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## Augusto Farfus behind the wheel of the Shell BMW M4 DTM race taxi in the "Green Hell".

Nürburgring (DE), 12<sup>th</sup> September 2016. After the DTM weekend at the Nürburgring (DE), BMW works driver Augusto Farfus (BR) drove the Shell BMW M4 DTM race taxi at the legendary Nordschleife (DE) on Monday. This unique fan promotion from Shell, Premium Technology Partner of BMW Motorsport, was made possible by special conversion work on the car. The Shell BMW M4 DTM race taxi was adjusted for the specific track conditions on the Nordschleife.

The lucky winners of the Shell prize draw occupied the passenger seat next to Farfus, to experience iconic track sections such as "Brünnchen", "Hohe Acht" or "Fuchsröhre" from the cockpit perspective. The commentator for this event was Matthias Malmedie (DE), best known from "Grip - Das Motormagazin" on the TV station RTL II.

The Nordschleife is far from being unknown territory for Farfus. The Brazilian has already started numerous 24-hour races in the Eifel region. In 2010, he won the classic endurance race: together with Jörg Müller (DE), Pedro Lamy (PT) and Uwe Alzen (DE), he drove the BMW M3 GT2 to victory. "The event was great fun," said Farfus after completing his laps. "Everyone knows that I love the Nordschleife. Our win at the 24-hour race in 2010 is one of the absolute highlights of my career. It was great to be able to go out onto the circuit with the Shell BMW M4 DTM race taxi - and I think my passenger enjoyed it too. Thanks to Shell and BMW Motorsport for this unique event."

The Nordschleife is the longest permanent race track in the world. Ten DTM races took place there between 1988 and 1993. No DTM races have been contested at the Nordschleife since 2nd May 1993. BMW has claimed 12 DTM wins at the Nürburgring so far, more than at any other circuit. However, they only recorded one win on the Nordschleife. Jacques Laffite (FR) remains the only driver in DTM history to have won a race on the Nordschleife for BMW. On 16th June 1990, he crossed the line in first place after four laps on the then 25.3kilometre circuit, in the BMW M3. At that time, the DTM race took place together with the 24-hour race.

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