



**FIA World Endurance Championship 2015**  
**Le Mans 24 Hours 2015**

**Michelin claims 24th Le Mans 24 Hours victory:**

- **a one-two win and a new track lap record for Porsche**
- **Corvette wins endurance racing's 'big three'**

Porsche, which, in addition to the two firms' worldwide association on the race track, is an original equipment partner of Michelin, notched up its 17th win at last weekend's Le Mans 24 Hours thanks to a one-two finish with the N°19 (Hülkenberg/Bamber/Tandy) and N°17 (Bernhard/Hartley/Webber) Porsche 919 Hybrids. The German firm continues to be the most successful carmaker in Le Mans history.

Aided by Michelin's competitive, consistent tyres which are a perfect match for the configuration of the 919 Hybrid, Porsche Team also established a new track lap record for the 13.629km circuit during qualifying on Wednesday, June 10. Neel Jani's time of 3m16.887s (249kph) smashed the previous record which was posted in 2008 by Stéphane Sarrazin (Peugeot 908 HDI), now a member of the Toyota Racing line-up.

The performance of this year's LMP1 prototypes marked a big step forward, and this was further illustrated by the fastest race lap which was clocked by the N°7 Audi R18 e-tron quattro in the hands of Benoît Tréluyer on its 337th lap. His time of 3m17.475s was further evidence of the ferocity of the battle that opposed the two German makes over the weekend.

Said **Pascal Couasnon**, director of Michelin Motorsport: "Michelin would like to congratulate Porsche Team on its one-two finish and also Audi Sport on its podium. We are also delighted to have taken our score to 24 victories in the world's most prestigious and most exacting endurance race."

Said **Jérôme MONDAIN**, manager of Michelin Motorsport's FIA WEC programme: "This year's Le Mans 24 Hours saw Michelin provide another eloquent illustration of the performance and grip of its endurance racing tyres which successfully covered distances in excess of 700km. The ability of Michelin's tyres to multi-stint, which used to be an exception not so many years ago, has today become an integral part of our partner teams' strategies. All the LM P1 manufacturer teams used a single type of tyre for the 2015 Le Mans 24 Hours: namely the MICHELIN 'soft hot weather' slick, which is designed to give its best at temperatures ranging from 18°C to 40°C. The work carried out by Michelin Motorsport's engineers on the tyres' temperature windows as a function of the track temperature has definitely paid dividends."

Michelin's partners Audi Sport Team Joest, Porsche Team and Toyota Racing all performed quadruple stints on the same tyres in the course of the 2015 Le Mans 24 Hours, covering distances of up to 736 kilometres on a single set.

It is important to recall that the current-generation LM P1 prototype tyres are between five and six centimetres narrower and two kilos lighter each compared with 2013. At the same time, the cars' aerodynamic downforce has increased, as has the power of their engines.



### **Corvette claims endurance racing's 'big three'**

The flawless reliability of the N°64 factory Corvette C7 saw Gavin/Milner/Taylor secure the LM GTE Pro class win at Le Mans. The victory in the French race of the American brand, which is an exclusive partner of Michelin both in racing and for the supply of original equipment tyres for its road cars, means it has now won the 2015 calendar's 'big three' endurance races, after earlier successes at the 24 Hours of Daytona and the 12 Hours of Sebring.

**Pascal Couasnon** was swift to congratulate Corvette Racing: "Our partner has now won three of the world's most prestigious races. The high quality of our work together with Corvette is to be found in the exceptional performance of both the track and street versions of the C7."

There was no winner of the MICHELIN Total Performance Award this year. The prize fund of €1 million destined to reward innovation at Le Mans will consequently be carried over to 2016.

The next round of the 2015 FIA World Endurance Championship will take teams to Germany on August 30 for the 6 Hours of the Nürburgring..