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## Porsche celebrates double victory at Le Mans 24-hour marathon

Porsche has once again made history and won both GTE classes at the world's toughest long distance race.



In the pro-category, the Porsche 911 RSR with the starting number 92 concluded the 86th edition of the Le Mans 24 Hours in first place after 344 laps. The driver trio Kévin Estre (France), Laurens Vanthoor (Belgium) and Michael Christensen (Denmark) held the lead for almost the entire distance and controlled the race on the tradition-steeped 13.626-kilometre racetrack. The works drivers crowned their flawless performance with class victory number 106 for Porsche.

The sister car (#91) shared by Richard Lietz (Austria), Frédéric Makowiecki (France) and Gianmaria Bruni (Italy) perfectly rounded off the double victory for Porsche in the GTE-Pro class. Frédéric Makowiecki provided a special highlight. The Frenchman fought an epic duel with a competitor for an hour and a half, fending off all attacks to claim second place. With these two triumphs at the 24-hour marathon in France, Porsche has extended its lead in the drivers' and manufacturers' classifications of the FIA WEC world championship.

Technical problems with the #93 nine-eleven threw the car far behind during the night. Patrick Pilet (France), Earl Bamber (New Zealand) and Nick Tandy (Great Britain) lost 25 minutes due to repairs and ultimately finished on eleventh. For Romain Dumas (France), Timo Bernhard and Sven Müller (both Germany), the race was over after seven hours. Their car (#94) retired in the night with suspension damage.



### Winner in the GTE-Am class: the #77 Porsche fielded by Dempsey-Proton Racing

The #77 Porsche fielded by Dempsey-Proton Racing celebrated an impressive win in the GTE-Am class. Putting in an inspired drive, Porsche Young Professional Matt Campbell (Australia), Christian Ried (Germany) and Porsche Junior Julien Andlauer (France) notched up the 107th class win for Porsche. At just 18 years of age, Julien Andlauer has become the youngest class winner at Le Mans.

While the second car fielded by the Dempsey-Proton Racing team (#88) was sidelined with suspension damage, the 510 hp 911 (#99) run by Proton Competition narrowly missed out on a podium spot in fourth place. The Porsche 911 RSR with the starting number 80 (Ebimotors) and 56 (Team Project 1) finished the Le Mans 24-hour marathon on sixth and seventh respectively. The vehicle campaigned by Gulf Racing (#86) was relegated to the back of the field at the beginning of the race after becoming entangled in an accident caused by another competitor. Pulling out all stops, the team fought their way back up the order to finish on tenth.

Porsche scores a 1-2 victory in GTE-Pro at this year's 24 Hours of Le Mans. P1 for Porsche 911 RSR No. 92 "Pink Pig", P2 No. 91. #porsche #porschenews #porschenewsroom #porsche911 #911 #911RSR #newsroom #motorsport #gt #endurance #racing #racinglife #instacar #car #sportscar #racecar #racetrack #sport #sports #adrenaline #porscheraces #fiawec #superseason #wec #fiawec #lemans #lemans24 #lm24

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#### Comments on the race

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Dr Wolfgang Porsche, Chairman of the Supervisory Board: "An absolutely perfect weekend for Porsche. You can't wish for more than this in our anniversary year. It's impossible to plan such a thing, but when it happens it's an indescribable feeling. Congratulations to the drivers, the teams and all the employees who made this success possible. It makes me very proud."

Oliver Blume, CEO of Dr. Ing. h.c. F. Porsche AG: "We prepared meticulously for this race and have worked towards this for months. The entire team did a perfect job. We're incredibly proud of this double victory in the GTE-Pro class and of winning the amateur classification. This is a fantastic achievement from our employees. Porsche belongs to Le Mans and Le Mans belongs to Porsche."

Michael Steiner, Research and Development at Porsche: "The Porsche 911 is and remains the best sports car in the world – it's a true

racer. It doesn't get better than scoring a double victory in the GTE-Pro class and victory in the GTE-Am class on our 70th birthday. This year we're back at the front and that's where we belong."

Dr Frank-Steffen Walliser, Vice President Motorsport and GT Cars: "It's a sensation. What a crazy fight out there on the track and a flawless performance from the team. That was an incredible feat, which we ultimately turned into a deserved victory. The class wins are a perfect gift for our 70th anniversary. The fact that we earned maximum points towards the world championship rounds off the whole result. Now the suspense has turned to joy."

Pascal Zurlinden, Director GT Factory Motorsport: "We got a perfect lap in qualifying and the result of today's race has crowned a perfect weekend. Victory in the GTE-Pro and GTE-Am class underlines that we're doing everything right at Porsche in both factory and customer sport. We were able to extend our lead in the manufacturers' classification and we also moved into the lead of the drivers' category. All in all, a perfect day."

Find quotes of the drivers in the [press release](#) (downloads).

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## Race result

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### GTE-Pro class

1. Christensen/Estre/Vanthoor (DK/F/B), Porsche 911 RSR, 344 laps
2. Lietz/Bruni/Makowiecki (A/I/F), Porsche 911 RSR, 343 laps
3. Hand/Müller/Bourdais (USA/D/F), Ford GT, 343 laps
11. Pilet/Tandy/Bamber (F/GB/NZ), Porsche 911 RSR, 338 laps

### GTE-Am class

1. Ried/Andlauer/Campbell (D/F/AUS), Porsche 911 RSR, 335 laps
2. Flohr/Castellacci/Fisichella (CH/I/I), Ferrari 488 GTE, 335 laps
3. Keating/Bleekemolen/Stolz (USA/NL/D), Ferrari 488 GTE, 334 laps
4. Long/Pappas/Pumpelly (USA/USA/USA), Porsche 911 RSR, 334 laps
6. Babini/Nielsen/Maris (I/DK/F), Porsche 911 RSR, 332 laps
7. Bergmeister/Lindsey/Perfetti (D/USA/N), Porsche 911 RSR, 332 laps
10. Wainwright/Barker/Davison (GB/GB/AUS), Porsche 911 RSR, 324 laps

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