

Neel Jani completes successful rollout for Porsche

06/03/2019 The Formula E project of Porsche Motorsport has reached a milestone.

Porsche works driver Neel Jani (Switzerland) completed the first kilometres in the new Formula E car at Porsche's testing ground in Weissach yesterday, thereby reaching an important milestone en route to the works entry in the ABB FIA Formula E Championship for Season 6 (2019/20). The first drive with the newly developed fully electric Porsche powertrain passed without incident. It provided valuable findings, which will help the motorsport engineers prepare the car for the first Formula E race in the course of intense testing over the next few months.

Fritz Enzinger (Vice President Porsche Motorsport): "The newly developed Porsche powertrain for Formula E completed its baptism of fire. It is an important day for everyone involved in this project. Many thanks to everyone who has poured their heart and soul into the construction of the powertrain and car in recent months and made this successful rollout possible. We still have a lot of work to do on the road to our works entry in Formula E, but an important initial step has been taken. Now we will be fully focussed as we continue to work on familiarising ourselves with the particular challenges of Formula E."

Neel Jani (Porsche works driver): "I am very proud to have been behind the wheel the first time our Formula E racing car was driven. Being allowed to drive the rollout is not only a great honour, it is also very exciting. We're breaking new ground. It was a fantastic feeling for me. Everyone in the team feels it: The project is really gaining momentum now. We didn't push it to the limit during the rollout, but the and the car made a very good first impression overall. I can't wait to get back to testing."

Amiel Lindesay (Team Manager): "We know that we will face very tough competition in Formula E, which to some extent has more experience than us. This makes it even more important for us that we have taken the next step in development with the rollout. With each additional test, we will gain new insights and optimise the performance of the car."

Malte Huneke (Technical Project Leader): "The development of a Formula E car fully streamlined for efficiency and lightweight construction is a great challenge for our team of engineers. Seeing the car in action for the first time gave us goose bumps. Compared with production development, the demands in terms of efficiency and weight of the powertrain in Formula E are on a very different level. Now we will approach the limit one step at a time. This will be essential to make it in Formula E."

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