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Audi Sport customer racing

Audi Sport first-class worldwide

Audi Sport customer racing has established a worldwide reputation in customer motorsport on four continents within the space of ten years. With premium quality in products and support Audi Sport's customer racing department occupies an outstanding position in a tough competitive environment – in as many as four racing categories. In addition, Audi Sport customer racing in 2019 supports commitments in the Intercontinental GT Challenge, the FIA GT World Cup, in the WTCR – FIA World Touring Car Cup and at stand-alone events such as the Nürburgring 24 Hours.

The four rings have been firmly established also in customer sport since 2009. Following Audi's successes in rally racing, in touring car racing and in the sports prototype category, the brand started offering products specifically designed for customers a decade ago. During the first decade the company developed six different models. Everything began in GT3 racing with the Audi R8 LMS that was followed in 2015 by the second generation and is now starting to the 2019 season as an evolution. In 2011, the Audi TT RS that was particularly successful in endurance racing was the second model in the program. In 2015, the Audi TT cup car for one-make racing complemented the portfolio. For the 2017 season, a TCR race touring car – the Audi RS 3 LMS – was available for the first time. Since 2018, customers have been fielding the new Audi R8 LMS GT4 with great success. "We want to introduce one new product per year and in pursuing this model offensive specifically focus on growth categories," says Chris Reinke, Head of Audi Sport customer racing. "As a result, Audi Sport has developed a clear profile in all key markets around the world. Due to the production volumes, we achieve the greatest synergies in manufacturing, sales and support."

In the world of Audi Sport customer racing, GT3 racing stands for globally visible, international competitions, as well as for national racing series and for club racing. The Audi R8 LMS meets with high-caliber opponents. Between ten and twelve brands are pitted against each other in the competitions of the Intercontinental GT Challenge, with one round each being held on five continents. Two major championships in North America, individual national series, plus international competitions across Europe, national and regional series in Asia, various motorsport categories from local club sport to top-caliber racing in Australia and motorsport in New Zealand offer customers fielding opportunities around the globe. Some series even explicitly have classes in which the first generation of the Audi R8 LMS can still successfully participate. The Audi Sport R8 LMS Cup with races in Asia and Australia

offers customer racing drivers an attractive one-make cup environment for GT3 and GT4 models. Plus, there are two major global endurance racing series: the Intercontinental GT Challenge contested by many pros and the 24H Series that beckons amateurs.

The TCR class, which has existed since 2015, is still a relatively young category. Since the end of 2016, Audi has been offering the RS 3 LMS for these competitions. Numerous national championships in North America, Europe, Asia, and, for the first time this year, in Australia provide racers with an affordable opportunity to compete in touring car events. Cross-border series such as the TCR Europe and the TCR Asia represent the next higher competitive category. Finally, on an international level, the 24H Series and the WTCR – FIA World Touring Car Cup are the big racing platforms. By now, 13 brands are active in this touring car class. In this fierce competition of race cars that are very similar conceptually, the Audi RS 3 LMS won the prestigious “TCR Car of the Year” classification in 2018.

The GT4 technical category has been in existence for 13 years now. Since 2017, thanks to systematic marketing, GT4 series have been gaining ground in a steadily growing number of countries. Committed customers ensured that the Audi R8 LMS GT4 won the most renowned competitions right in its 2018 maiden season: In the Pirelli World Challenge, customers scored three drivers’ and one teams’ title, four classification successes in the GT4 European Series, plus two more titles in France with the new race car. The Audi Sport R8 LMS Cup in 2019 again includes a class for this new race car whereas the Audi Sport Seyffarth R8 LMS Cup exclusively relies on the GT4 version.

By the end of 2018, Audi Sport customer racing built 563 race cars in total, spread across six model ranges and ten years. Like no other manufacturer Audi Sport uses several synergy levels within the Volkswagen Group to produce them: Audi and Lamborghini are two Group brands benefiting from the shared GT3 expertise. The GT4 model and the Supertrofeo platform involve interactions between the two brands as well. The V10 engine for both racing versions of the Audi R8 LMS has been adopted nearly unchanged from production in Győr. The GT3 race car shares 50 percent of its component assemblies with the production model. The GT4 model, which is produced in the flexible factory at the Böllinger Höfe site of the Neckarsulm location along with its road-approved counterpart, even uses 60 percent carry-over parts. The former Audi TT cup one-make cup race car as well as the current Audi RS 3 LMS come from the intra-Group affiliation with Cupra at the Martorell site in Spain.

Close ties also exist in the areas of logistics and support. A global network with branch offices in China for Asia, in Japan, in Australia, in the United States and in

Canada makes it possible to supply parts for the GT3 and GT4 models around the globe. In TCR racing, Audi Sport, Cupra and Volkswagen closely work together worldwide.

As the track record shows, the models from Audi Sport customer racing share the same racing genes. The drivers of the brand have won a total of 74 overall drivers' titles worldwide and scored more than 100 class titles since 2009. Amidst hundreds of trophies outstanding stand-alone successes include eight overall victories in 12-hour races, 13 in 24-hour races and four in 25-hour races.

Model lineup at a glance

Four winners

In terms of technology, there are clear differences between the Audi RS 3 LMS, the Audi R8 LMS GT4 and the GT2 and GT3 versions of the Audi R8 LMS. Common to all of them are their genes of success. The four models at a glance.

