



Successful test outing for the new Porsche 911 GT3 R

17/10/2015 The new Porsche 911 GT3 R, which will be delivered to racing teams around the world from December, has successfully completed a test under racing conditions at the Nürburgring.

At the ninth round of this year's VLN Long Distance Championship Nürburgring, the Porsche factory drivers Nick Tandy (Great Britain) and Frédéric Makowiecki (France) ran amongst the front runners from the start and concluded the four-hour race in Germany's Eifel region 3rd overall.

"It was extremely important and informative to contest this race," said Makowiecki. "Our overall balance was good and it was fun to drive on this unique race track. Sure, there are a couple of areas that need optimising but that's completely normal when developing a new racing car."

His teammate, Le Mans winner Nick Tandy, was also satisfied with the new 911 GT3 R: "Our new car is already at very high level of development. Even though the result from our test run wasn't in the foreground, I am very happy being on the podium. I had great fun with this car."

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The new customer sport racing car for GT3 race series worldwide features an improved aerodynamic efficiency compared to its winning predecessor, as well as improved driveability and further optimised safety. The over 368 kW (500 hp) GT racer will be sold to customer teams for 429,000 euros plus country-specific value added tax. The engine that was run at the tests on the Nürburgring was the well-proven power plant of the predecessor model. The new direct fuel injection engine generation is currently undergoing test bench runs in Weissach and further testing in the USA.

"The first test outing of our new 911 GT3 R was promising," says Head of Porsche Motorsport Dr. Frank-Steffen Walliser. "Pure performance was not the only priority today. We are also looking at being able to offer our customers a reliable car that runs well in all conditions. The Nürburgring Nordschleife is excellently suited to put the chassis, body and systems under a stress test. And this works best under race conditions."

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