



## Porsche wants to wow fans in Berlin

**10/05/2022** The Formula E event in Berlin marks one of the season highlights for Porsche. On May 14th and 15th, the historic Tempelhof Airport hosts rounds 7 and 8 of the ABB FIA Formula E World Championship.

### The preview: Q&A on the Berlin E-Prix

The TAG Heuer Porsche Formula E Team aims to use its home race to close the gap to the top contenders in the overall standings. At the wheel of the two Porsche 99X Electric race cars are Pascal Wehrlein (GER/#94), who this year in Mexico clinched the first victory for Porsche in the innovative electric racing series, and André Lotterer (GER/#36).

With Formula E, Berlin showcases itself as a metropolitan city at the forefront of electromobility. It is the only city where the world's first all-electric racing series has been a regular fixture on the calendar every season. "We want to wow fans with thrilling racing," says Florian Modlinger, Director Factory Motorsport Formula E. "And thereby help boost the popularity of Formula E in Germany."

## Florian Modlinger (Director Factory Motorsport Formula E)

### Two different track layouts are used in Berlin. What does that mean in terms of race preparation?

"It's as if we're preparing for two separate race weekends. For the team that adds more stress, not only in preparation but also on the race weekend itself. Our goal is to be competitive on both track variants."

### What experience and insights are you taking to Berlin from the races so far this season?

"What we've seen more than anything is that, since the second race, we've been able to fight for podium placings and victories. We want to continue that in Berlin."

### How well did the team cope with the retirements in Monaco?

"Monaco is behind us. We're professional enough to know that such setbacks are a part of motorsport. That's why we're looking ahead. The team will do everything in Berlin to regain the points that we lost in Monaco."

## André Lotterer (Porsche works driver #36)

### You managed to secure a podium spot in Porsche's first Formula E season in Berlin 2020. What do you expect this time?

"We've always looked really good in Berlin. With the progress we've made, I'm certain we have a successful weekend ahead of us. What I'm looking forward to the most is the enthusiasm of the fans. Although I live in Monaco, Berlin is a real home race for me. I love this city."

### How do you view the previous races this season and how are you handling the disappointments in Monaco?

"We experienced highs and lows, and sometimes a few points slipped through our fingers but we're doing a good job as a team. We've improved enormously, especially in qualifying. The Formula E is a very competitive world championship, and nobody makes it onto the podium at every race. We mustn't let setbacks like in Monaco deter us from continuing to work hard towards our goal. Then the successes will come again."

## Pascal Wehrlein (Porsche works driver #94)

### What makes the races in Berlin so special and what has to happen so that everything runs as well as it did when you won in Mexico?

"We're all looking forward to this race. In Berlin, there will be a lot of Porsche fans at the racetrack supporting us from the sidelines. This will be a real home game and a special motivation for the whole team. The competition in Formula E is extreme, you can't win every weekend. In Mexico, we gave a very strong performance, and even in Monaco a podium finish would've been possible, maybe even a win. Everything was coming together. The car felt great right up until we retired, we had the right strategy

and our setup changes were good. If this is also the case in Berlin, we have an excellent chance to secure our second win of the season."

### **What are your thoughts on driving one way on Saturday and the opposite way on Sunday in Berlin?**

"Honestly, I'm not a huge fan of the idea. We have to prepare for two track variants, and all that in the short timeframe between Monaco and Berlin. However, it won't be a big problem to get used to, particularly because we've often driven both variants in the past. I don't particularly prefer one over the other. We need to try to be fast on both tracks."

## **The racetrack**

This unique feature is something Berlin is keen to retain: On the 2.355 kilometre Tempelhof Airport Street Course with its ten turns, race 7 takes off on Saturday, with race 8 on Sunday contested in an anti-clockwise direction. This ensures variety and extra excitement on the apron section of the historic airport, which, with its old concrete surface, is particularly punishing on the tyres. While the circuit is not a traditional street course, fans still add a lively atmosphere.

