

MEDIA GUIDE

ADAC RAVENOL 24H NÜRBURGRING 2026

HWA
ENGINEERING SPEED

FOREWORD

When a project like the HWA EVO.R takes on the challenge of the 24-hour race at the Nürburgring, it is far more than simply taking part in a race. It is the result of great dedication, strong conviction and the collective commitment of our entire team to create something special.

With the HWA EVO, we have brought a vision to life. With the HWA EVO.R, we are consistently pursuing this vision and bringing it to where it belongs: onto the racetrack, under the toughest conditions, in direct competition. The ADAC RAVENOL 24h Nürburgring embodies this challenge like no other race. It demands the absolute best from everyone involved and from the technology used.

For us, this campaign marks a significant milestone. It epitomises HWA AG's commitment to combining innovation with genuine motorsport DNA. Our team has worked with great passion and the utmost precision to prepare the HWA EVO.R for this moment and to continue our motorsport tradition, which includes numerous victories and championships across a wide range of racing series.

We are proud of what we have achieved together and are confident that we will tackle this challenge with the necessary determination. We are stepping up to the mark to test ourselves, to learn and to prove our capabilities.

Our thanks go to everyone involved who has made this project possible. Now it is time to take the next step.

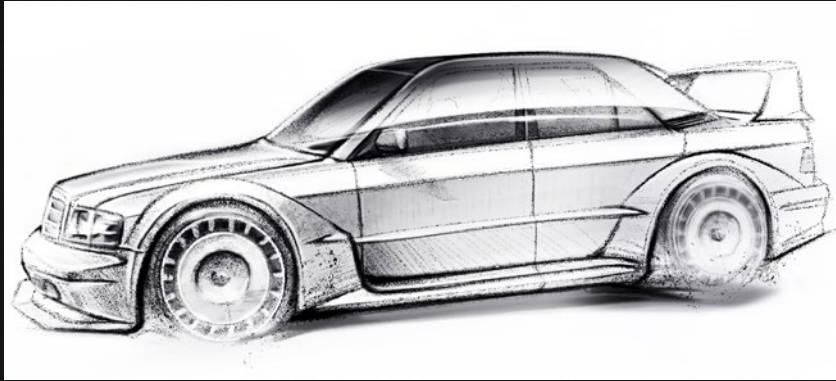


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CTO, HWA AG

FROM BLANK PAGE TO GREEN HELL



An idea became a vision, and that vision became reality. The HWA EVO: a car that brings together the past and the future. What began in 2023 as a tribute to an icon has, step by step, evolved into a vehicle with a character all of its own, a distinct identity and uncompromising performance.

With great passion, technical finesse and the courage to redefine boundaries, HWA has created a vehicle that is far more than just a reinterpretation. The HWA EVO embodies the essence of purist engineering, combined with state-of-the-art technology and an unmistakable design. Every line, every detail bears the hallmark of a team that not only understands cars and motorsport, but lives and breathes them.

The ambition to develop the HWA EVO as a vehicle with genuine motorsport DNA shaped every stage of its creation. Experience gained from racing was incorporated into the development process, laying the foundations for a car that not only performs impressively on the road but also has the potential to excel on the racetrack thanks to its specifications.



With the HWA EVO.R, the project is entering a new chapter. The racing version is the logical evolution of the original concept, refined for use in extreme conditions. Here, there are no compromises – only precision, endurance and absolute performance.



Taking part in the 2026 ADAC RAVENOL 24h Nürburgring marks an emotional highlight of this journey. On one of the world's most demanding race tracks, the HWA EVO.R faces the ultimate challenge. It is the moment when passion becomes reality and a dream turns into a competitor ready to make its mark in the 'Green Hell'.

The HWA EVO is more than just a car. It is a statement. And its journey has only just begun.

