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## **MOTORSPORT INFORMATION**

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## Global commitment

**Audi Sport customer racing has been contesting a global program with its customers since 2020. Between January and December, a total of more than 700 individual races in national and international racing series are on the calendar. With the first full season for the Audi R8 LMS GT2, this puts four models in customers' hands on the grid. Twelve drivers from Audi Sport are contesting sprint and endurance races for customers around the world. In 2020, Audi Sport customer racing supports commitments on five continents, in the Intercontinental GT Challenge as the only worldwide GT3 racing series, and in the 24 Hours of Nürburgring stand-alone event.**

The signs continue pointing to growth: now featuring four models for the first time, customers can choose from a highly diversified model range, extending from the Audi RS 3 LMS entry-level touring car to the top-end Audi R8 LMS GT2 with 470 kW (640 hp). As a result, customers enjoy a wide range of fielding opportunities: more than 30 racing series or famous stand-alone events admit the cost-efficient TCR race cars while new TCR race series continue to emerge. In the GT4 arena, the Audi R8 LMS has become a fixture after just two years, thrilling fans and drivers in up to 25 series worldwide. Following a facelift, the Audi R8 LMS GT4 is presenting itself in an even more customer-friendly way for the 2020 season. The new Audi R8 LMS GT2 is allowed to race in series run by promoter SRO in North America, Europe and Asia, and additionally participate in Track Days and club racing events all over the world. Last but not least, the evolution of the Audi R8 LMS GT3 in its 2019 debut season won endurance races in Abu Dhabi, Dubai, Germany and Japan, plus having scored stand-alone and championship victories around the globe. Some 30 series worldwide are exclusively open to GT3 models or include classifications for this fascinating sports car category. Furthermore, GT3 models are battling for prestigious stand-alone victories in some of the major endurance racing classics such as the 24-hour races at the Nürburgring and at Spa.

“In 2019, we presented the GT2 version and the new GT4 evolution of the Audi R8 LMS while our new GT3 model experienced its debut season. That makes us the provider of the youngest model range,” says Chris Reinke, Head of Audi Sport customer racing. “Our products and our worldwide sales and supporting concept have been a compelling choice for a growing number of teams and enthusiasts who contribute to the continuous of our brand's sporty profile with their successes.” In manufacturing, sales and supporting services, Audi Sport within the Group achieves synergy effects in diverse areas. For instance, the 5.2-liter V10 engine used in all

three versions of the Audi R8 LMS is produced on the regular assembly line at the Győr plant in Hungary. Likewise, Audi uses the manufacturing facilities of the road-approved model at Böllinger Höfe to build the chassis of the race cars there as well. A share of some 50 percent of carry-over parts (GT3) or even 60 percent (GT4) emphasizes the close kinship of the customer race cars to the production models.

A worldwide network with branches in China, Japan, Australia, in the United States and in Canada, plus the headquarters of Audi Sport customer racing in Neuburg an der Donau for the European markets, makes it possible to provide customers around the world with comprehensive support and continuous spare parts supply. Moreover, customer racing consultants are on hand trackside at local racing events in key markets and provide direct advice to teams and drivers.

The success across all model ranges validates the executives' course of action: 563 race cars produced in Audi Sport customer racing's first decade, 93 overall driver title wins since 2009 and 132 further victories in additional championship classifications make Audi Sport a leading provider in a fierce competitive environment of ten brands and more.