## **Live TV and Internet coverage**

The worldwide broadcasting schedule of the Formula E event in Berlin is available on: [www.fiaformulae.com/watch/ways-to-watch](http://www.fiaformulae.com/watch/ways-to-watch).

## **Porsche Taycan Turbo S as the new safety car**

Porsche is committed to Formula E safety: With the all-electric Taycan Turbo S, the sports car manufacturer supplies the official safety car this season and underlines the importance of Formula E for Porsche Motorsport. Thanks to its driveability and safety as well as an output of up to 560 kW (761 PS), Porsche's first all-electric sports car is the ideal choice as a safety car in the first and only all-electric motorsport world championship. With Launch Control, the flagship model of the Taycan range accelerates from 0 to 100 km/h in 2.8 seconds and reaches a top speed of 260 km/h. The striking paintwork incorporates the colours of all eleven competing teams as well as the FIA and Formula E colours. The design symbolises the joint commitment to the future of all-electric motor racing as well as social values such as diversity and community.

## **The Media Service**

The first photos from Berlin will be available on the Porsche press database on 13 May. Race reports follow on 14 May (race 7) and 15 May (race 8). Further information about the TAG Heuer Porsche Formula E Team will be posted live on the Twitter channel @PorscheFormulaE. All relevant information

about the team, the drivers and the racing series can be found in the updated Porsche Formula E Media Guide. The content will be regularly updated over the course of the season and expanded with additional interactive material.

## The Porsche 99X Electric

With the Porsche 99X Electric, Porsche returned to open-wheel single-seater racing in 2019 after 30 years. The fully-electric racing car sporting the Weissach-developed Porsche E Performance Powertrain also serves as a development platform for the sports car manufacturer's fully-electric production models. Energy management and efficiency are important factors for success in Formula E and in the development of production cars. For the 2021/2022 season, the 99X Electric has a maximum output of 250 kW in qualification mode and 220 kW in normal race mode. Attack Mode boosts the output to 250 kW. Maximum recuperation is 250 kW; the usable battery capacity is 52 Kilowatt-hours.

## Formula E

Formula E is the world's first fully-electric racing series bringing thrilling motorsport to people living in major cities since 2014. As an accelerator for innovative and sustainable technologies of mobility, it promotes the worldwide acceptance of electric vehicles with the aim to counteract climate change. The format is compact: practice, qualifying and race all take place on one day. Each race usually runs over 45 minutes plus one lap. Eleven teams tackle the 2021/2022 season with 22 drivers. This makes for interesting and hotly contested races. This marks the third season for the TAG Heuer Porsche Formula E Team campaigning the Porsche 99X Electric.

## 2022 races

Sixteen races in ten of the world's biggest cities make up the provisional 2021/2022 calendar of the ABB FIA Formula E World Championship.

### Race 1 & 2

28. / 29. January – Diriyah (Saudi Arabia)

### Race 3

12. February – Mexico City (Mexico)

### Race 4 & 5

9. / 10. April – Rome (Italy)

### Race 6

30. April – Monaco (Monaco)

## Race 7 & 8

14. / 15. May – Berlin (Germany)

## Race 9

4. June – Jakarta (Indonesia)

## Race 10

2. July – Vancouver (Canada)

## Race 11 & 12

16. / 17. July – New York City (USA)

## Race 13 & 14

30. / 31. July – London (Great Britain)

## Race 15 & 16

13. / 14. August – Seoul (South Korea)

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## Consumption data

**Taycan Turbo S** (Predecessor model)

\*Further information on the official fuel consumption and the official specific CO<sub>2</sub> emissions of new passenger cars can be found in the "Leitfaden über den Kraftstoffverbrauch, die CO<sub>2</sub>-Emissionen und den Stromverbrauch neuer Personenkraftwagen" (Fuel Consumption, CO<sub>2</sub>Emissions and Electricity Consumption Guide for New Passenger Cars), which is available free of charge at all sales outlets and from DAT (Deutsche Automobil Treuhand GmbH, Helmuth-Hirth-Str. 1, 73760 Ostfildern-Scharnhausen, www.dat.de).

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