The Audi RS 3 LMS is a production-based touring car affording an entry-level opportunity of joining the world of Audi Sport customer racing. Its two-liter four-cylinder turbo engine develops up to 257 kW (350 hp), depending on the regulations. Customers have the choice between a six-speed double-clutch S tronic and a sequential six-speed transmission. Both transmit power to the front wheels. The version with a double-clutch transmission costs 109,000 euros and the touring car with a sequential transmission 129,000 euros (excluding VAT).

The Audi R8 LMS GT4 has been successful in the hands of customers since 2018. Its 5.2-liter naturally aspirated V10 engine delivers up to 364 kW (495 hp) transmitted to the rear wheels by a seven-speed double-clutch transmission. Assistance systems such as traction control and ABS are particularly valuable for amateur drivers. The GT4 version shares 60 percent of its component assemblies with the road-going model. At a price of 198,000 euros (excl. VAT) the teams are provided with an attractive sports car capable of mastering both sprints and long distances. Ten championship titles in its maiden season of 2018, plus two class victories in 24-hour races underscore the qualities of the production-based model.

For the 2019 season, Audi presented an evolution of the second generation of the Audi R8 LMS GT3 that has been successful since 2015. Even in its previous generation, the race car was regarded as an epitome of safety, lightweight design and efficiency. Drivability, especially for amateur drivers, economy and durability were central objectives in the development project of the most recent evolution. The 5.2-liter V10 engine, depending on the regulations, puts up to 430 kW (585 hp) on the rear wheels via a sequential six-speed sports transmission. The Audi Space Frame guarantees first-rate lightweight design quality and high levels of safety. Numerous other passive safety elements complete the protection concept of the race car selling for a price of 398,000 euros (excl. VAT).

In 2019, Audi Sport customer racing extended its lineup by the Audi R8 LMS GT2. With 470 kW (640 hp), it complements the power output range upward and specifically addresses gentleman drivers and sports car enthusiasts, who will be able to enjoy a new form of fascination with it also on Track Days.

The drivers

Twelve guys and one lady

Audi Sport has signed 13 drivers from eight nations. In the 2019 season, they compete in worldwide races with pure customer teams, as well as in strategic commitments supported by Audi Sport customer racing.

From up-and-coming to seasoned Audi Sport drivers, from South Africa to the United Kingdom – twelve versatile male plus a fast female driver stand for diversity, success and popularity with customers and fans alike.

Mattia Drudi is the most recent new signing at Audi Sport, as well as the youngest one: He has been a member of Audi Sport customer racing's driver squad since February 2019 and, just being 20 years old at the beginning of the season, is another three months younger than Audi Sport driver Dries Vanthoor, who was previously the youngest. Following initial successes in karting and in Formula 4, the Italian proved his prowess in race cars with roofs as well: In the Porsche Carrera Cup, he gathered his first laurels and in the Audi R8 LMS, racing as a guest in the 2018 Italian GT Championship with Audi Sport Italia, he clinched a victory and a third place. In a DTM test at Jerez in late 2018, he displayed his talent in the Audi RS 5 DTM as well.

Rahel Frey ranks among the best female drivers in GT racing, having celebrated six victories in Audi's GT3 sports car to date, including two in the ADAC GT Masters and four in the Audi Sport R8 LMS Cup. The 32-year-old Swiss started racing for Audi in 2011, still in the DTM at that time. Since 2013, she has been competing in customer racing programs. In addition to her own racing commitments, she has been earning great recognition as a coach: Serving in that role in the Audi Sport R8 LMS Cup, which has exclusively been admitting amateur drivers since 2018, she sets reference times on the race tracks and provides individual advice to the drivers. Participants in the Audi driving experience value her expertise and pleasant demeanor as well.

Christopher Haase was one of the pioneers in the debut season of Audi's customer racing program. In 2009, he clinched the FIA GT3 European Championship title with Christopher Mies. Since then, the track record of the race driver from Waging am See in Upper Bavaria has grown year after year: He won the Nürburgring 24 Hours twice with Audi, plus in 2017 scored his first victory in the Spa 24 Hours and in 2019 won the Dubai 24 Hours. In 2012, he decided the Blancpain Endurance Series, the most important European GT3 series, in his favor. In addition, his tally reflects runner-up finishes in the 2014 IMSA GTD class and in the 2017 and 2018 Intercontinental GT Challenge.

Pierre Kaffer grew up near the Nürburgring and raced under the banner of the four rings as far back as in 2004. At that time, he achieved overall victory with Allan McNish and Frank Biela in the Sebring 12 Hours in the Audi R8 LMP sports car. Subsequently he switched to the DTM where he drove the Audi A4 DTM. In the International GT Open, he won the title in 2010. Class victories in the Le Mans 24 Hours, at Sebring and in races of the American Le Mans Series, plus overall victory with Audi in the 2017 inaugural event of the California 8 Hours, complete his endurance racing track record. Since 2014, he has been contesting the 24-hour race at the Nürburgring in an Audi R8 LMS, won it for the first time in 2019 and is involved in various customer racing programs.

Niels Langeveld has been an Audi Sport driver since 2019. With successes scored in front-wheel drive race cars the 31-year-old Dutchman recommended himself for higher categories. Since 2010 he has won as many as four titles in touring car one-make cups. 2016 saw him competing in products of the Volkswagen Group for the first time. In 2017 and 2018, he delivered top-class performances at the wheel of the Audi RS 3 LMS in the ADAC TCR Germany. Last year, Langeveld with Team Racing One was even in contention for the title in the German TCR racing series and at the same time, while serving as the outfit's team manager, gathered experience in other motorsport tasks as well. In 2019, Niels Langeveld competes in the WTCR – FIA World Touring Car Cup.