## Program on four pillars

**Audi's customer racing program began in 2009. Initially, Audi Sport customer racing with the R8 LMS focused on the GT3 category that was seeing worldwide growth. At the end of 2016, the teams were able to purchase the Audi RS 3 LMS for the TCR touring car class for the first time. Since the end of 2017, the Audi R8 LMS GT4 has been an additional pillar of the customer racing program. In 2018, the brand introduced the current evolution of the GT3 model. In 2019, Audi Sport presented the R8 LMS GT2. With that, the current program rests on four pillars.**

The portfolio of Audi Sport customer racing is diverse, and the product range modern and closely oriented to the needs of the teams. The Audi RS 3 LMS delivering up to 257 kW (350 hp) nationally and internationally offers professional opportunities to enter touring car racing at moderate costs. In 2020, it is entering its fourth season. The Audi R8 LMS GT4 targets amateur drivers who would like to contest sprint or endurance races with an attractive, production-based sports car. For the 2020 season, Audi Sport presented an updated version of the sports car delivering up to 364 kW (495 hp). The GT3 version of the Audi R8 LMS has been on the grid as an evolution since the 2019 season. The race car with power output of up to 430 kW (585 hp) impresses with a balanced overall package and drivability that has been enhanced once again. The Audi R8 LMS GT2 with 470 kW (640 hp) that was presented in 2019 as well rounds out the range of power-plants at the top end. It specifically addresses gentleman drivers and sports car enthusiasts who are able to experience a new form of fascination also at track day events in it.

Audi is one of the most attractive manufacturers in international customer racing. In its first decade, across all model ranges, Audi Sport customer racing built a total of 563 race cars. Since 2015, Audi Sport customer racing has presented at least one new or updated model each year. The program that is both a racing and business success has become firmly established around the globe. In addition to the products, support is another key selling point for many teams: five contractual partners – two in Asia, one in Australia, one in the United States and one in Canada – cover the regional supply and support to the teams while Audi Sport customer racing based in Neuburg an der Donau takes care of the European markets.

## The drivers

### **Eleven guys and one fast lady**

**Audi Sport has signed twelve GT drivers from five nations. In the 2020 season, they are competing with pure customer teams in worldwide races and in strategic commitments of Audi Sport customer racing.**

Audi Sport customer racing's driver lineup covers the gamut from up-and-coming drivers to experienced pros, some of whom have been associated with the brand for more than a decade and a half. They all represent Audi with congeniality, skills and the will to win.

**Mirko Bortolotti** is racing under the banner of the four rings for the first time in 2020. At age 29, the Italian who hails from Trento already looks back on a remarkable career path. A championship title in the Italian Formula 3 was followed by wins of Formula 2, the Eurocup Mégane Trophy, plus the Blancpain GT Series and Blancpain GT Series Endurance Cup titles. In the ADAC GT Masters, the professional driver who lives in Vienna was on the grid for the first time in 2012. Since 2014, the former Formula One test driver has been fully focused on GT3 racing. He grew up in Austria and speaks three languages: German, English and Italian.

**Mattia Drudi** is the youngest Audi Sport driver: He has been part of the driver squad since 2019 and at age 21 is three months younger than Dries Vanthoor, who was previously Audi Sport's youngest driver. 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, racing as a guest in the 2018 Italian GT Championship with Audi Sport Italia, 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. In 2019, he instantly achieved third position in the drivers' classification of the Blancpain GT World Challenge Europe Silver Cup and finished the Abu Dhabi 12 Hours runner-up.

**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, now starting to her tenth season with Audi. In addition to her own racing commitments, she has been earning great recognition as a coach: As a mentor in the Audi Sport Seyffarth R8 LMS Cup, 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.

**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. A year later, he won the ADAC GT Masters in an Audi R8 LMS for the first time and did so again in 2019. 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, 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.

**Patric Niederhauser** is driving for Audi Sport customer racing for the first time in 2020, but is already intimately familiar with the Audi R8 LMS. Following a career in karting, single-seater racing and stints in LMP2 race cars, the Swiss switched to GT racing in 2015. He has been racing in the ADAC GT Masters in an Audi R8 LMS since 2017. He celebrated his biggest success in 2019 with Kelvin van der Linde. During the HCB-Rutronik Racing team's maiden season in the ADAC GT Masters, Niederhauser won three races together with the South African Audi Sport driver and in doing so secured the drivers' title before the end of the season.

**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** is entering his third season as an Audi Sport pro in 2020. 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 and the Suzuka 10 Hours.

