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DTM season enters the finishing straight in Oschersleben.

Munich, 7th September 2015. The DTM has reached the business end of the 2015 season. The popular touring car series enters the final third of its season with races 13 and 14 of the year, which will take place at the “Motorsport Arena Oschersleben” (DE) from 11th to 13th September. After three race weekends elsewhere in Europe, the DTM now returns to Germany. BMW Motorsport travels to the circuit in the Magdeburger Börde region of Germany on the back of a pole position and three podiums in the two most recent races at the “Moscow Raceway” (RU).

Unlike last season, when Oschersleben hosted the DTM as early as May, this year’s two races take place in September. BMW enjoys a fine record at the 3.696-kilometre circuit. The Bavarian manufacturer has claimed two victories and two pole positions in the three races at the Motorsport Arena since returning to the DTM in 2012. Whenever a BMW driver has started from the front of the grid in Oschersleben, he has gone on to be crowned DTM champion at the end of the year: in 2012, Bruno Spengler (CA) started the race from pole position en route to the Drivers’ title, while Marco Wittmann (DE) achieved the same feat in 2014. Spengler went on to claim a dominant win, having led the race from start to finish. Wittmann, on the other hand, was unfortunate in an eventful race with three safety car phases, eventually coming home 19th at the end of what was the second race of the season. Victory number two for BMW in Oschersleben came courtesy of Augusto Farfus (BR) in 2013. The Brazilian, who drives for BMW Team RBM, started from second and ended the season as the runner-up in the Drivers’ Championship.

The circuit at the Motorsport Arena is technically demanding. Both top speed and perfect handling are vital to fast lap times. The lap record in Oschersleben is held by a BMW driver: former DTM driver Joey Hand (US) clocked a time of 1:21.255 minutes on 15th September 2013 – in the BMW M3 DTM. The Motorsport Arena is one of the most modern racetracks in Europe and has been included on the DTM calendar since 2000. One feature makes the circuit particularly popular with the fans: the spectator areas located above track level offer a perfect view of the circuit and allow fans to follow the action up close and personal.

ARD is broadcasting every DTM race live. Coverage of Saturday’s opening race in Oschersleben begins at 13:00. The countdown to race two of the weekend on Sunday begins at 15:00.

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Quotes ahead of the seventh race weekend of 2015 in Oschersleben.

Jens Marquardt (BMW Motorsport Director):

“After three race weekends outside Germany, over the course of which we claimed nine podiums, the 2015 DTM season is slowly but surely entering the finishing straight. We are now looking forward to the final third of the season in front of our home fans. We have a good record in Oschersleben so far: two wins and two pole positions in three years is not to be sniffed at. We will certainly do our best to make life as difficult as possible for the opposition there again. The fans in the Magdeburger Börde can definitely look forward to an action-packed weekend, as the DTM is producing more exciting races and dramatic scenes than ever in 2015. I am sure that will be the case in Oschersleben too.”

Stefan Reinhold (Team Principal, BMW Team RMG):

“Oschersleben suits us. We proved this last year with the pole position. I hope we will have more luck in the race than we did in 2014. The weather – pouring rain – did not exactly play into our hands. Then we had a mechanical problem on Marco Wittmann’s car, which was our own fault and cost us points. After second place for Marco and fourth for Maxime Martin in Moscow last time out, I am confident that we will also have a word in who finishes on the podium in Oschersleben.”

Charly Lamm (Team Principal, BMW Team Schnitzer):

“For us, it was important to move on from Moscow as quickly as possible. We have analysed both races and are now looking ahead. The circuit in Oschersleben is demanding, with a wide range of different corner types coming in a short space. The many changes of direction require a good rhythm from the drivers. Above all, it will be important to get the DTM cars over the kerbs well. It is difficult to overtake at this circuit, so we will have to put our foot down in qualifying and try to achieve the best possible result.”

Bart Mampaey (Team Principal, BMW Team RBM):

“We have always looked pretty good in the Motorsport Arena in the past. In 2013 Augusto Farfus won to take his place on the top step of the podium. In the same year, our former DTM driver Joey Hand set a lap record that still stands today. We were also the best-placed BMW team in 2014. We obviously have our sights set on continuing this fine record. However, the DTM is unpredictable this season. We will only know exactly how good we are after qualifying on Saturday.”

