

Lamborghini Blancpain Super Trofeo heads to the Nürburgring

- Invigorated series returns after the summer break with 20 cars on the grid for the first time
- New association with Castrol EDGE that extends into 2013 season
- Winkelmann: "The Lamborghini Blancpain Super Trofeo is reflecting the values that have made Lamborghini an iconic brand"

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The penultimate round of the season at the legendary Nürburgring

After a summer break, the Lamborghini Blancpain Super Trofeo picks up its racing programme with even greater momentum as the series heads to the legendary Nürburgring for the fifth and penultimate round and races 9 & 10 of the championship.

The Nürburgring race will be important for the leading amateur driver, Autocarrozzeria Imperiale S.R.L.'s Leonardo Geraci, to consolidate his grip on his title bid. Ironically, in Germany, he will share his Lamborghini Super Trofeo with his closest competitor and countryman, Roberto Tanca.

In the PRO-AM category, there is a mere 11 points separating the top four drivers, with 30 points on offer in Germany. Cedric Leimer, Dimitri Enjalbert & Bernard Delhez and Andrea Amici have everything to play for at the top of the table. However, recent races have shown that the title contenders cannot assume that they will have the leeway to fight their own battle as other competitors such as Adrian Zaugg have the speed and tenacity to claim podiums and take points away from the championship hopefuls.

As much as the driver honours, so the teams will be pushing hard for their share of recognition, with the Mirandola-based Autocarrozzeria Imperiale S.R.L. currently leading both the amateur and PRO-AM standings, but the margins are tight with the crack Czech outfit, Heico-Gravity Charouz Team in a close second in the amateur points table and both Autovitesse Garage R. Affolter & Touring Auto 2000 S.R.L. looking to topple Autocarrozzeria in the PRO-AM standings.

The Nürburgring, the contemporary cousin of the legendary Nordschleife, provides a challenging 4.556 km, 12 corner circuit in one of the seats of German motorsport, providing its own highly knowledgeable and passionate fans. Providing the event with a local flavour is the VIP guest driver, Jens Dralle, the renowned German automotive journalist familiar to readers of Sport Auto and Auto Motor und Sport. Dralle will pilot the #1 car supported by Lamborghini factory driver, Mario Fasanetto.

The Lamborghini Blancpain Super Trofeo free practice will take place on Friday September 21, with qualifying at 12.45hrs local and race 1 at 16.40hrs on Saturday 22 and race 2 at 11.10 on Sunday.

Castrol EDGE: new official sponsor of the Lamborghini Blancpain Super Trofeo

Commencing at the forthcoming race, Lamborghini are proud to announce a new association with Castrol EDGE that extends into the 2013 season. All Lamborghinis leave the factory using Castrol EDGE engine oils, so the Lamborghini Super Trofeo racing series presents the ideal platform to showcase Castrol EDGE's strength to perform under the most arduous of conditions experienced across Europe's most demanding race tracks.

"We are very pleased to be joining the Lamborghini Super Trofeo as a technical sponsor. Lamborghini supersportscars are about performance and technology, so this association fits very powerfully with our Castrol EDGE brand, our strongest and most advanced oil," said Donald Smith, Castrol's Global Sponsorship Manager.



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Stephan Winkelmann, President & CEO of Automobili Lamborghini

Reflecting on the burgeoning success of the Lamborghini Blancpain Super Trofeo, Automobili Lamborghini's President & CEO, Stephan Winkelmann said, "It is a matter of great pride that the Super Trofeo formula has proved so popular and appealing to racers. While Automobili Lamborghini has a proud heritage of racing in many categories, we felt it was important to create our own championship that reflected the values that have made Lamborghini an iconic brand, and with the fan following, the television audiences and the level of engagement we see from spectators and competitors at the track, it is very rewarding to see that our instinct in establishing the championship was correct. The series is a great showcase for what Lamborghini stands for, and great to have 20 cars on the grid for the first time."

Lamborghini Blancpain Super Trofeo 2012

With 20 cars competing in Germany, indicative of a grid that has grown strongly since the start of the year and no less than 10 nationalities represented in the driver line-up, the series continues to go from strength to strength by virtue of the compelling on track racing and the richness of the Lamborghini ambience that surrounds the series in the build-up to the manufacturer's 50th anniversary year in 2013 as well as the success of the inaugural Asian series that is racing in Guang Dong in China this weekend.

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Notes to editors:

The 2012 Lamborghini Blancpain Super Trofeo season began in April, featuring the Lamborghini Super Trofeo: a lightweight version of the Gallardo LP 560-4. The Super Trofeo has a reworked chassis and a power output of 419 kW (570 hp) from its V10, Iniezione Diretta Stratificata engine. The race car features Lamborghini's permanent four-wheel drive, making the Super Trofeo the only single make, all-wheel drive motorsport series.

Lamborghini is partnered by the luxury Swiss watchmaker Blancpain, the series' title sponsor, creating a perfect partnership between two prestigious and highly-innovative brands.

One of the world's largest tyre manufacturers and sole OEM supplier to Automobili Lamborghini, Pirelli partners the Lamborghini Blancpain Super Trofeo series. With a successful motorsport heritage across rally, sports cars and Formula One, Pirelli will be the strategic partner of the series for the fourth season in succession. With a history built on high performance tyres, Pirelli is a world leader in both original equipment and the aftermarket, with 24 factories in 12 countries around the world.

The one-make racing series visits circuits across Europe, as drivers compete at the wheel of 570hp V10 Lamborghini Super Trofeo race cars.

Lamborghini and Blancpain have also announced the launch of a new series in Asia for 2012. The Lamborghini Blancpain Super Trofeo made its debut in Sepang, Malaysia, on 26-27 May 2012 and following the second round at Fuji on 14-15 July 2012, continues with races in China.

The 2012 series is being shown on major broadcaster, Eurosport. This agreement allows the series to reach all 59 countries, including Italy, covered by Eurosport, with its reach of 129 million households. The Eurosport coverage includes a one-minute teaser shown on the Sunday of each race weekend on "Motorsport Weekend" magazine, followed by a 26-minute summary, highlights and interviews aired on the following Tuesday evening. A 1 minute highlights edit of the races at the Nürburgring will be broadcast September 25th on Eurosport, while the 26 minute highlights will be shown on September 25th at 23.30 CET on Eurosport (repeated the following day at 0800hrs CET on Eurosport 2).

2012 Calendar

The European calendar forms part of the Blancpain Endurance Series:

14 - 15 April	Monza (ITA)
2- 3 June	Silverstone (GBR)
30 June - 01 July	HTTT Paul Ricard (FRA)
26 - 28 July	Spa-Francorchamps (BEL)
22 - 23 September	Nürburgring (DEU)
13 - 14 October	Navarra (ESP)

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