Kelvin van der Linde comes from a racing dynasty. His grandfather, Hennie, was five-time touring car champion in South Africa, and his father, Shaun, a successful touring car driver as well. His uncle, Etienne, pursued a career in single-seater racing and Kelvin's younger brother, Sheldon, recorded initial successes in GT3 racing with Audi. In 2013, aged only 17, Kelvin van der Linde was the youngest winner of the Volkswagen Scirocco R-Cup title and a year later he won the ADAC GT Masters in an Audi R8 LMS. In 2017, at the mere age of 20, he celebrated his first victory in the 24-hour race at the Nürburgring with Audi. The South African, who lives in Kempten in the German Allgäu region, no doubt ranks among the greatest young talents in international GT racing.

Christopher Mies has built a remarkable career in GT racing with Audi. Aged only 21, he won the 2009 FIA GT3 European Championship in the maiden season of the Audi R8 LMS. Afterwards victories and titles clinched with his teammates followed in unusually short succession and frequency: In 2011 and 2012, he was the winner of the Bathurst 12 Hour and in 2012 became Blancpain Endurance Series Champion. 2015 saw him scoring his first win in the 24 Hours of Nürburgring and in the Australian GT Championship, followed in 2017 by his second Nürburgring victory. In

2016, Mies won the ADAC GT Masters, plus the VLN Speed Trophy, with his team. Various runner-up finishes and other good results complete his track record.

Gordon Shedden managed to make his move into international motorsport from his native Britain with Audi Sport. With three titles, 48 victories and a total of 122 podium finishes in the British Touring Car Championship (BTCC) to his credit the Scotsman has set standards. He remained loyal to front-wheel drive in 2018 when he made his debut in the WTCR – FIA World Touring Car Cup for Audi Sport Leopard Lukoil Team and went on to celebrate a race win at Wuhan, China. This year he is driving the Audi RS 3 LMS in this series again. Shedden, who has a degree in business administration and is part of the management team of a Scottish race track, lived in Germany for three years in his youth.

Frank Stippler is linked to the history of Audi Sport customer racing like no other race driver. Following a career with Audi in the 2005 and 2006 DTM, he was involved in testing the Audi R8 LMS right from the beginning and has been fully integrated in the development work ever since. In addition to his skills as a driver, he contributes his knowledge as an engineer. His major successes include his victories in the 24-hour races at the Nürburgring and at Spa in 2012 and at the Nürburgring in 2019. The numerous customer teams for which the Audi Sport driver contests renowned racing series year after year value his advice, his experience and his goal-oriented work.

Dries Vanthoor now starts to his second season as a pro of Audi Sport. The young Belgian belongs to the next generation of promising talents. Like his brother Laurens, who previously celebrated many successes with Audi Sport, Dries began his career in karting, subsequently switched to single-seater racing and at the end of 2015 chose GT racing. Since 2016 he has been driving an Audi R8 LMS in the Blancpain GT Series. In 2017, he clinched his first VLN race win at the Nürburgring. In the Le Mans 24 Hours, he won the GTE-Am class and in the Zolder 24 Hours, he scored another class victory. In 2018, at the Bathurst 12 Hour, he won an Intercontinental GT Challenge race for the first time, and in 2019, he celebrated the win in the Nürburgring 24 Hours.

Jean-Karl Vernay is a familiar face in the Volkswagen Group and has been racing for Audi Sport in the WTCR – FIA World Touring Car Cup since 2018. Even previously, in Formula 3, the Frenchman relied on technology from Germany, having won two titles with German marques. In his remarkable career, the 31-year-old talent has secured championship wins in the French Formula Renault, the IndyLights, the LMP2 class of the Intercontinental Le Mans Challenge, the French Porsche Carrera Cup, the TCR International Series and, with Audi in 2018, the TCR Benelux. In the WTCR – FIA-

World Touring Car Cup, he won four races in an Audi RS 3 LMS in 2018 and finished the season as the best Audi driver in the standings.

Frédéric Vervisch is the only Audi Sport driver to permanently compete in two different race cars. Since 2015 the former Formula 3 Cup winner has regularly been on the grid of national and international racing series in an Audi R8 LMS. His 2019 season began with a victory in the Dubai 24 Hours, six months later he also clinched a win in the Nürburgring 24 Hours. In addition to the Audi R8 LMS GT3, he drives the Audi RS 3 LMS. Following a season in the 2017 TCR International Series and the 2018 WTCR – FIA World Touring Car Cup, he is on the WTCR grid again with Comtoyou Team Audi Sport in 2019. The Belgian has a bachelor's degree in mechanical-automotive engineering and speaks Dutch, English, German, French and Italian.

Markus Winkelhock is the only driver from a great family of racers, hailing from Waiblingen, Germany, who is still active. His father, Manfred, his uncles, Joachim and Thomas, and his cousin, Jens, were all active in motorsport. Markus himself made it all the way into Formula One, drove in the DTM for Audi among others, but celebrated many of his major successes with Audi Sport customer racing. Since 2012 he has won the Nürburgring 24 Hours three times, the Spa 24 Hours twice and the Intercontinental GT Challenge once – each time in an Audi R8 LMS. His congenial manner and spontaneous humor are very popular with colleagues, fans and the media alike. However, when it comes to his work in the cockpit he is a fully focused pro all the way.