Ernest Knoors (Team Principal, BMW Team MTEK):

“My team has found extra strength after the good results in Moscow, with two podiums from two races. Although our record in Oschersleben has room for improvement, as far as results are concerned, I am confident about the races at the Motorsport Arena. In Oschersleben, even more than on any other track,

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qualifying performance is vital. If we get that right, we will hopefully be in contention for podium finishes again.”

Marco Wittmann (car number 1, BMW Team RMG):

“I won a few races in Oschersleben during my time in single-seater racing. Therefore, I always enjoy returning to the circuit. Last year’s DTM weekend here started really well for me. I secured pole position and was enjoying a good race. However, I then made a slight mistake and was then stopped by a mechanical problem. I hope we can complete the races this time and, if possible, get on that top step of the podium.”

Maxime Martin (car number 36, BMW Team RMG):

“Oschersleben offers a good mix of fast and slow corners. As a driver, you are constantly working on the steering wheel and pedals. There are no long straights, which makes overtaking difficult. The kerbs are also important in Oschersleben. Because of this the car must be set up to make sure you get over the kerbs well.”

Martin Tomczyk (car number 77, BMW Team Schnitzer):

“This season it is hard to judge how things will go. The DTM has been full of surprises this year, as far as the performance of the different manufacturers at the different circuits is concerned. The track in Oschersleben is narrow and there are few overtaking opportunities. For this reason, qualifying will be key to a good position in the race.”

António Félix da Costa (car number 13, BMW Team Schnitzer):

“I like the circuit and think it really suits the DTM and our BMW M4 DTM. I enjoyed one of my best qualifying sessions there last year, so I am looking forward to returning. However, in the DTM you always have to get everything right in order to be successful. We will work hard to make that possible in Oschersleben.”

Augusto Farfus (car number 18, BMW Team RBM):

“I won in Oschersleben in 2013 and have always finished in the points there. For this reason, I have very fond memories of the track and am very motivated coming into the weekend. The circuit demands a lot of downforce, which usually suits us. Although we have had a tough season so far, I think it could be a good weekend. My goal is to pick up some points.”

Tom Blomqvist (car number 31, BMW Team RBM):

“We really haven’t had long to wait for the next race this time. That is obviously the best possible news for us racing drivers, as we always want to get in the car as often as possible and for as long as possible. We tested in Oschersleben before the season, so I know the circuit in a DTM car. It will be interesting to see

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how we get on there, as it is impossible to predict anything this season. We will certainly do our very best.”

Bruno Spengler (car number 7, BMW Team MTEK):

“Oschersleben is a very demanding circuit – and that also goes for the fitness of the drivers, as there are a lot of corners, a lot of bumps, and few sections in which you can catch a breather. It is particularly important for the car to have very good traction there. Personally, I really like the atmosphere in Oschersleben, as the people in that region are real motorsport fans.”

Timo Glock (car number 16, BMW Team MTEK):

“We have always looked pretty good in Oschersleben so far. We must now wait and see whether that is also the case this year. We tested there before the season, so I think we are well prepared. As we do every weekend, we will strive to get the best possible result for our team and BMW.”

Oschersleben Statistics.

Length:	3.696 km
2014 winner:	Christian Vietoris, Mercedes
2014 pole time:	1:20.516 minutes (Marco Wittmann, BMW)
Top BMW in 2014:	Augusto Farfus, 5 th place
DTM debut:	2000
BMW wins:	2
BMW pole positions:	2
BMW fastest laps:	1
BMW podiums:	2

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Statistics for the BMW DTM drivers.

Driver	WIT	MAR	TOM	DAC	FAR	BLO	SPE	GLO
Nationality	DE	BE	DE	PT	BR	UK	CA	DE
Number	1	36	77	13	18	31	7	16
Age	25	29	33	23	31	21	31	33
DTM debut	2013	2014	2001	2014	2012	2015	2005	2013
Team	RMG	RMG	Schnitzer	Schnitzer	RBM	RBM	MTEK	MTEK
Races	32	22	154	22	42	12	115	32
Wins	5	1	7	1	4	-	14	1
Podiums	8	2	28	2	10	-	42	3
Poles	5	1	8	1	4	-	17	-
Fastest laps	5	-	8	1	1	-	14	1
Laps led	216	46	248	31	123	-	516	25
Points	280	91	469	50	267	10	669	98

BMW Motorsport Media Schedule.