MILESTONES HWA EVO / HWA EVO.R



NOVEMBER 2023

Announcement of the HWA EVO project



JUNE 2024

Unveiling of the HWA EVO Concept Demonstrator and presentation of the technical details



MARCH 2025

Start of the intensive testing programme involving a total of seven HWA EVO prototypes



OCTOBER 2025

Successful crash test with the HWA EVO Prototype 7



MARCH 2026

First test drives with the HWA EVO.R on the Nürburgring Nordschleife and a night-time test in Portimão



DECEMBER 2023

Initial design concepts unveiled



DECEMBER 2024

First interior concept designs for the HWA EVO unveiled



JUNE 2025

Announcement of the HWA EVO.R and participation in the 2026 24-hour race as part of the 24h Nürburgring

Demonstration laps on the Nürburgring Nordschleife



FEBRUARY 2026

Winter testing with the HWA EVO in Sweden

First rollout of the HWA EVO.R in Portimão



APRIL 2026

The HWA EVO.R makes its racing debut in the Nürburgring Endurance Series (NLS)

Successful conclusion to race preparations at the ADAC 24h Qualifiers



LEGACY MEETS PRESENT



For well-known drivers such as Jamie Green, Bruno Spengler, Markus Winkelhock and Renger van der Zande, this event also marks a reunion with old friends. All the drivers share a common history with the Affalterbach-based team, whether in the DTM, where they competed for the HWA team, or in Formula 3, where they battled for positions in their single-seaters powered by engines prepared by HWA.



For many people, the HWA EVO.R's participation in the ADAC RAVENOL 24h Nürburgring brings things full circle. This is particularly true for DTM legends Klaus Ludwig and Roland Asch. Ludwig, a three-time DTM, Le Mans and 24h Nürburgring winner, clinched the championship in Germany's most popular racing series in 1992 with the Mercedes-Benz 2.5-16 Evo II. Now his son Luca Ludwig, himself a 2015 ADAC GT Masters champion and an experienced racing driver, will contest the Eifel classic in the HWA EVO.R.

Roland Asch competed in the DTM from 1984 onwards and, with six wins and 32 podium finishes, was a veteran of the series and a crowd favourite. His son Sebastian also followed in his footsteps, winning the ADAC GT Masters championship in 2012 and again in 2015 alongside Luca Ludwig. He is now driving a reimagined version of one of his father's race cars at the 24h Nürburgring.



For many HWA staff members, too, taking part in the 24 Hours of Nürburgring marks a long-awaited return to the racetrack. Following its withdrawal from the DTM in 2019, HWA is returning with a touring car, and the mechanics and engineers can once again bring their years of experience to bear on the racing action.

Visually, too, HWA is paying homage to the old DTM days at the 24h Nürburgring. Car number 62 will take to the track sporting the livery of partners Kärcher and Sonax. This combines two designs that were previously seen on the Mercedes-Benz 2.5-16 Evo II in the DTM of the 1990s. The HWA EVO.R with start number 61 will compete in a unique Art Car design, created in collaboration with the company WEMPE by industrial designer and artist Hanna Schönwald. The third HWA EVO.R, bearing start number 63, will line up on the grid in a dark green livery designed by team partner PARKSIDE. These long-standing, new and strong partners of HWA underscore the keen interest in this project, which fills us with pride and shows us that the HWA EVO, together with its racing version the HWA EVO.R, has perfectly captured the spirit of the times.

THE HWA EVO.R

CHASSIS

Enhanced lightweight chassis
FIA roll cage
Carbon fibre bodywork
Adjustable aerodynamics