**Frédéric Vervisch** experienced his so far most successful season in GT racing with Audi in 2019. After the former Formula 3 Cup winner had regularly been on the grid of national and international racing series in an Audi R8 LMS since 2015, he achieved his breakthrough as an Audi Sport driver. His 2019 season began with a victory in the Dubai 24 Hours. Six months later, he won the Nürburgring 24 Hours and in August, the Suzuka 10 Hours. 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

### **Mirko Bortolotti (I)**

**Date of birth:** January 10, 1990

**Place of birth:** Trento (I)

**Residence:** Vienna (A)

**Marital status:** single

**Height/weight:** 1.84 m/70 kg

**Motorsport debut:** 2005

#### **Career highlights**

**2008** 1st in Formula 3 Italy

**2011** 1st in Formula 2

**2013** 1st in Eurocup Mégane Trophy

**2015** 3rd in Italian GT Championship

**2017** 1st in Blancpain GT Series, 1st in Blancpain GT Series Endurance Cup

**2018** 1st in GTD class 24h Daytona, 3rd in 24h Dubai

**2019** 1st in GTD class 24h Daytona, 1st in GTD class 12h Sebring

**2019** 2nd in ADAC GT Masters

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## 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

**2019** 3rd in Silver Cup Blancpain GT World Challenge Europe, 2nd in 12h Gulf (each time in Audi R8 LMS)

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## Biography

### **Rahel Frey (CH)**

**Date of birth:** February 23, 1986

**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)

**2019** 1st in SP8 class 24h Nürburgring (Audi R8 LMS), Audi Sport Seyffarth R8 LMS Cup, six wins (Audi R8 LMS GT4)

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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, 3rd in 24h Nürburgring (each time in Audi R8 LMS)

**2020** 2nd 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

### **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** 1st in 12h Gulf, 2nd in 24h Dubai (each time in Audi R8 LMS)

**2020** 3rd in 24h Dubai (Audi R8 LMS)

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## Biography

### **Patric Niederhauser (CH)**

**Date of birth:** October 8, 1991

**Place of birth:** Münsingen (CH)

**Residence:** Kehrsatz (CH)

**Marital status:** single

**Height/weight:** 1.75 m/72 kg

**Motorsport debut:** 2006

#### **Career highlights**

**2010** 2nd in Formula Abarth Italy

**2011** 1st in Formula Abarth Italy

**2012** GP3 Series

**2013** GP3 Series, European Le Mans Series, 24h Le Mans

**2014** GP3 Serie

**2015** Lamborghini Super Trofeo Europe

**2016** Blancpain GT Series

**2017** ADAC GT Masters

**2018** 3rd in Blancpain GT Series Asia

**2019** 1st in ADAC GT Masters (Audi R8 LMS). GT4 European Series

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## Biography

### **Frank Stippler (D)**

**Date of birth:** April 9, 1975

**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 12h Gulf, 1st in 10h Suzuka, 2nd in 24h Dubai (each time in Audi R8 LMS)

**2020** 3rd in 24h Dubai (Audi R8 LMS)

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**Place of birth:** Roeselare (B)

**Residence:** Harelbeke (B)

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

**2019** 3rd in 24h Nürburgring (Audi R8 LMS)

**2020** 2nd in 24h Dubai (Audi R8 LMS)

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## 2009–2019 track record

### **Honors around the globe**

**Since 2009, Audi Sport customer racing has established itself as a global player numbering among the best in the business. Together with its customers the brand has won all major endurance races, important national competitions and international titles. Whereas only the GT3 model was initially fielded, the GT4 version of the sports car and the TCR touring car have been contributing their share to this remarkable sporting track record since 2017 as well.**

The Audi R8 LMS GT3 is the Audi Sport model with the longest fielding history. Spread to two model generations, the sports car has clinched 75 overall championships and 96 other titles since 2009. Outstanding as well are the model's stand-alone victories in endurance racing: On 13 occasions, its drivers have stood on the top step of the podium in iconic 24-hour races such as those at the Nürburgring, at Spa, in Dubai and at Zolder, plus the tally reflects eight overall victories in 12-hour races. Four successes scored in the famous street races in Macau and two class wins at Daytona complete the car's track record.

