

Press release

Start of Formula Student Germany 2011

- 109 student teams line up
- Formula Student Electric with more competitors and international participation



Formula Student Germany car
(photo: FSG/Hirvonen)

Düsseldorf, 2 August 2011 – Numerous student teams will once again demonstrate their engineering skills in the Formula Student Germany vehicle construction competition at the Hockenheimring race track from 2 to 7 August 2011. In addition to the traditional Formula Student Combustion (FSC) competition for combustion engines, the Formula Student Electric (FSE) competition will take place for the second time. Teams of student engineers construct their own race car with an electric engine.

Both competitions are highly coveted – and international. “This year, 109 teams from more than 20 countries have registered. That is more than we ever had,” says FSG chairman Tim Hannig. FSC will have 78 teams at the starting line, while FSE welcomes 31 – twice as many as last year when the electric vehicle competition was launched. “We are happy to see that the area of electric mobility has gained interest this year,” Hannig adds.

“What is unique about Formula Student Germany is that the entire package has to be right,” says Dr. Ludwig Vollrath from VDI (Verein Deutscher Ingenieure – Association of German Engineers), which is organizing the event. “Not only construction skills are required but also business knowledge and soft skills. Students must demonstrate a broad set of skills that they will need in their daily professional lives.”

But not only students benefit from the competition; future employers do as well. That explains why numerous companies participate as sponsors, including Audi, Autodesk, BMW, Bosch, Brunel, Continental, Daimler, Dekra, Harting, Henkel, IAV, Mahle, MAN Truck & Bus, SKF, Tognum, Volkswagen and ZF.

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