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MINI John Cooper Works Team Returns to Road America

Woodcliff Lake, NJ, August 26, 2021. MINI USA and the MINI John Cooper Works Team will once again field cars in both the Touring Car (TC) and Touring Car A (TCA) classes for the 2021 SRO TC America series, which takes place this weekend at Road America in Plymouth, WI. The #60 MINI JCW PRO competing in the TC class will be piloted by team veteran driver Derek Jones while fellow team member Clay Williams will pilot the #62 MINI JCW in the TCA class.

"We were able to do a lot of work on both cars over the long break since VIR and the team is well rested and ready to have a strong weekend," said Luis Perocarpi, team owner, LAP Motorsports. "We are also very proud to once again have amazing support from the local dealers here in the region who have sent in MINI service technicians to keep the cars running in top performance condition all weekend."

The MINI JCW Team will have their usual fulltime race crew supported by four service technicians from MINI dealerships across the Central Region, including two technicians from MINI of Glencoe in Glencoe, IL, one technician from MINI of Orland Park in Orland Park, IL and one from International MINI in Milwaukee, WI. These are the same technicians that repair customer MINIs and have proven time and again that their knowledge transfers to the racing world.

Visually inspired by the third generation MINI John Cooper Works GP launched in 2020, the #60 MINI JCW PRO is a MINI John Cooper Works Hardtop that has been engineered and modified using both original equipment manufacturer (OEM) and components from across the MINI line up and aftermarket performance parts in order to meet the technical rules and regulations required to compete in the TC class. The GP-inspired visual cues presented on the #60 MINI JCW PRO, including the paint scheme and front grill and fender, also help to meet requirements of the series to differentiate the TC

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versus TCA race cars while on the track.

The MINI John Cooper Works team is looking to build on the momentum from the start of the season after taking three podiums at <u>Sonoma Raceway</u> in pursuit of the team's third Manufacturer's Championship in a row in the series. The MINI JCW Team also won Manufacturer's Championship in 2018 in the final season of the Street Tuner class of the <u>International Motor Sports Association</u> (IMSA) <u>Continental Tire SportsCar Challenge Series</u>, where the team finished ahead of BMW, Porsche and Mazda.

Both races will be streamed live at <u>YouTube.com/GTWorld</u>. In addition, the MINI John Cooper Works Team will provide live updates on practice, qualifying and race sessions in addition to timing and scoring across the team's social media channels including Facebook and Instagram.

About the MINI JCW Team

The MINI JCW Team, operated by LAP Motorsports (<u>@lapmotorsports</u>), drives MINI's most powerful Hardtop ever in the two-door MINI John Cooper Works Hardtop. The team competes in the fiercely competitive SRO TC America Series. For additional information please visit <u>minijcwteam.com</u> or email <u>luis@minijcwteam.com</u>.

About MINI in the US

MINI is an independent brand of the BMW Group. In the United States, MINI USA operates as a business unit of BMW of North America, LLC, located in Woodcliff Lake, New Jersey and includes the marketing and sales organizations for the MINI brand. The MINI USA sales organization is represented in the U.S. through a network of 114 MINI passenger car dealers. MINI USA began selling vehicles in the U.S. in 2002 with the introduction of the MINI Cooper and MINI Cooper S Hardtops. Since then, the MINI Brand in the U.S. has grown to encompass a model range of five unique vehicles.

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