Since 2018, the GT4 version of the sports car has achieved a remarkable string of successes too. Within the space of just two years, seven drivers' championships and eleven other title wins went to the entry-level version of the Audi R8 LMS. To date, the model has decided all the major racing series in the United States, on European level and in the high-caliber French market in its favor. With two class wins in 24-hour races plus one more in a 12- and an 8-hour race respectively, the production-based model has repeatedly demonstrated its reliability.

Concurrently, the Audi RS 3 LMS has been shaping the world of TCR racing since 2017. Eleven driver titles, plus 25 successes in additional categories as well as four class wins scored by now in 24-hour races and the title "TCR Car of the Year" in the 2018 season emphasize the qualities of the compact sedan that has found many friends around the world.

## 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 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)

## 2019

ADAC GT Masters	Kelvin van der Linde/ Patric Niederhauser (ZA/CH)
Australian Endurance Championship	Geoff Emery/Garth Tander (AUS/AUS)
Australian GT	Geoff Emery (AUS)
Canarian Hill Climb Championship	Luis Monzón (E)
Eset V4 Cup	Richard Chlad jr. (CZ)
Eset V4 Cup Endurance	Richard Chlad jr. (CZ)
Eset V4 Cup Sprint	Richard Chlad jr. (CZ)
FIA CEZ	Richard Chlad jr. (CZ)
FIA CEZ Endurance	Marcin Jedliński (PL)
GT Masters Asia 2018/19	David Chen/Billy Lo (CN/MAC)
New Zealand Endurance Championship	Neil Foster/Jonny Reid (NZ/NZ)
South Island Endurance Series Three Hour	Neil Foster/Jonny Reid (NZ/NZ)
Thailand Super Series	Sandy Stuvik (THA)

## 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)



**2019**

FFSA GT4 France Pro-Am  
IMSA Michelin Pilot Challenge  
GS Drivers

Grégory Guilvert/Fabien Michal (F/F)  
Tyler McQuarrie/Jeff Westphal (USA/USA)

**Overall drivers' titles (TCR)****2017**

Pirelli World Challenge TC  
TCR China  
TCR Russia

Paul Holton (USA)  
Andy Yan (HK)  
Dmitry Bragin (RUS)

**2018**

IMSA Continental Tire SportsCar  
Challenge TCR  
TCR Benelux  
TCR Russia

Britt Casey jr./Tom Long (USA/USA)  
Jean-Karl Vernay (F)  
Dmitry Bragin (RUS)

**2019**

Circuit Hero One Class A  
Coppa Italia TCR Sequential  
FIA Motorsport Games Touring  
Car Cup  
Super Taikyu Series ST-TCR  
TCR China

Filipe Souza (MAC)  
Edoardo Barbolini/Jacopo Guidetti (I/I)  
Klim Gavrilov (RUS)  
BRP  
Huang Chu Han (CN)

## 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

12h Sepang            Stuart Leonard/Stéphane Ortelli/Laurens Vanthoor (GB/MC/B)  
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)

### 2016

12h Sepang            Robin Frijns/Christopher Haase/Laurens Vanthoor (NL/D/B)  
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)

**2017**

12h Imola	Max Edelhoff/Horst Felbermayr Jr./Toni Forné/Dimitri Parhofer (D/A/E/D)
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)
25h Thunderhill	Tom Haacker/Charly Hayes/Darren Law/Nate Stacy (USA/USA/USA/USA)
California 8 Hours	Pierre Kaffer/Kelvin van der Linde/Markus Winkelhock (D/ZA/D)

**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**

10h Suzuka	Kelvin van der Linde/Dries Vanthoor/Frédéric Vervisch (ZA/B/B)
12h Gulf	Christopher Mies/Rinat Salikhov/Dries Vanthoor (D/RUS/B)
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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