Biography

Mattia Drudi (I)

Date of birth: July 16, 1998

Place of birth: Rimini (I)

Residence: Misano Adriatico (I)

Marital status: single

Height/Weight: 1.78 m/64 kg

Motorsport debut: 2005

Career highlights

2005–13 Karting

2014 2nd in Formula 4 Italy

2015 3rd in Porsche Carrera Cup Italy

2016 2nd in Porsche Carrera Cup Italy

2017 6th in Porsche Supercup

2018 Italian GT Championship, one win (Audi R8 LMS). 5th in Porsche Supercup, European Le Mans Series

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Biography

Rahel Frey (CH)

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Place of birth: Niederbipp (CH)

Residence: Aedermannsdorf (CH)

Marital status: single

Height/Weight: 1.63 m/50 kg

Motorsport debut: 1998

Career highlights

2004 4th in Formula Renault 2.0 Switzerland

2005 3rd in Formula Renault 2.0 Switzerland

2009 7th in ATS Formula 3 Cup

2011 DTM (Audi A4 DTM)

2012 DTM (Audi A5 DTM)

2013 4th in Audi R8 LMS Cup, one win. Blancpain Endurance Series, ADAC GT Masters (each time in Audi R8 LMS ultra)

2014 3rd in Audi R8 LMS Cup, 5th in 12h Bathurst, ADAC GT Masters (each time in Audi R8 LMS ultra)

2015 5th in Audi R8 LMS Cup, one win. ADAC GT Masters, one win (Audi R8 LMS ultra)

2016 4th in Audi R8 LMS Cup, two wins. ADAC GT Masters, one win (Audi R8 LMS)

2017 1st in SP-X class VLN Endurance Championship Nürburgring, round 8 (Audi R8 LMS GT4), 3rd in SP-X class 24h Nürburgring (Audi R8 LMS GT4), ADAC GT Masters (Audi R8 LMS)

2018 2nd in Cup-X class 24h Nürburgring, 6th in Gulf 12 Hours, ADAC GT Masters (Audi R8 LMS)

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Biography

Christopher Haase (D)

Date of birth: September 26, 1987

Place of birth: Kulmbach (D)

Residence: Waging am See (D)

Marital status: married

Height/Weight: 1.77 m/64 kg

Motorsport debut: 2006

Career highlights

2006 3rd in ADAC Logan Cup

2007 1st in ADAC GT Masters

2008 1st in FIA GT4 EM Superlight, 2nd in ADAC GT Masters

2009 1st in European FIA GT3 Championship (Audi R8 LMS)

2010 1st in 12h Sepang

2011 2nd in German GT Championship

2012 1st in Blancpain Endurance Series, 1st in 24h Nürburgring, 2nd in 24h Spa
(each time in Audi R8 LMS ultra)

2014 1st in 24h Nürburgring (Audi R8 LMS ultra), 1st in GTD class Petit Le Mans, 2nd
in GTD class IMSA Tudor United SportsCar Championship (each time in Audi R8 LMS)

2015 2nd in 12h Sepang (Audi R8 LMS), 3rd in GTD class IMSA Tudor United
SportsCar Championship (Audi R8 LMS)

2016 1st in 12h Sepang (Audi R8 LMS)

2017 1st in 24h Spa (Audi R8 LMS), 1st in SP-X class VLN Endurance Championship
Nürburgring, round 8 (Audi R8 LMS GT4), 2nd in California 8 Hours, 2nd in
Intercontinental GT Challenge (each time in Audi R8 LMS)

2018 1st in California 8 Hours, 2nd in Intercontinental GT Challenge,
2nd in Gulf 12 Hours, 3rd in 10h Suzuka (each time in Audi R8 LMS)

2019 1st in 24h Dubai (Audi R8 LMS)

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Biography

Pierre Kaffer (D)

Date of birth: November 7, 1976

Place of birth: Bad Neuenahr-Ahrweiler (D)

Residence: Salenstein (CH)

Marital status: single

Height/Weight: 1.73 m/68 kg

Motorsport debut: 1990

Career highlights

1995 1st in Formula Ford Germany, 2nd in Formula Ford Europe

1996 1st in Formula Opel

2000 1st in round 1 of Formula 3 Grand Prix Macau, 3rd in Formula 3 Germany

2002 3rd in Porsche Carrera Cup

2004 1st in 12h Sebring, 1st in 1000 km Nürburgring (Audi R8)

2005 DTM (Audi A4 DTM)

2006 DTM (Audi A4 DTM)

2008 2nd in 24h Nürburgring

2009 1st in GT2 class 12h Sebring, 1st in GT2 class 24h Le Mans, 2nd in GT2 class American Le Mans Series, 2nd in 24h Nürburgring (Audi R8 LMS)

2010 1st in International GT Open, 1st in GT2 class 12h Sebring

2011 1st in GT2 class Petit Le Mans

2012 FIA World Endurance Championship WEC, 3rd in 24h Nürburgring

2013 FIA World Endurance Championship WEC

2014 FIA World Endurance Championship WEC, Tudor United SportsCar Championship

2015 3rd in LMP1 privateer class FIA World Endurance Championship WEC, Tudor United SportsCar Championship

2016 FIA World Endurance Championship WEC

2017 1st in California 8 Hours (Audi R8 LMS), 24h Le Mans

2018 ADAC GT Masters, Blancpain GT Series Sprint Cup, 24h Nürburgring, 24h Spa (each time in Audi R8 LMS)

2019 1st in 24h Nürburgring (Audi R8 LMS)

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Biography

Niels Langeveld (NL)

Date of birth: February 21, 1988

Place of birth: Sassenheim (NL)

Residence: Sassenheim (NL)

