Performance Cayenne conquers the Nürburgring Nordschleife in record time

16/06/2021 The new performance model of the Cayenne series has convincingly proven its dynamic potential ahead of its launch.

In the official rankings of Nürburgring GmbH, the time was certified by an independent adjudicator and now stands as a new record in the 'SUV, off-road vehicle, van, pick-up' category.

"Over the first few meters of the Nordschleife in this Cayenne, you're tempted to turn around to make sure that you're really sitting in a spacious SUV. Its high steering precision and stoically stable rear axle gave me a lot of confidence in the Hatzenbach section," said Lars Kern, who was present for long periods of the car's development, of his record drive.

"It changed direction at lightning speed in the fast curves such as between Hohe Acht and Eiskurve, with no wobble and no tendency to understeer. Even in this technical stretch, the Cayenne is a real driver's car that is easy to control," according to the test and development driver. "The wheels normally leave the ground at both the Pflanzgarten I and II crests but these sections felt smooth and quiet in this Cayenne. There is a lot of wheel travel, and the body stays solid and controlled. The drivetrain makes a really strong impression. It delivers power in every situation as well as perfect gear changes."

A top performer and Cayenne-typical all-rounder

"This Cayenne model is a top performer. During its development, we focused on exceptional on-road performance. Our record-breaking Cayenne is based on the Cayenne Turbo Coupé, though more systematically designed for maximum longitudinal and lateral dynamics," according to Stefan Weckbach, Vice President Product Line Cayenne. "Its record time on the Nordschleife confirms the dynamic capabilities of our new performance SUV. Furthermore, it's a typical Cayenne all-rounder, providing a high degree of driving comfort and everyday utility."

Lars Kern recorded his fast lap of the Nordschleife at 11:31 am on June 14, 2021 with an outside temperature of 73 degrees Fahrenheit (23 degrees Celsius) and a track temperature of 115 degrees Fahrenheit (46 degrees Celsius), crossing the finish line 7:38.925 minutes later. To protect its driver, the record-breaking Cayenne was equipped with a racing seat and roll cage. The indipendent adjudicator also confirmed the series production status of the still lightly camouflaged SUV, which will celebrate its world premiere shortly. The performance tires used for the record lap were 22-inch Pirelli P Zero Corsas that were specially developed for the new Cayenne model and will be fitted as standard.

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