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## Essen Motor Show is Displaying the World of Motorsports

### 15 Vehicles from the Past and the Present are Sparkling in Hall 3

Racing fans are experiencing an absolutely special extra at the Essen Motor Show at Messe Essen from November 27 to December 5 (Preview Day: November 26): Under the "World of Motorsports" title, 15 vehicles are sparkling in the spotlights of the performance festival. Amongst others, the following makes are represented: Abarth, Audi, BMW, Lexus, Mercedes-Benz, Opel, Porsche, Toyota and VW. The highlights include (for example) a BMW Z4 GT3, a C-Class ITC AMG Mercedes, a Toyota TS030 Hybrid and a V8Star Touring Car. In total, around 400 exhibitors from ten countries are presenting their products and fair innovations at the Essen Motor Show.

The Toyota TS030 Hybrid is an absolute eye-catcher at the special show called World of Motorsports and was utilized in the World Endurance Championship as from 2012. The most important race in this title battle is the 24 Hours of Le Mans. With the TS030 Hybrid, Toyota returned to the sports car scene after 13 years. When braking, the hybrid system "retrieved" energy which electric motors could then use for propulsion during the acceleration. The gasoline engine provided 537 bhp while the automatically regulated hybrid system could supply 305 bhp in addition. In 2012 and 2013, Toyota utilized the car in the races for the World Endurance Championship and was able to win five out of 14 races.

### C-Class ITC AMG Mercedes from 1996

In 1996, Mercedes-Benz utilized eight C-Class models in the International Touring Car (ITC) Championship (formerly the DTM). The car had a V6 engine with a capacity of 2,499 ccm. Mercedes-Benz declared a power of 500 bhp which the competition viewed as understated. The weight was 1,040 kg. At the end of the season which consisted of 13 events with 26 classification races, Mercedes-Benz provided the runner-up (Bernd Schneider) behind Manuel Reuter (Opel). Bernd Schneider was able to win four races.



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In addition to the World Endurance Championship and the ITC, the rather unknown V8Star Series is also represented at the special show with a vehicle (actually: V8-S.T.A.R. = Silhouette Touring Automobile Racing). The V8Star Series was a touring car championship which was staged between 2001 and 2003 and in which the chassis and the engines were identical in all the vehicles. Technically, they did not have anything in common with a series vehicle. Although there were different bodies, there were no technical differences between all the touring cars. In 2001, the V8Stars went to the starting line with approx. 450 bhp. The Venezuelan Johnny Cecotto was victorious with a car from the Irmscher team in 2001 and 2002 and the Portuguese Pedro Lamy with a vehicle from the Zakspeed team in 2003.

## **BMW Z4 GT3 - Successful Primarily in Customer Sports**

BMW fans are also getting their money's worth at the special show entitled "World of Motorsports": The BMW Z4 GT3 was introduced to the public in March 2010, was principally provided for customer sports and, until today, has secured countless class and overall victories in GT3 races and endurance races such as the 24 Hours of Daytona, the 24 Hours of Nürburgring, the 24 Hours of Dubai or the 24 Hours of Spa. Amongst others, the following teams were particularly successful in this respect: Schubert Motorsport from Germany, VDS from Belgium and Walkenhorst Motorsport from Germany. The car was equipped with an eight-cylinder V-type engine which had a capacity of 4.4 liters and supplied approx. 535 bhp.

In addition to the special show in Hall 3, the ranges offered by many regular exhibitors in Halls 3 and 8 are also totally characterized by racing: Well-known racing series, racing teams and associations are presenting themselves there. Amongst others, the following protagonists are involved: the General German Automobile Club (ADAC), the German Sports Drivers Circle (DSK), the Nürburgring, the Touring Car Legends and the VLN Endurance Championship. A list of all the exhibitors and further information are available at [www.essen-motorshow.de](http://www.essen-motorshow.de).