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Bulldog Racing running the MINI John Cooper Works Edition at Rundstrecken-Challenge Nürburgring 2023.



MINI John Cooper Works Edition with 6-speed manual gearbox starts in the VT2 class with starting number #616.

Nürburg. The MINI John Cooper Works Edition with manual gearbox of the Bulldog Racing Team impressed at this year's 24-hour race at the Nürburgring with a 2nd place in the class for close-to-production turbocharged vehicles with a displacement of 1,600 to 2,000 cc.

In preparation for further racing, Bulldog Racing entered the MINI John Cooper Works Edition in the seventh and penultimate round of the Rundstrecken-Challenge Nürburgring 2023 (RCN). The race was held in sunny and warm weather on the 24.358-kilometre track variant (Nordschleife + GP short circuit). The total race distance was 13 laps.

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This time behind the wheel: the driver duo Jens Dralle (GER) and Christoph Kragening (GER). Jens Dralle competed for Bulldog Racing in the red MINI John

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Cooper Works in the SP3T class at the 24-hour race in 2022. Christoph Kragenings had his 24-hour race debut in the manual MINI John Cooper Works Edition earlier this year, immediately achieving the best result of a MINI in a 24-hour race in the 64-year history of the brand.

With 19 starters, the strong VT2 class was fiercely contested. With 4974.0 points, the duo Dralle/Kragenings achieved a solid 7th place within their class and 48th overall out of 149 cars that started the race.

The Rundstrecken-Challenge is not exclusively about the fastest lap times, but also about consistency. After four consecutive sprint laps the competitors must recreate the lap time set in the very first lap of the race as closely as possible. Due to this special task, the races of the Rundstrecken-Challenge are not conventional races. On 28 October, the RCN e.V. will hold the renowned 3-hour "Schwedenkreuz" race to close out the season, which will be held in the usual format of the endurance races at the Nürburgring.

For Bulldog Racing, the last race of the RCN season offers a good opportunity to have a final outing before the winter break and to prepare the MINI John Cooper Works race cars "Made in Nürburg" for the 2024 racing season.

Fuel consumption, CO₂ emission figures and power consumption were measured using the methods required according to Regulation VO (EC) 2007/715 as amended. They refer to vehicles on the German automotive market. For ranges, the NEDC figures take into account differences in the selected wheel and tyre size, while the WLTP figures take into account the effects of any optional equipment. For vehicles newly type-approved since 01.01.2021, the official specifications exist only according to WLTP. In addition, according to EU Regulation 2022/195, the NEDC values will no longer be included in the EC certificates of conformity as of 01.01.2023.

All figures have already been calculated based on the new WLTP test cycle. NEDC figures listed have been adjusted to the NEDC measurement method where applicable. WLTP values are used as a basis for the assessment of taxes and other vehicle-related duties which are (also) based on CO₂ emissions and, where applicable, for the purposes of vehicle-specific subsidies. Further information on the WLTP and NEDC measurement procedures is also available at www.bmw.de/wltp.

For further details of the official fuel consumption figures and official specific CO₂ emissions of new cars, please refer to the "Manual on the fuel consumption, CO₂ emissions and power consumption of new cars", available at sales outlets free of charge, from Deutsche Automobil Treuhand GmbH (DAT), Hellmuth-Hirth-Str. 1, 73760 Ostfildern-Scharnhausen and at <https://www.dat.de/co2/>.

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In 2022, the BMW Group sold nearly 2.4 million passenger vehicles and more than 202,000 motorcycles worldwide. The profit before tax in the financial year 2022 was € 23.5 billion on revenues amounting to € 142.6 billion. As of 31 December 2022, the BMW Group had a workforce of 149,475 employees.

The success of the BMW Group has always been based on long-term thinking and responsible action. The company set the course for the future at an early stage and consistently makes sustainability and efficient resource management central to its strategic direction, from the supply chain through production to the end of the use phase of all products.

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