SAFETY EQUIPMENT

FIA-approved racing seat
6-point safety belt
Fire extinguishing system

ENGINE

3,0 litres V6 Biturbo, approx. 560 PS and 670 NM,
Bosch Motorsport ECU



WHEELS / TYRES

RONAL 18" wheels
Hankook Ventus F200
Front: 280/660 R18
Rear: 320/710 R18

GEARBOX

Sequential 6-speed gearbox

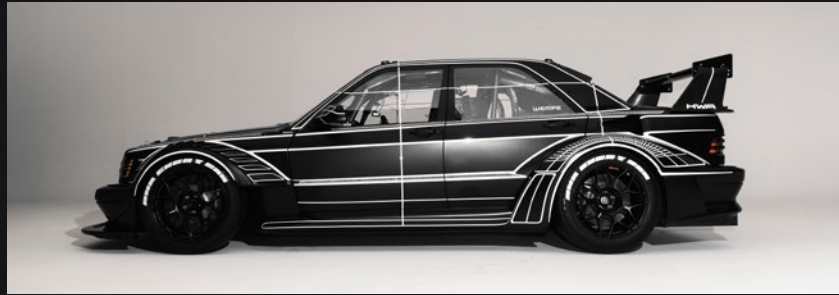
SUSPENSION

Adjustable KW racing suspension with
H&R racing springs

BRAKES

AP Racing braking system
Bosch Motorsport ABS

THE TEAM



HWA EVO.R #61



ADAM ADELSON

Date of birth: 1. February 1997
Champion IMSA SportsCar
Challenge 2025



LANCE DAVID ARNOLD

Date of birth: 8. June 1986
Runner-up 24h Nürburgring 2014
3rd place 24h Nürburgring 2012



JAMIE GREEN

Date of birth: 14. June 1982
Runner-up DTM 2015
3rd place DTM 2012, 2016, 2017



RENGER VAN DER ZANDE

Date of birth: 16. February 1986
Winner 24h Daytona 2019, 2020
Champion IMSA SportsCar Championship 2016
Runner-up 24h Nürburgring 2016



HWA EVO.R #62



ADAM ADELSON

Date of birth: 1. February 1997
Champion IMSA SportsCar
Challenge 2025



SEBASTIAN ASCH

Date of birth: 4. June 1986
Champion ADAC GT Masters
2012, 2015



LUCA LUDWIG

Date of birth: 4. November 1988
3rd place 24h Nürburgring 2010
Champion ADAC GT Masters 2015



MARKUS WINKELHOCK

Date of birth: 13. June 1980
3 victories 24h Nürburgring
(2012, 2014, 2017)
FIA GT1 World Champion 2012



HWA EVO.R #63



CHRISTIAN GEBHARDT

Date of birth: 26. March 1981
5 class victories 24h Nürburgring
(2015, 2016, 2018, 2021, 2024)



EVALD HOLSTAD

Date of birth: 18. August 1973
NLS 2015
Historic motorsport



PETER LUDWIG

Date of birth: 26. March 1981
4th place PETN Cup 2 2024
3rd place 24h Nürburgring 2019 (SP7)



BRUNO SPENGLER

Date of birth: 23. August 1983
Champion DTM 2012
Runner-up DTM 2006, 2007



THE NÜRBURGRING

OPENING: 1927

LENGTH: 25,378 km (24h-version)

URNS: 87

The Nürburgring is one of the world's most historic race tracks. Following its opening, this unique circuit quickly became a hub of international motorsport. From the very beginning, its centrepiece was the legendary Nordschleife, which, at over 20 kilometres in length and with more than 70 corners, is regarded as one of the most demanding circuits in the world.

Over many decades, numerous major races took place here, including the German Grand Prix and the 1000 km race. The modern Grand Prix circuit was opened in 1984. The Nordschleife continues to be used for endurance races and test drives.

Today, the Nürburgring stands for a unique blend of tradition and innovation. Events such as the 24-hour race attract hundreds of thousands of fans to the Eifel region every year. At the same time, the circuit serves as an important development site for car manufacturers from all over the world.



THE RACE

The ADAC RAVENOL 24h Nürburgring is far more than just an endurance race – it is a major event in the world of motor-sport. Once a year, the Eifel region is transformed into the setting for one of the most intense and emotional motor-sport events in the world.

Twice around the clock, manufacturer teams and privateers battle relentlessly for every position. The demanding circuit, the darkness, changeable weather conditions and unpredictable race outcomes push both man and machine to their limits.

A significant part of the fascination lies off the track: thousands of fans camp along the Nordschleife, transforming the woods into a vibrant backdrop and creating a unique atmosphere. The spectators' enthusiasm makes the race an experience that goes far beyond sport.

The ADAC RAVENOL 24h Nürburgring is a symbol of passion, endurance and solidarity. It brings together generations of motorsport fans and remains an unforgettable adventure for drivers, teams and spectators alike.