Marital status: single

Height/Weight: 1.79 m/75 kg

Motorsport debut: 2008

Career highlights

2008 Suzuki Swift Cup Netherlands

2009 Suzuki Swift Cup Netherlands

2010 1st in Suzuki Swift Cup Netherlands

2011 Renault Clio Cup Netherlands

2012 1st in Renault Clio Cup Netherlands

2014 2nd in Renault Clio Cup Benelux

2015 1st in Renault Clio Cup Benelux

2016 1st in Seat Leon Eurocup

2017 5th in ADAC TCR Germany (Audi RS 3 LMS)

2018 3rd in ADAC TCR Germany (Audi RS 3 LMS)

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Biography

Kelvin van der Linde (ZA)

Date of birth: June 20, 1996

Place of birth: Johannesburg (ZA)

Residence: Kempten (D)

Marital status: single

Height/Weight: 1.83 m/72 kg

Motorsport debut: 2006

Career highlights

2011 3rd in Engen Volkswagen Cup South Africa, 1st Rookie classification

2012 1st in Engen Volkswagen Cup South Africa

2013 1st in Volkswagen Scirocco R-Cup

2014 1st in ADAC GT Masters (Audi R8 LMS ultra)

2015 ADAC GT Masters (Audi R8 LMS ultra)

2016 ADAC GT Masters, VLN Endurance Championship Nürburgring (each time in Audi R8 LMS)

2017 1st in 24h Nürburgring, 1st in California 8 Hours, ADAC GT Masters, Australian GT, VLN Endurance Championship Nürburgring (each time in Audi R8 LMS)

2018 1st in California 8 Hours, 2nd in ADAC GT Masters, 3rd in Blancpain GT Series Sprint Cup, 3rd in 24h Spa, 3rd in 10h Suzuka (each time in Audi R8 LMS)

2019 1st in ADAC GT Masters, 1st in 10h Suzuka (each time in Audi R8 LMS)

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Biography

Christopher Mies (D)

Date of birth: May 24, 1989

Place of birth: Velbert (D)

Residence: Heiligenhaus (D)

Marital status: single

Height/Weight: 1.72 m/65 kg

Motorsport debut: 2001

Career highlights

2008 1st in ADAC Procar Division 2

2009 1st in European FIA GT3 Championship (Audi R8 LMS)

2010 2nd in ADAC GT Masters (Audi R8 LMS)

2011 1st in 12h Bathurst, 3rd in ADAC GT Masters (each time in Audi R8 LMS)

2012 1st in Blancpain Endurance Series, 1st in 12h Bathurst, 2nd in 24h Spa (each time in Audi R8 LMS ultra)

2013 3rd in 24h Spa (Audi R8 LMS ultra)

2014 3rd in 24h Spa (Audi R8 LMS ultra)

2015 1st in 24h Nürburgring (Audi R8 LMS), 1st in Australian GT Championship (Audi R8 LMS ultra), 2nd in 12h Sepang, 3rd in 24h Spa (each time in Audi R8 LMS)

2016 1st in ADAC GT Masters, 1st in VLN Speed Trophy, 2nd in Blancpain GT Series Sprint Cup (each time in Audi R8 LMS)

2017 1st in 24h Nürburgring, 2nd in California 8 Hours, 2nd in GTD class 24h Daytona, 3rd in Intercontinental GT Challenge (each time in Audi R8 LMS)

2018 1st in California 8 Hours, 2nd in Blancpain GT Series Sprint Cup (each time in Audi R8 LMS)

2019 2nd in 24h Dubai (Audi R8 LMS)

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Biography

Gordon Shedden (GB)

Date of birth: February 15, 1979

Place of birth: Edinburgh (GB)

Residence: Auchterarder (GB)

Marital status: married

Height/Weight: 1.85 m/73 kg

Motorsport debut: 1996

Career highlights

2000 1st in Ford Fiesta Championship Great Britain

2003 2nd in Seat Cupra Championship Great Britain

2004 4th in Seat Cupra Championship Great Britain

2006 4th in British Touring Car Championship

2007 3rd in British Touring Car Championship

2008 7th in British Touring Car Championship

2010 3rd in British Touring Car Championship

2011 2nd in British Touring Car Championship

2012 1st in British Touring Car Championship

2013 2nd in British Touring Car Championship

2014 3rd in British Touring Car Championship

2015 1st in British Touring Car Championship

2016 1st in British Touring Car Championship

2017 4th in British Touring Car Championship; TCR International

2018 WTCR – FIA World Touring Car Cup, one win (Audi RS 3 LMS)

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Biography

Frank Stippler (D)

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Place of birth: Cologne (D)

Residence: Bad Münstereifel (D)

Marital status: married

Height/Weight: 1.91 m/78 kg

Motorsport debut: 1993

Career highlights

2000 2nd in Porsche Carrera Cup

2002 2nd in Porsche Carrera Cup

2003 1st in Porsche Carrera Cup, 1st in Porsche Supercup

2005 DTM (Audi A4 DTM)

2006 DTM (Audi A4 DTM)

2007 3rd in 24h Nürburgring

2010 1st in Le Mans Classic

2011 3rd in 24h Nürburgring (Audi R8 LMS)

2012 1st in 24h Nürburgring, 1st in 24h Spa (each time Audi R8 LMS ultra)

2013 2nd in FIA GT Series (Audi R8 LMS ultra), 2nd in GT class 24h Daytona (Audi R8 GRAND-AM), 1st in St. Mary's Trophy Goodwood Revival

2014 3rd in 24h Spa (Audi R8 LMS ultra)

2015 2nd in 24h Spa, 3rd in Blancpain Endurance Series (each time in Audi R8 LMS)

