



Audi's most powerful R8 customer race car launched at Goodwood Festival of Speed

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- Producing 470kW (640bhp) from its 5.2-litre race-tuned V10, the all-new R8 LMS GT2 is the fourth and most powerful customer race car from Audi Sport
- The R8 LMS GT2 will compete in the all-new FIA GT2 category, set to bridge the gap between the current GT3 and GT4 classes
- Weighing less than a GT4 car, the GT2 has been specifically designed for Gentlemen drivers with improved aerodynamics and electronics
- The final block of tickets to the Festival have been released. To buy tickets or enquire about hospitality visit www.goodwood.com
- The year's Festival of Speed has a theme of 'Speed Kings, Motorsport Record Breakers' and runs from 4-7 July 2019

Audi has launched its most powerful customer race car, the all-new Audi R8 LMS GT2, at this year's Goodwood Festival of Speed presented by Mastercard.

Producing 470kW (640bhp) and more than 550Nm of torque from its race-tuned 5.2-litre V10 engine, the R8 LMS GT2 has been built for an all-new racing category. The FIA GT2 series will arrive in Europe and North America in 2020 and fills the gap between the current GT3 and GT4 classes. With the GT3 category having evolved into a highly professional series, the GT2 category will be friendlier for Gentlemen drivers wishing to progress their skills.

Unveiled by nine-time Le Mans winner, Tom Kristensen together with the Duke of Richmond, Oliver Hoffman, CEO of Audi Sport GmbH, and Chris Reinke, Head of Audi Sport customer racing, the R8 LMS GT2 is the fourth and most powerful customer racing car built by Audi Sport.

Tipping the scales at just 1,350kg, the Audi R8 LMS GT2 weighs 100kg less than the R8 LMS GT4. The GT2 also features unique aerodynamics compared to its GT3 and GT4 siblings, with more downforce generated to the rear axle. When compared with the R8 LMS GT4, the GT2 also comes with upgraded electronics, ABS, Traction Control and ESP. Audi says the lap times between the R8 LMS GT2 and its GT3 sibling are nearly identical, with the GT2 reaching higher top speeds.

The R8 LMS GT2 costs from €338,000 (plus VAT), equivalent to £303,300, with order books now open. Deliveries to customers will begin from December, available immediately to compete in the new GT2 class

Chris Reinke, Head of Audi Sport customer racing, said: “We have created a car specifically for gentleman drivers who have been the backbone of GT racing for decades. Modern GT3 race cars have increasingly evolved into a class for pros. With the Audi R8 LMS GT2, we are now closing this gap and making a car available that is tailored to meet the needs of this customer group.”

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Staged every summer since 1993, the **Goodwood Festival of Speed presented by MasterCard** is the world's largest automotive garden party; set against the spectacular backdrop of Goodwood House in West Sussex, UK. Over 600 cars and motorcycles spanning the phenomenal history of motoring and motor sport take part with some of the most legendary figures from the sport as well as international celebrities regularly attending. Highlights will include the Moving Motor Show, Forest Rally Stage, Michelin Supercar Paddock, Michelin Supercar Run, F1 paddock, Drivers' Club, GAS Arena, Cartier Style et Luxe Concours d'Elegance, Aviation Exhibition and Bonhams Auction.

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