

Volkswagen Castrol Cup visits Brno

The third round of the Volkswagen Castrol Cup will be held from 17 to 18 May at the Czech Automotodrom Brno. There will be 25 competitors from 8 countries at the field. As VIPs we will see an actor Bartosz Obuchowicz and Auto Motor in Sport chief editor Maciej Ziemiak. Apart from Volkswagen Castrol Cup, there will be Superstars International and GTSprint series held at the circuit.

The circuit with the background

The fifth and sixth races of Volkswagen Castrol Cup will be held on the Czech circuit of Automotodrom Brno. It is one of the oldest venues in the calendar. The origins of the track date back to the thirties of the twentieth century. Since then, the venue has undergone a number of modifications that would keep it hosted such famous series as WTCC, Formula 2, GT1, and motorcycle Moto GP and Superbike World Championship. The length of one lap is 5403 m and the longest straight measures 637 m. There are 14 corners (6 left and 8 right), The record of one lap belongs to Luca Filippi who in 2010 during Auto GP series scored the time 1:43:260 min (Lola B05/52).

Qualifying session for the race of Volkswagen Castrol Cup at Automotodrom Brno will begin on Friday May 17 at. 17.30. The results will determine the order in which the drivers will set off for the first race on Saturday (starting at 12:15). Competitors will be able to run 10 laps of the track. The second race, where the top eight of the previous race will move in reverse, will be held on the same day at 18:15. There will also be 10 laps to cover.

VIPs among 25 competitors

Among the fixed pack of drivers competing in each race, there are specially invited guests too, the so-called VIP Drivers. This weekend in Brno we will see Bartosz Obuchowicz and Maciej Ziemiak behind the wheels of Golfs.

The first one is a film and theater actor passionate about motorsports. For many years he has been involved in rallycross. The second car will be taken by Maciej Ziemiak - editor-in-chief of one of the largest automotive magazines in Poland, Auto Motor i Sport. He has been competing in rallies and races too.

Push – to – Pass

The Golf's engine power is 260 bhp. It is increased by additional 50 bhp thanks to Push – to – Pass system. This allows drivers to fight for positions and enhances the excitement. The use of the system depends on the track. The system is enabled for 10 seconds, with the interval of 10 seconds.

Chasing the leader

After winning two races at Slovakia Ring Mateusz Lisowski has been the leader of the overall classification. Right behind him there is Jan Kisiel, who announced the attack to the forefront. The third place is occupied by Jakub Litwin

Comments before the weekend

Marcus Fluch, 15. place in overall classification

"After a disappointing weekend at Slovakia Ring, I must have a positive attitude. I'm hungry for success and look forward to a big point score in this round. I think my drive and times are for the top five of the cup, and that's where I would like to be at the end of the season, counting silently to occupy one of the steps of the podium. The third round, which will take place at Automotodrom Brno is therefore a great challenge for me. It is a completely new track for me. However, this is a venue where I've always wanted to race, so I'm looking forward to coming there!"

Klaudia Podkalicka, 18. place in overall classification

"Automotodrom Brno is a brand new track for me. Thus I opted to arrive at the venue quite early. Friday's practices will be devoted to getting to know the track and preparing as well as possible to qualifying session and the races. It will be a very busy day, my attitude to the next round of Volkswagen Castrol Cup is strong, I have to do my best and be involved for 100 per cent for the final result. I know very well that I can afford the good times. There is great atmosphere in otoMoto Team, everyone works perfectly. Thanks to them I feel so well during racing weekends. During that round the most important thing is to get valuable points, jump in the overall standings and still make progress."

Robertas Kupcikas, 21. place in overall classification

"My point situation after Slovakia Ring does not look good, so my main goal for the next round is to complete both races in the best position possible. I know Automotodrom Brno very well. I know how to race there and I will do everything in my power take away from Czech Republic as many points as possible."

Virtual Volkswagen Castrol Cup

Together with Volkswagen Castrol Cup there is a Virtual Cup competed on Forza Motorsport (Xbox-360) game. So far there have been three rounds held packed with emotions. The gap between the first and fifth place is only 15 points which shows the level of competition. All news about virtual cup are available at www.liveleague.pl