2017 1st in Audi TT Cup Race of Legends

2018 1st in SP9 Pro class VLN Endurance Championship Nürburgring, ADAC GT Masters (each time in Audi R8 LMS)

2019 1st in 24h Nürburgring (Audi R8 LMS)

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Biography

Dries Vanthoor (B)

Date of birth: April 20, 1998

Place of birth: Hasselt (B)

Residence: Heusden-Zolder (B)

Marital status: single

Height/Weight: 1.72 m/60 kg

Motorsport debut: 2012

Career highlights

2016 1st in Cup 5 class 24h Nürburgring, Blancpain GT Series Endurance Cup (Audi R8 LMS), Blancpain GT Series Sprint Cup (Audi R8 LMS)

2017 1st in GTE-Am class 24h Le Mans, 1st in GT class 24h Zolder, 1st in VLN Endurance Championship Nürburgring, round 8 (Audi R8 LMS), 1st in China GT round 11 (Audi R8 LMS), Blancpain GT Series Endurance Cup (Audi R8 LMS), 1st in Blancpain GT Series Sprint Cup round 4 (Audi R8 LMS)

2018 1st in 12h Bathurst, 2nd in California 8 Hours, 4th in Blancpain GT Series Sprint Cup (each time in Audi R8 LMS), 1st in 24h Zolder

2019 1st in 24h Nürburgring, 1st in 10h Suzuka, 2nd in 24h Dubai (each time in Audi R8 LMS)

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Biography

Jean-Karl Vernay (F)

Date of birth: October 31, 1987

Place of birth: Villeurbanne (F)

Residence: Luxemburg (L)

Marital status: single

Height/Weight: 1.76 m/72 kg

Motorsport debut: 1998

Career highlights

2005 1st in Formula Campus France

2006 2nd in Formula Renault 2.0 France

2007 3rd in Formula 3 Masters Zandvoort

2007 Formula 3 Euro Series

2008 Formula 3 Euro Series

2009 2nd in Formula 3 Grand Prix Macau; Formula 3 Euro Series

2010 1st in IndyLights

2011 1st in LMP2 class ILMC

2012 1st in Porsche Carrera Cup France

2013 1st in GTE-Am class 24h Le Mans; 3rd in GTE-Am class FIA World Endurance Championship WEC, Porsche Supercup

2014 Super GT, GT Asia

2015 6th in Blancpain Endurance Series (Audi R8 LMS); Audi R8 LMS Cup, GT Asia

2016 3rd in TCR International Series

2017 1st in TCR International Series; TCR Benelux, TCR China, TCR Asia

2018 1st in TCR Benelux, 2nd in TCR Europe, 5th in WTCR – FIA World Touring Car Cup, four wins (each time in Audi RS 3 LMS), 1st in TCR class 24h Dubai

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Frédéric Vervisch (B)

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Marital status: single

Height/Weight: 1.76 m/68 kg

Motorsport debut: 2004

Career highlights

2007 2nd in ATS Formula 3 Cup

2008 1st in ATS Formula 3 Cup, 1st in Asian F3 Pacific Series 2007/08

2009 4th in IMSA Atlantic Championship

2010 Superleague Formula

2011 Superleague Formula

2013 Blancpain GT Series

2014 Blancpain GT Series

2015 Blancpain GT Series (Audi R8 LMS)

2016 5th in Blancpain GT Series (Audi R8 LMS); ADAC GT Masters (Audi R8 LMS), European Le Mans Series

2017 1st in Belcar Endurance Championship, 2nd in Qualification Race 24h

Nürburgring (Audi R8 LMS), 2nd in 24h Zolder, TCR International Series (Audi RS 3 LMS)

2018 WTCR – FIA World Touring Car Cup, one win (Audi RS 3 LMS), 3rd in 24h Zolder

2019 1st in 24h Nürburgring, 1st in 24h Dubai, 1st in 10h Suzuka (each time in Audi R8 LMS)

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Place of birth: Stuttgart (D)

Residence: Berglen-Steinach (D)

Marital status: single

Height/Weight: 1.75 m/65 kg

Motorsport debut: 1998

Career highlights

1998 2nd in Formula König

1999 4th in Formula Renault Germany

2003 4th in Formula 3 Euro Series

2004 DTM

2005 3rd in World Series by Renault

2006 Formula 1 test driver

2007 Formula 1 test driver, DTM (Audi A4 DTM)

2008 DTM (Audi A4 DTM)

2009 DTM (Audi A4 DTM)

2010 3rd in 24h Nürburgring (Audi R8 LMS), DTM (Audi A4 DTM)

2011 4th in 24h Nürburgring (Audi R8 LMS ultra), 5th in FIA GT1 World Championship

2012 1st in 24h Nürburgring (Audi R8 LMS ultra), 1st in FIA GT1 World Championship

2014 1st in 24h Nürburgring, 1st 24h Spa (each time in Audi R8 LMS ultra), 2nd in GTD class 24h Daytona (Audi R8 LMS)

2015 2nd in 12h Bathurst (Audi R8 LMS ultra), 3rd in 12h Sepang (Audi R8 LMS)

2016 3rd in 12h Sepang (Audi R8 LMS)

2017 1st in 24h Nürburgring, 1st in 24h Spa, 1st in California 8 Hours, 1st in Intercontinental GT Challenge, 2nd in Blancpain GT Series Sprint Cup (each time in Audi R8 LMS)

2018 1st in Pro Am class Blancpain GT Series Sprint Cup, 2nd in California 8 Hours, 2nd in Gulf 12 Hours, 3rd in 10h Suzuka (each time in Audi R8 LMS)

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2009–2018 track record

Impressive tally

Following the launch of the program, Audi Sport customer racing, within a very short period of time, took on all major worldwide competitions together with its customers. In addition to big national and international racing series, they include prestigious stand-alone races. The landscape of racing series and top-caliber events encompasses firmly established classics just like promising recent additions. Audi Sport has clinched victories and titles around the globe.

