



DTM  
Race 4, Spielberg (AT), Race

**Maiden DTM podium for BMW Team RMG: Martin Tomczyk finishes runner-up in Spielberg.**

Spielberg, 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2012. Thrilling duels, excitement right down to the final lap, and another podium for BMW: the fourth DTM race of the year was a thriller. Martin Tomczyk (DE) of BMW Team RMG crossed the line in Spielberg (AT) in second place. Driving the BMW M Performance Parts M3 DTM, the German finished just a second behind Audi driver Edoardo Mortara (IT), who achieved his first win in the DTM.

This was BMW's fourth podium finish of the season, while BMW Team RMG made its debut on the podium. Tomczyk's team-mate Joey Hand (US), at the wheel of the SAMSUNG BMW M3 DTM, finished ninth to score his first DTM points. Augusto Farfus (BR, Castrol EDGE BMW M3 DTM) also added another point to his tally, ending the race in tenth.

In contrast, the remaining BMW Motorsport drivers leave Austria empty-handed. Both Andy Priaulx (GB, Crowne Plaza Hotels BMW M3 DTM) and Dirk Werner (DE, E-POSTBRIEF BMW M3 DTM) were involved in incidents shortly after the start of the race, and had to give up early on in the proceedings. Bruno Spengler (CA, BMW Bank M3 DTM) was also hit by a rival on the first lap, resulting in damage to the front of his car. The BMW Team Schnitzer driver was initially able to continue. However, numerous attacks by other drivers meant he was ultimately forced to retire during his second pit stop, while running 11<sup>th</sup>.

Tomczyk's second place sees him climb to fifth in the drivers' standings on 36 points. Spengler remains on 43 points in fourth. Farfus (16), Priaulx (8) and Hand (2) follow in positions nine, 11 and 16. Over the course of the race weekend, 48,500 spectators followed the action in Spielberg.

**Jens Marquardt (BMW Motorsport Director):**

"The fourth race of the season has once again proven that the 2012 DTM is hard to beat when it comes to excitement. The drivers pulled off a lot of overtaking manoeuvres, including some pretty fierce attacks. I am delighted for BMW Team RMG, who put on an impressive show with both drivers today. Martin Tomczyk claimed his first podium of the year, while Joey Hand finished ninth to score his best DTM result. Augusto Farfus also picked up a point in tenth – and all that against a magnificent backdrop. The many Austrian fans created a fantastic atmosphere. The Steiermark region has been a great host, and we are pleased to

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have the Red Bull Ring on the DTM calendar. We now go into a longer break for the first time this season. That will give everyone the opportunity to take a bit of a breather after the tiring weeks and months they have been through of late. We will recharge our batteries and concentrate fully on preparing for the next highlight at the Norisring. We are already looking forward to our first outing at this circuit since 1992.”

**Note to the editor:**

You will shortly receive a further press release with reactions from the six BMW DTM drivers and the BMW team principals.

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