SCHEDULE*

Thursday, 14 May 2026

13:15 – 15:15 Qualifying 1

20:00 – 23:30 Qualifying 2

Friday, 15 May 2026

10:15 – 10:45 Top-Qualifying 1

11:05 – 11:35 Top-Qualifying 2

12:00 – 13:05 Qualifying 3

13:35 – 14:35 Top-Qualifying 3

Saturday, 16 May 2026

10:00 – 11:00 Warm-up

15:00 Start ADAC RAVENOL 24h Nürburgring



*) subject to change at short notice, all times CEST

THE RACE

In addition to the three HWA EVO.R cars on the track, HWA AG is also showcasing an impressive exhibition area in the paddock. At its heart is a 'glass workshop', which offers visitors a rare glimpse behind the scenes. Here, visitors can follow the preparation of the HWA EVO.R with start number #62 can be followed up close – from preparations for the individual sessions right through to the final set-up for the race.

HWA is also prominently represented at the first major spectator highlight, the Adenauer Racing Day. On Wednesday, 13 May, from 4.00 pm, Adenau town centre will be transformed into a stage for motorsport: The race cars and their drivers take centre stage, offering insights, answering questions and letting fans experience the special atmosphere of this legendary race in the run-up to the event. It is the emotional kick-off to an intense race weekend, during which the cars will ultimately battle for victory on the Nürburgring Nordschleife.



PARTNERS 24H NÜRBURGRING

KÄRCHER

SONAX

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HotWheels

RAVENOL

HANKOOK


König Pilsener

H&R
Das Fahrwerk!

KW

RONAL

SANDTLER


GOODRIDGE


IPA
DEVELOP TOGETHER

NGK
SPARK PLUGS

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electronic

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COMPOSITE IMPULSE

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KÄRCHER

At Kärcher, a team of 17,000 people in 87 countries and more than 170 companies is working together to make the world a cleaner place. The family company with a focus on sustainability firmly believes that the important things in life need extra care to ensure they stand the test of time and preserve their value in future, too. This applies to one's own home just as much as it does to the environment, the community, the workplace, the historical heritage or the own tradition. Kärcher provides solutions for all areas of cleaning and maintenance all over the world. From the everyday to the extraordinary. As a product and as a service. As a comprehensive package for professional users, an indispensable must-have for every household or a customised digital solution for individual clients. Unsolved cleaning problems are the daily motivation to keep on innovating. Because real innovations are those that benefit people and the environment.

In 1935, when Alfred Kärcher established his company, he laid the foundation for great success. Today, Kärcher is the world market leader in cleaning technology and a major global company with a turnover of 3.483 billion euros in 2025. Nevertheless, the headquarters are still in Winnenden, Germany, where the company has its strong roots.

SONAX

For decades, SONAX has been synonymous with high-quality car care products like no other brand – in 2025, the brand celebrated its 75th anniversary. SONAX GmbH is the market leader in car care products in Germany and one of the leading international companies in this sector. The brand is represented in 110 countries worldwide. With 445 employees, Sonax generated a turnover of 172.5 million euros in 2025.

The range includes paintwork care products, products for manual interior and exterior vehicle cleaning, car care products for the winter season, and bicycle care products. Specialised products for commercial vehicle cleaning, for industry and workshops, machine-based car care in car washes, and cleaning and care products for use in professional vehicle detailing complete the range.

The success story of the car care specialist SONAX is closely linked to the history of motorsport. Thanks to its long-standing commitment as a partner to numerous top teams, the brand is known not only to motorsport fans worldwide. Big names in international motorsport such as Ayrton Senna, Michael Schumacher and Heinz-Harald Frentzen feature prominently in the company's motorsport history. For decades, SONAX products have proven their performance on the world's toughest race tracks and are the first choice for every motorist when it comes to perfect car care.

/// PARKSIDE®

The PARKSIDE brand – available at Lidl and Kaufland – offers DIY products that allow anyone to carry out jobs in the garden, around the house or in the workshop in no time at all and on their own. PARKSIDE PERFORMANCE also appeals to highly ambitious, advanced DIY enthusiasts. With unbeatable value for money, a wide range of products and high quality, PARKSIDE has already won the hearts of DIY enthusiasts worldwide.