As early as in 2009, its maiden season, the Audi R8 LMS set initial standards: Title successes in the Belgian GT Championship, the ADAC GT Masters in Germany and the FIA GT3 European Championship – the flagship GT3 racing series at the time – marked a successful beginning. To date, the drivers of the Audi R8 LMS have clinched 49 overall drivers' championship titles worldwide, from club sport to top-caliber racing, plus numerous additional titles in other classifications. Audi Sport took on the world's greatest challenges as well, having scored a GT3 class win in the Nürburgring 24 Hours on three occasions, plus five overall victories. In the 24-hour race at Spa, the overall winners relied on Audi four times too and additionally scored three Coupe du Roi successes in the manufacturers' classification. In Dubai, following the "marathon" around the clock, an Audi finished in front twice. In the 24-hour race at Daytona, customers won their class on two occasions, just like in the Petit Le Mans race at Road Atlanta. At three events of the Bathurst 12 Hour in Australia, the Audi R8 LMS was the first car to cross the finish line and additionally scored one victory each over the same race duration at the Hungaroring and at Imola, plus two at Sepang. The Thunderhill 25 Hours club sport race in California has been won by customer teams four times. At the famous street race in Macau, Audi has scored four victories to date with the GT3 sports car.

The Audi RS 3 LMS is successful around the globe as well. Drivers of the TCR race car have won their classifications twice in North America and Russia, and once each in China and in the TCR Benelux. In addition, the Audi RS 3 LMS is the 2018 "TCR Car of the Year" after having scored the largest number of points of all TCR race cars worldwide. Since 2018 the Audi R8 LMS GT4 has completed Audi Sport's customer racing portfolio. Having clinched four titles in North America, four in the GT4 European Series and two classification wins in France, plus two class victories in 24-hour races, the production-based sports car has made a brilliant debut.

Overall drivers' titles (GT3)

2009

ADAC GT Masters	Christian Abt (D)
Belgium	Jean-François Hemroulle/Tim Verbergt (B/B)
European FIA GT3 Championship	Christopher Haase/Christopher Mies (D/D)

2010

Belgium	Greg Franchi/Anthony Kumpen (B/B)
DMSB GT Championship	Luca Ludwig (D)
Portugal	César Campaniço/João Figueiredo (P/P)
Spain	César Campaniço/João Figueiredo (P/P)

2011

Australia	Mark Eddy (AUS)
Blancpain Endurance Series	Greg Franchi (B)
Italy	Marco Bonanomi (I)
Spain	César Campaniço/João Figueiredo (P/P)
Super Taikyu Series	Tomonobu Fujii/Akihiro Tsuzuki/ Michael Kim (J/J/USA)
Taça Portugal	César Campaniço/João Figueiredo (P/P)

2012

Blancpain Endurance Series	Christopher Haase/Christopher Mies/ Stéphane Ortelli (D/D/MC)
Iberian Supercars Trophy	César Campaniço/Carlos Vieira (P/P)
Portugal	César Campaniço/Carlos Vieira (P/P)
Spain	Mikko Eskelinen (FIN)
Taça Portugal	César Campaniço/Carlos Vieira (P/P)

2013

Belgium	Anthony Kumpen/Bert Longin/ Maarten Makelberge (B/B/B)
FIA GT Series	Stéphane Ortelli/Laurens Vanthoor (MC/B)
GT Sprint International	Thomas Schöffler (D)
Portugal	César Campaniço (P)
Sweden	Jan Brunstedt (S)

2014

ADAC GT Masters	Kelvin van der Linde/René Rast (ZA/D)
Blancpain Endurance Series	Laurens Vanthoor (B)

Blancpain GT Series

Laurens Vanthoor (B)

2015

Australia

Christopher Mies (D)

Blancpain GT Series

Robin Frijns (NL)

2016

ADAC GT Masters

Christopher Mies/Connor De Phillippi (D/USA)

Blancpain GT Series Sprint Cup

Enzo Ide (B)

DMV GTC

Fabian Plentz (D)

DMV GTC Dunlop 60

Fabian Plentz/Tommy Tulpe (D/D)

Dunlop Endurance Championship

Phil Hanson/Nigel Moore (GB/GB)

FIA GT World Cup

Laurens Vanthoor (B)

Intercontinental GT Challenge

Laurens Vanthoor (B)

North Island Endurance Series

Neil Foster/Jonny Reid (NZ/NZ)

Three Hour

Victorian State Circuit Racing

Steven McLaughlan (AUS)

Championships Sports Cars

2017

Australia

Geoff Emery (AUS)

Blancpain GT Series Sprint Cup

Robin Frijns/Stuart Leonard (NL/GB)

Canarian Hill Climb Championship

Luis Monzón (E)

China GT Championship

Xu Jia (CN)

DMV GTC

Fabian Plentz/Egon Allgäuer (D/A)

DMV GTC Dunlop 60

Fabian Plentz/Tommy Tulpe (D/D)

FIA European Hillclimb

„Tessitore“ (A)

Championship

Intercontinental GT Challenge

Markus Winkelhock (D)

North Island Endurance Series

Simon Evans/Gene Rollinson (NZ/NZ)

