

918 Spyder: New record

28/11/2014 1'42.627 is the record-breaking time clocked by Porsche's 918 Spyder on the Le Mans Bugatti circuit.

The new time breaks the previous record of 1'45.26 held by the Radical SR3, making the Porsche 918 Spyder the fastest production car to drive this circuit.

The 918 offers the best of two worlds: precision and power

Christophe Tinseau, driver and instructor at the Porsche Sport Driving School, broke the record on only his second run at the Sport Auto magazine's "Supertest" which took place on November 5th. In his own words: "The 918 has incredible acceleration power! What surprised me the most was its efficiency and how easy it was to drive at low speeds on 100 percent electric power. The 918 offers the best of two worlds; it has the precision of a GT3 when entering turns and the efficiency and power of a 911 Turbo S when exiting them – but at much higher speeds!"

The super sportscar featuring a hybrid engine set its first record in September 2013 on the north loop

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of the Nürburgring race track with a time of 6 minutes and 57 seconds. Breaking the record for production cars on the Bugatti circuit in Le Mans was just the latest in a growing list of achievements.

High potential of Porsche's plug-in hybrid technology

This is just another example of the potential of Porsche's plug-in hybrid technology. With a total output of 652 kw (887 hp) and a fuel consumption of 3.1 I/100 km (NEDC), the 918 Spyder can sprint from zero to 100 km/h in 2.6 seconds and to 200 km/h in 7.3 seconds (918 Spyder: Combined fuel consumption: 3.1 - 3.0 I/100 km; CO2 emission: 72-70 g/km; Electricity consumption 12.7 kWh/100 km). And if it impresses on the race track, it's certainly no disappointment for everyday driving, gliding silently through town centres without any harmful emissions. The sportscar highlights the potential of Porsche's plug-in hybrid technology as well as the future prospects for the brand's entire range.

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