

Porsche Taycan Turbo GT sets official production EV lap record at Yas Marina Circuit

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The Taycan Turbo GT now adds Yas Marina to a growing list of famous racing circuits around the world where it is officially the fastest production BEV.

The record lap time of 2:07.247 was set around the 5.281 kilometre GP circuit at the Yas Marina circuit, the same layout that is used for the final round of the FIA Formula One World Championship each season.

UAE-based GT racing driver and race school instructor, Ramez Azzam, was the driver behind the wheel for the Abu Dhabi attempt, which was officially sanctioned by the Yas Marina Circuit and Emirates Motorsport Organisation (EMSO) under a newly established set of rules for officially recognised production car lap records.

“We all know electric vehicles can be fast in a straight line, but to be fast over a whole lap is where the Taycan Turbo GT really shines,” said Ramez Azzam, the winner of the GT4 class in this year’s Dubai 24 Hours.

“You sit low in the car so you feel connected and with a typically agile Porsche chassis, the balance and braking ability gave me the confidence to push, knowing it would deliver. In many ways it reminded me of the 911 GT3 I’ve raced around here.

“On track, you can tell the Taycan Turbo GT capitalises on the strong points of electric vehicles such as their low centre of gravity compared to ICE-powered cars, the instant throttle response with zero lag and endless torque which, when all were combined made it one of the fastest cars especially in terms of exiting corners, that I’ve ever driven around here. It was massively impressive – and it's a production car.”

New official production lap record management

The new official lap record format dictates that cars receive scrutineering prior to track activity to ensure they are in production specification. On track activity is then limited to a 60-minute practice session, followed by a 45-minute qualifying session in which the lap record time must be set.

The entire process was overseen by EMSO, led by experienced senior FIA official Fergus Lavers, with the full facilities of race control in operation. Track limits are also enforced, to ensure lap times are within regulations.

"We really appreciate Yas Marina Circuit and EMSO coming together to create this new, official setup for production car lap records right here at our home circuit," said Wissam Khalil, General Manager of Porsche Centre Abu Dhabi and Al Ain.

"This achievement did more than just set new benchmarks; it truly demonstrated the Taycan Turbo GT's incredible capabilities. It's easily our most powerful and performance-focused Taycan yet,”

“Our congratulations also go to Ramez for setting such an impressive lap time of 02:07."

The Yas Marina Circuit hosts the Formula 1 season finale each year and is a hub for motorsport activity in the Middle East. The venue is now able to officially sanction production car lap records for the first time.

Using the expertise Porsche has developed from its championship-winning 99X Electric race car competing in the ABB FIA Formula E World Championship, the Taycan Turbo GT brings that technology to the street as the most powerful production Porsche ever.

"Yas Marina Circuit is proud to partner with Porsche in setting this new benchmark for electric performance," said Ali Al Beshr, General Manager of Yas Marina Circuit.

“This record is not only a testament to the Taycan Turbo GT's incredible capabilities but also reinforces Yas Marina Circuit's role as a global destination for manufacturers to showcase cutting-edge technology under official, regulated conditions."

This lap record follows on from Porsche also achieving an official lap record for a Production SUV around the full Yas Marina Circuit. See below previous article detailing this lap record effort, also featuring the Azzam behind the wheel.

Porsche Taycan Turbo GT

The Taycan Turbo GT and Taycan Turbo GT with the Weissach package feature a more powerful pulse inverter delivering 580 kW (789 PS) of power which jumps to 760 kW (1033 PS) with Launch Control and up to 815 kW (1108 PS) for two seconds according to the peak power measurement method.

Fitted with the optional Weissach package that deletes the rear seats for a better power-to-weight ratio and combined with more use of carbon fibre, the Weissach package saves 75kg while a fixed rear wing provides up to 220kg of downforce over the Taycan Turbo S.

The Turbo GT can accelerate from 0 to 100 km/h in 2.2 seconds and reach a top speed of 305 km/h and borrowing technology from Formula E, it features Attack Mode to give it a 10-second boost of up to 120 kW (163 PS) of extra power.

The Taycan Turbo GT comes standard with lightweight ceramic brakes based on the Porsche Ceramic Composite Brake (PCCB), but optimised with design changes to the brake disc chamber and the brake calliper housing that saves more than two kilograms and reduces unsprung weight and rotating mass.

The Taycan Turbo GT is equipped as standard with the dynamics package that includes the Porsche Active Ride suspension with GT-specific tuning. In dynamic driving situations, this ensures an almost perfect connection to the road thanks to a balanced distribution of wheel loads.

EV lap records around the world

The Porsche Taycan Turbo GT has now claimed Production BEV lap records all around the world. See links below to previous records.

More product information on the Taycan Turbo GT can be found here on the Porsche Newsroom.

Production BEV Lap Record Facts

Car: Porsche Taycan Turbo GT
Circuit: Yas Marina Circuit – Grand Prix Circuit
Circuit Length: 5.281 kilometres
Location: Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates
Driver: Ramez Azzam
Lap Time: 2:07.247
Average Speed: 149.41km/h
Date: 24 April 2025
Session Time: 8:00pm to 8:45pm
Air Temperature: 27.6 degrees Celsius
Track Temperature: 39.1 degrees Celsius
Humidity: 61.7% rH
Wind Speed: 1.4 km/h
Official Timekeeper: Faraz Niaz
EMSO Observer: Fergus Lavers
Verification: Hamid Al Mazroui

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