Three Hour

Saudi GT

Mohammed Bin Saud (KSA)

Three Hour Endurance Championship

Simon Evans/Gene Rollinson (NZ/NZ)

Victorian State Circuit Racing

Matthew Stoupas (AUS)

Championships Sports Cars

2018

Australia

Geoff Emery (AUS)

Canarian Hill Climb Championship

Luis Monzón (E)

China GT Championship

Xu Jia/Alessio Picariello (CN/B)

Circuit Hero One

Julio Acosta (CO)

DMV GTC Dunlop 60	Kevin Arnold (D)
Eset V4 Cup	Marcin Jedliński (PL)
Eset V4 Cup Endurance	Marcin Jedliński (PL)
FIA CEZ	Marcin Jedliński (PL)
FIA CEZ Endurance	Marcin Jedliński (PL)
GT Masters Asia	David Chen/Billy Lo (CN/MAC)
GT Sweden	Jan Brunstedt (S)
New Zealand Endurance Championship	Neil Foster/Jonny Reid (NZ/NZ)
South Island Endurance Series Three Hour	Neil Foster (NZ)
Victorian State Circuit Racing Championships Sports Cars	Ryan How (AUS)

Overall drivers titles (GT4)

2018

FFSA GT4 France Pro-Am	Gregory Guilvert/Fabien Michal (F/F)
GT4 European Series Silver	Milan Dontje/Nicolaj Møller Madsen (NL/DK)
Pirelli World Challenge GTS	James Sofronas (USA)
Pirelli World Challenge GTS Sprint	James Sofronas (USA)
Pirelli World Challenge GTS SprintX	James Sofronas/Alex Welch (USA/USA)

Overall drivers titles (TCR)

2017

Pirelli World Challenge TC	Paul Holton (USA)
TCR China	Andy Yan (HK)
TCR Russia	Dmitry Bragin (RUS)

2018

IMSA Continental Tire SportsCar Challenge TCR	Britt Casey jr./Tom Long (USA/USA)
TCR Benelux	Jean-Karl Vernay (F)
TCR Russia	Dmitry Bragin (RUS)

Overall endurance race wins (GT3)

2010

12h Hungary Thomas Gruber/Philip König/Walter Lechner/
Niki Mayr-Melnhof (A/A/A/A)

2011

12h Bathurst Marc Basseng/Christopher Mies/Darryl O'Young (D/D/HK)
24h Spa Mattias Ekström/Greg Franchi/Timo Scheider (S/B/D)
24h Zolder Enzo Ide/Bert Longin/Xavier Maassen/
François Verbist (B/B/B/B)

2012

12h Bathurst Christer Jöns/Christopher Mies/Darryl O'Young (D/D/HK)
24h Nürburgring Marc Basseng/Christopher Haase/Frank Stippler/
Markus Winkelhock (D/D/D/D)
24h Spa Andrea Piccini/René Rast/Frank Stippler (I/D/D)
24h Zolder Marco Bonanomi/Anthony Kumpen/Edward Sandström/
Laurens Vanthoor (I/B/S/B)

2014

24h Nürburgring Christopher Haase/Christian Mamerow/René Rast/
Markus Winkelhock (D/D/D/D)
24h Spa René Rast/Laurens Vanthoor/Markus Winkelhock (D/B/D)

2015

24h Nürburgring Christopher Mies/Edward Sandström/Nico Müller/
Laurens Vanthoor (D/S/CH/B)
25h Thunderhill Guy Cosmo/Tomonobu Fujii/Darren Law/
Johannes van Overbeek (USA/J/USA/USA)
12h Sepang Stuart Leonard/Stéphane Ortelli/Laurens Vanthoor (GB/MC/B)

2016

24h Dubai Alain Ferté/Stuart Leonard/Michael Meadows/Laurens
Vanthoor (F/GB/GB/B)
25h Thunderhill Mike Hedlund/Darren Law/Dion von Moltke/Johannes van
Overbeek (USA/USA/USA/USA)
12h Sepang Robin Frijns/Christopher Haase/Laurens Vanthoor (NL/D/B)

2017

24h Nürburgring	Kelvin van der Linde/Christopher Mies/Connor De Phillippi/Markus Winkelhock (ZA/D/USA/D)
24h Spa	Jules Gounon/Christopher Haase/Markus Winkelhock (F/D/D)
12h Imola	Max Edelhoff/Horst Felbermayr Jr./Toni Forné/Dimitri Parhofer (D/A/E/D)
California 8 Hours	Pierre Kaffer/Kelvin van der Linde/Markus Winkelhock (D/ZA/D)
25h Thunderhill	Tom Haacker/Charly Hayes/Darren Law/Nate Stacy (USA/USA/USA/USA)

2018

12h Bathurst	Robin Frijns/Stuart Leonard/Dries Vanthoor (NL/GB/B)
California 8 Hours	Christopher Haase/Kelvin van der Linde/Christopher Mies (D/ZA/D)

2019

24h Dubai	Rik Breukers/Christopher Haase/Dimitri Parhofer/Frédéric Vervisch (NL/D/D/B)
24h Nürburgring	Pierre Kaffer/Frank Stippler/Dries Vanthoor/Frédéric Vervisch (D/D/B/B)

Overall endurance race wins (Audi TT RS)

2013

25h Thunderhill	Jeff Altenburg/Kevin Gleason/Robb Holland/Rob Huff/Roland Pritzker (USA/USA/USA/GB/USA)
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Overall endurance race wins (TCR)

2017

12h Guangdong	Lu Gan/Terry Huang/Andy Yan (CN/CN/HK)
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