

Porsche extends its Formula E commitment

23/05/2024 Porsche extends its involvement in the ABB FIA Formula E World Championship. This decision means that the Stuttgart sports car manufacturer will line up on the grid when the next generation of vehicles, known as GEN4, arrives in the all-electric racing series.

Featuring part-time all-wheel drive, the regulations throw another technical challenge in terms of road-car development as early as next year (season 11). GEN4 will be introduced in season 13 (2026/2027) and should allow manufacturers even more scope for development, from which they can then gain more insights for their series production.

“Right from the outset, we regarded our Formula E commitment as long-term,” says Michael Steiner, Member of the Executive Board for Research and Development at Porsche AG. “The evolution of racing vehicles shows how much development potential there is in e-mobility. Going forward, we want to glean even more knowledge from Formula E that we can transfer to our roadgoing sports cars. As one of the most competitive series in motor racing, it's already pushing us to achieve technological excellence. We look forward to continuing to shape the championship and contributing to the advancement of e-

mobility."

"Like Formula E, we want to add innovative technologies and increased sustainability to motorsport – and be at the cutting edge of new developments," adds Thomas Laudenbach, Vice President Porsche Motorsport. "The world championship offers a first-class stage for this: racing at the highest level, public interest worldwide and high technological relevance. The knowledge from racing flows directly into our sports cars: motorsport engineers sit shoulder to shoulder with colleagues from road projects. After all, we don't develop technology for the sake of technology – it must benefit our customers."

Performance evolution of Formula E vehicles over ten years

Porsche joined the innovative electric racing series at the start of the 2019/2020 season. At that time, second-generation vehicles were fielded, which meant that it was no longer necessary to swap vehicles halfway through the race due to range restrictions. The cars are now in their third generation – achieving up to 350 kW of power, a maximum recuperation of 600 kW and a top speed of over 300 km/h. The upcoming "GEN3 Evo" significantly boosts performance before the next major technological step takes place with GEN4, which aims for a power output of up to 600 kW and a regenerative capacity of up to 700 kW.

More comments on Porsche's Formula E commitment

Jeff Dodds, CEO of Formula E: "With their unwavering commitment and innovative spirit, we are thrilled to announce that Porsche will continue to be a cornerstone of our championship for at least another four years. Their dedication to the highly anticipated GEN4 era not only pushes the boundaries of technology and performance but also sets a new standard for excellence in worldwide motorsport. With Porsche's expertise and high-performance powertrains as one of the world's most revered automotive manufacturers, this renewed partnership bolsters an exciting future for Formula E, filled with even more groundbreaking achievements and unforgettable racing moments."

Alberto Longo, Chief Championship Officer and Co-Founder, Formula E: "Porsche's commitment to Formula E for the new GEN4 era is a testament to their dedication in pushing the boundaries of technology and motorsport. It epitomises their confidence in our championship that will, in 2026, be entering an exciting new chapter. Alongside the FIA, Formula E is at the forefront of electric motorsport, perfectly aligning with Porsche's vision for the future of racing and automotive development. While they continue to use Formula E as a platform for innovation and electric road-car development, their involvement as a manufacturer in the ABB FIA Formula E World Championship ensures it retains its position as one of the more thrilling and competitive series in world motorsport."

Pablo Martino, Head of Formula E Championship, FIA: "We're pleased to announce Porsche as the third manufacturer to commit to Formula E's GEN4 era. Like Nissan and Jaguar whose participation has already been revealed, Porsche has long been synonymous with motor sport heritage and innovation.

We look forward to continuing this journey together with the manufacturers already confirmed and with those still to be announced until at least 2030, as we continue to grow the championship's exciting momentum and keep building towards the future of electric racing."

Porsche in Formula E

Porsche contests its fifth Formula E season in 2023/2024. In addition to the works-run TAG Heuer Porsche Formula E Team, the American customer outfit Andretti Formula E competes with the Porsche 99X Electric. The concept of the innovative electric racing car was developed at the net CO2-neutral Weissach facility. With its commitment to the world championship, Porsche underlines its commitment to take a leading role among traditional automobile manufacturers in the areas of electrification, sustainability and technology. In Formula E, the brand gains valuable insights for its electric series-production sports cars.

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