), 1st June – Budapest (HU), 29th June – Norisring (DE), 13th July – Moscow (RU), 3rd August – Spielberg (AT), 17th August – Nürburgring (DE), 14th September – Lausitzring (DE), 28th September – Guangzhou (CN), 19th October – Hockenheim (DE).

About the DTM.

The German Touring Car Masters – DTM for short – is the most popular touring car series in the world. Last season, over 700,000 spectators flocked to renowned racetracks in Germany and around Europe to watch the ten races live. The series pits the three premium automobile manufacturers BMW, Audi and Mercedes-Benz against each other in a sporting contest. BMW fielded its first works teams from 1984 to 1992, during which time it claimed 49 race victories and won the Drivers' Championship on three occasions (1984, 1987 and 1989). In 2012, the manufacturer returned to the DTM with the BMW M3 DTM, three teams and six drivers. BMW promptly won five races and topped the driver, team and manufacturer standings at the end of the season. In 2013, BMW Motorsport managed to defend the Manufacturer's title with four teams and eight drivers. The 2014 DTM calendar once again consists of ten races. The schedule includes four trips abroad, to Budapest (HU), Spielberg (AT), Moscow (RU) and Guangzhou (CN). The season traditionally ends in Hockenheim (DE) on 19th October. TV station ARD is broadcasting each qualifying and every race live. Tickets for all the DTM races are available here: <http://www.bmw-motorsport.com/en/fan-area/dtm-tickets.html>

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