Saturday, 12 th September		
15:00-15:10	Mixed Zone interviews with BMW Motorsport Director Jens Marquardt	Media Center
15:20-15:30	Mixed Zone interviews with the BMW DTM drivers	Media Center
Sunday, 13 th September		
10:10-10:30	Press conference with BMW Motorsport Director Jens Marquardt	BMW Hospitality
17:05-17:15	Mixed Zone interviews with BMW Motorsport Director Jens Marquardt	Media Center
17:25-17:35	Mixed Zone interviews with the BMW DTM drivers	Media Center

2015 DTM Calendar.

1st-3rd May – Hockenheim (DE), 29th-31st May – Lausitzring (DE), 26th-28th June – Norisring (DE), 10th-12th July – Zandvoort (NL), 31st July-2nd August – Spielberg (AT), 28th-30th August – Moscow (RU), **11th-13th September – Oschersleben (DE)**, 25th-27th September – Nürburgring (DE), 16th-18th October – Hockenheim (DE).

Drivers' Championship.

1. Mattias Ekström (126 points), 2. Pascal Wehrlein (120), 3. Edoardo Mortara (110), 4. Jamie Green (103), 5. Bruno Spengler (85), 6. Marco Wittmann (75), 7. Gary Paffett (75), 8. Mike Rockenfeller (67), 9. Robert Wickens (57), 10. Christian Vietoris (56), 11. António Félix da Costa (44), 12. Maxime Martin (44), 13. Augusto Farfus (43), 14. Paul di Resta (40), 15. Miguel Molina (27), 16. Nico Müller (26), 17. Timo Glock (25), 18. Daniel

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Juncadella (24), 19. Martin Tomczyk (20), 20. Timo Scheider (16), 21. Lucas Auer (10), 22. Tom Blomqvist (10), 23. Maximilian Götz (6), 24. Adrien Tambay (3).

Team Championship.

1. gooix/Original-Teile Mercedes-AMG (176 points), 2. Audi Sport Team Abt Sportsline (153), 3. Audi Sport Team Rosberg (129), 4. BMW Team RMG (119), 5. Audi Sport Team Abt (113), 6. BMW Team MTEK (110), 7. SILBERPFEIL Energy Mercedes-AMG (97), 8. EURONICS/BWT Mercedes-AMG (85), 9. Audi Sport Team Phoenix (83), 10. BMW Team Schnitzer (64), 11. BMW Team RBM (53), 12. PETRONAS Mercedes-AMG (30).

Manufacturers' Championship.

1. Audi (416 points), 2. Mercedes-Benz (388), 3. BMW (321).

Further information.

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About the DTM.

The German Touring Car Masters – DTM for short – is the most popular touring car series in the world. The series sees the three premium automobile manufacturers BMW, Audi and Mercedes-Benz go head to head on the racetrack. BMW was first involved in the DTM with a works team between 1984 and 1992, during which time it won 49 races and three Drivers' Championships (1984, 1987 and 1989). The manufacturer returned to the DTM in 2012 with the BMW M3 DTM, three teams and six drivers, winning five races and topping the Drivers', Team and Manufacturers' Championships at the first attempt. In 2013, BMW successfully defended its title in the Manufacturers' Championship with four teams and eight drivers. Last season BMW Motorsport competed with the new BMW M4 DTM for the first time. By the end of the ten-race season, the Bavarian manufacturer had five race wins, 11 podiums, four pole positions and four fastest laps to its name, while Marco Wittmann became the youngest German DTM champion ever. Wittmann's BMW Team RMG was victorious in the Team competition.

Eighteen races spread over nine weekends await the teams and drivers in 2015. For the first time since the 2000 season, each event consists of two races, each with the same points format. The season kicked off on 2nd/3rd May with two races in Hockenheim. This is followed by a further four rounds in Germany – at the Lausitzring, Norisring, Nürburgring and in Oschersleben – before the series returns to Hockenheim for the season finale on 17th/18th October. Zandvoort, Spielberg and Moscow host the three

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international rounds of the DTM. The ARD is broadcasting every race live. Tickets to all DTM races are available here: <https://tickets.bmw-motorsport.com/index.html>

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