

Demo run for the Porsche Cayman GT4 Rallye on snow and ice

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18/01/2019 The Zuffenhausen sports car manufacturer is planning a return to rallying. For this, the motorsport department in Weissach is developing the Porsche 718 Cayman GT4 Clubsport to comply with the FIA R-GT regulations. The vehicle should be ready to contest the 2020 season.

A decisive factor in this decision was the positive response at the launch of the Cayman GT4 Rallye Concept Car on the occasion of the 2018 ADAC Rallye Deutschland. Romain Dumas (France) drove the spectacular concept study as the course car. The first demo run on snow and ice for the rally concept vehicle will be at the Porsche Winter Event held before the GP Ice Race in Zell am See (Austria, 19/20 January). Piloting the concept car is local hero Richard Lietz, who currently ranks third in the FIA World Endurance Championship (FIA WEC, GTE-Pro).

In contrast to the concept vehicle, the future rally car will not be based on the Cayman GT4 Clubsport built up to 2018, but on the new 718 Cayman GT4 Clubsport unveiled in early January. The new customer sport racer, designed for GT4 series as well as clubsport and track day events, is powered by a 3.8-litre flat-six engine producing 313 kW (425 hp). In developing the vehicle, the focus was put on performance, driveability and sustainability. In the construction of the Porsche 718 Cayman GT4 Clubsport, several body parts were made of natural-fibre composite material for the first time.

The appearance of the Porsche Cayman GT4 Rallye Concept Car at the 2018 Rallye Deutschland yielded positive feedback. The response from the rally fan camp, teams, drivers and series organisers was a decisive factor in going ahead with the new development programme. The comparatively low operating cost of the new R-GT-regulation vehicle is a major advantage, thanks to its close affinity to the production car.

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