RAVENOL®

RAVENOL develops, produces and markets high-quality lubricants that are equally well known in their country and on the international market. In Advance, on-site laboratories, products are carefully developed to meet and exceed the requirements of the major automotive manufacturers and to comply with future regulations. Customers are offered a wide range of lubricants and cleaning products, including car and truck engine oils, racing oils, gear oils for automatic and manual transmissions and drive axles, as well as agricultural machinery products, hydraulic oils, industrial oils, specialty fats, high performance lubricants, car care products, cleaners, winter chemicals and engine coolant.

PARTNERS 24H NÜRBURGRING



Hankook Tire manufactures innovative, high-performance tyres for passenger cars, SUVs, light trucks, RVs, trucks, buses and motorsports. With five R&D centres and eight production facilities worldwide, Hankook continuously invests in research and development to offer the highest level of quality and driving satisfaction. The company employs around 20,000 people globally and sells products in over 160 countries. Leading car manufacturers rely on Hankook tyres for original equipment. More than 45 percent of global sales are generated in Europe.

Hankook's European headquarters are located in Neu-Isenburg, Germany. At its European Technical Centre in Hanover, Germany and its manufacturing site in Rácalmás, Hungary, Hankook develops and produces bespoke tyre solutions for the European market.



The bluechemGROUP is a global group of companies and a leading provider of highly effective solutions for automotive and industrial applications – ...because it works! With partners in over 120 countries, the company stands for quality, innovation and practical technologies that improve performance, preserve value and conserve resources.

A particular focus is placed on the development and production of high-performance additives, system cleaners and service and maintenance products that prove their worth especially in motorsport under extreme conditions. In close collaboration with partners from industry, science and racing, solutions are created that are tested under maximum stress and continuously refined – for reliable performance exactly when it matters most.

The products are developed and manufactured at the company's own chemical-technical production facility in Germany. With its brands PRO-TEC, bluechem, AUTOPROFI, maxxpower and PROTEC+, the bluechemGROUP offers a wide range of products for professional users and end customers. As a reliable partner across the entire value chain, the company is involved in motorsport sponsorship and combines technological expertise with genuine performance both on and off the track.



Mattel is a leading global toy and family entertainment company and owner of one of the world's most recognisable brand portfolios. Our portfolio features a wide range of iconic franchise brands, including Barbie®, Hot Wheels®, Fisher-Price®, American Girl®, Thomas & Friends™, UNO®, Masters of the Universe®, Matchbox®, Monster High®, Polly Pocket® and Barney®, as well as other popular brands that we own or licence in partnership with global entertainment companies. Our offerings include toys, film and television content, consumer products, digital and live experiences, which are distributed in collaboration with the world's leading retail and e-commerce companies. Since its founding in 1945, Mattel has inspired generations to discover the magic of childhood and empowered children to reach their full potential.



WEMPE

EXQUISITE
TIMEPIECES & JEWELRY

The name Wempe is synonymous with fine timepieces and jewelry. Based in Hamburg and founded in 1878, this family-owned company is headed in its fourth generation by Kim-Eva Wempe (born September 25, 1962) and has 31 showrooms in cities all over the world, including New York, Paris, and Madrid. The company has been closely connected with the renowned watch manufacturers of Switzerland and Germany and with international jewelry manufacturers for many decades. Wempe produces its own Wempe Glashütte I/SA brand wristwatch chronometers in Glashütte, Saxony, and jewelry under the Wempe 137 and By Kim brands, among others, in Schwäbisch Gmünd. In addition, Wempe operates one of the largest independent watchmakers' workshops in Europe and has been certified as a "Best Place to Learn" in Germany since 2015.



THE COMPANY HWA

From motor racing to perfect engineering: HWA is a 360° service provider with comprehensive technological and motorsport expertise in a multi-project environment. Formed in 1998 by Hans Werner Aufrecht and based in Affalterbach (Germany), the independent company fields the most successful team in the DTM and is a sought-after partner when it comes to developing high-performance cars. As specialists in special motor racing technology, together with the relevant development, support and logistics services, HWA is also responsible for many automotive and sustainability projects. With the HWA EVO, the Affalterbach-based company presented its first complete project for a road-legal sports car.



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