



Motorsport Notes: Porsche 911 GT3 R teams take on Michelin GT Challenge at VIR

24/08/2023 Five Porsche race cars in the GTD Pro and GTD classes will line up this weekend at Virginia International Raceway.

Atlanta. For the second and final time in 2023, Porsche 911 GT3 R customer teams competing in the IMSA WeatherTech SportsCar Championship will have their best opportunity to race for an overall victory. The Michelin GT Challenge at VIR, round nine of 11 for the GTD Pro and GTD classes, is reserved solely for the GT3 specification entries by the top manufacturers including the new-for-2023 type 992 Porsche 911 GT3 R race car. Five of the German sports car manufacturer's machines are spread across the GTD Pro and GTD classes and four different race teams. While Porsche pursues its second race win of the season, two-time defending race and series champion Pfaff Motorsports is seeking its first win of 2023. The two-hour, 40-minute race at the 3.27-mile, 17-turn road course in Alton, Virginia takes the green flag at 2:10 p.m. ET/11:10 a.m. PT on Sunday, August 27 and can be watched live on USA.

By class.

GTD Pro.1 Porsche entry

Porsche is in fourth place in GTD Pro Manufacturers' Standings, - 223 points behind Lexus.

No. 9 Pfaff Motorsports. Bachler/Pilet

- Fourth place, 223 points out of the GTD Pro Driver and Team points lead. Pfaff has won this event the last two seasons: 2021 (GTD class, Zach Robichon/Laurens Vanthoor) and 2022 (GTD Pro, Matt Campbell/Mathieu Jaminet). Pilet has two race wins at VIR (2015 and 2019, GTLM, Porsche 911 RSR). Bachler has never raced at VIR. This car will carry the Porsche onboard camera.
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GTD.4 Porsche entries.

Porsche is in fourth place in GTD Manufacturers' Standings, -373 points behind BMW.

No. 77 VOLT Racing Wright Motorsports.Brynjolfsson/Hindman

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IMSA VP SportsCar Challenge.

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Entry list.

https://www.imsa.com/wp-content/uploads/sites/32/2023/08/16/2023_IWSC_VIR_PreEvent_EntryList.pdf

To the point.

Current IMSA Championship Point Standings.

http://results.imsa.com/?season=23_2023

By the Numbers. Porsche In IMSA.

- 597. Number of IMSA victories for Porsche - Combined Chassis/Engine. (Record). 247 more than nearest rival Chevrolet.
- 53. Number of Porsche WeatherTech Championship victories (Record).
- 475. Number of IMSA pole positions by Porsche. (Record). 111 more than nearest rival Chevrolet.
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By the Numbers. Porsche at VIR.

- 14. Number of Porsche-built race cars participating at VIR spread between IMSA series: WeatherTech, Michelin Pilot Challenge and VP SportsCar Challenge. WeatherTech – GTD Pro – Porsche 911 GT3 R – 1 – No. 9. WeatherTech – GTD – Porsche 911 GT3 R – 2 – Nos. 77, 80, 91, 92. Pilot Challenge – GS – Porsche 718 Cayman GT4 RS Clubsport – 4 – Nos. 28, 39, 47, 83. VP Challenge – GSX – Porsche 718 Cayman GT4 RS Clubsport – 4 – Nos. 5, 17, 27, 44, 46.
- 23. Number of Porsche victories at VIR since 1957.
- 9. Number of class wins at VIR since 2000. Tied with Chevrolet for most victories.
- 1957. Bob Holbert wins first event held at VIR in Porsche 550 RS.
- 1971. Hurley Haywood wins first race after returning from Vietnam (Porsche 914/6).
- WeatherTech – GTD Pro – Porsche 911 GT3 R – 1 – No. 9.
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