

Hyundai TCR Customers

Hyundai cars take class win and podium from Nürburgring 24 Hours

- Hyundai Motorsport N's Veloster N TCR team took a TCR class podium from a Nürburgring 24 Hours run almost exclusively in wet conditions
- Bouncing back from a minor problem early in the event, and losing a lap when the race was red flagged the crew were able to close to within four minutes of the class leader
- The Hyundai Team Engstler-run i30 Fastback N completed a dominant performance to win the SP3T class, and crossed the line flanked by the two TCR entries.

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September 27, 2020 – Hyundai Motorsport N scored a TCR class podium from the 2020 Nürburgring 24 Hours, with the Veloster N TCR team of Marc Basseng, Manuel Lauck, Moritz Oestreich and Peter Terting. In the SP3T class Hyundai Team Engstler completed dominant performance for a superb victory with their i30 Fastback N.

The team's two Hyundai Motorsport Customer Racing-built TCR cars started first and second in the class, and led through the early exchanges on Saturday afternoon. However, minor technical problems dropped both the Veloster N TCR and i30 N TCR behind, starting a chase that would last the entire race.

On one occasion in the darkness of Saturday night Lauck in the Veloster N TCR was able to retake the lead – only for a recurrence of the earlier problem to push him back into the role of chaser.

The task was complicated further when a combination of heavy rain and fog forced organisers to put out the red flag shortly after the end of the seventh hour. Not only did this give the drivers less time to make up the deficit, but it also put an entire lap between the Veloster N TCR crew, and their target at the head of the class.

When racing resumed at 08:00 on Saturday morning Peter Terting in the #831 quickly put the Veloster back on the same lap as the leader, and began to eat into the advantage. Between the pace of the drivers and efficient work by the team the gap was brought down to under four minutes as the conditions improved – Oestreich taking advantage of his stint at the crucial time to set the fastest lap for the class. However, the team were unable to make up the final minutes once wet weather returned, instead finishing second in class.

The i30 N TCR's challenge for class honours ended with a black flag for exceeding noise limits on Saturday evening. The team remedied the problem during the interruption to allow the car to return to the race for the restart, with the four drivers – Lauck joined by Antti Buri, Luca Engstler and Hari Proczyk – showing good pace throughout the remaining hours – to finish fourth in the TCR class.

The third Hyundai crew on the grid were able to celebrate a dominant class win. Drivers Marc Ehret, Kai Jordan and Markus Lungstrass led the SP3T class throughout in the Hyundai Team Engstler Fastback N, despite having to compete against far more powerful machinery in the category. By the chequered flag they had built up a four lap advantage, and rightfully finished the race centre-stage, flanked by the two TCR Hyundai.

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Hyundai Motorsport Team Principal Andrea Adamo said: *“Again the Nürburgring 24 Hours has been an incredibly tough race, and again we finish with Hyundai Motorsport-built car on the TCR class podium. Of course, it is frustrating that the Veloster N TCR lost a lap because of the red flag. However, the strength of the chassis we offer to customers, the pace of the drivers and quality of the team showed in the time that we were able to make up. Sadly we were not able to close the final part of the gap, and take the result we wanted. The performance of the Hyundai Team Engstler team was superb. In a class where they were against more powerful machinery they truly dominated. I think everyone involved can be proud of the result – it was a great showcase of the capabilities of the i30 Fastback N, and the N range as a whole.”*

2020 Nürburgring 24 Hours – Final Provisional Standings

#831 - Veloster N TCR – 26th position - 77 laps - 2nd in TCR class
Basseng/Lauck/Oestreich/Terting

#165 – i30 Fastback N - 55th position - 70 laps - 1st in SP3T class.
Ehret/Jordan/Lungstrass

#830 - i30 N TCR - 56th position - 70 laps - 4th in TCR class
Buri/Engstler/Lauck/Proczyk

About Hyundai Motorsport GmbH

Established on 19 December 2012, Hyundai Motorsport GmbH is responsible for Hyundai's global motorsport activities, including the FIA World Rally Championship (WRC), Customer Racing and electric racing projects. In WRC, Hyundai Motorsport quickly established a strong reputation taking victory in its debut season in 2014. The team finished as runners-up in the manufacturers' championship on three consecutive occasions between 2016 and 2018 before claiming its maiden title in 2019. Since the establishment of its Customer Racing activities in September 2015, Hyundai Motorsport has become a trusted partner for teams and drivers looking for success on the rally stages or on racetracks around the world. From its competitive i20 R5 rally car to the competitive i30 N TCR, Hyundai Motorsport-built cars have claimed victory in several championships, including national rally series in France and Spain, as well as consecutive titles in the FIA World Touring Car Cup (WTCR) in 2018 and 2019. Designed and built at its Alzenau headquarters, the Veloster N ETCR was unveiled in September 2019 and heralds an exciting new era, in which electric racing is set to become one of the company's pillars. Unified under Hyundai Motorsport, WRC, Customer Racing and electric racing are together playing instrumental roles in driving Hyundai's global high-performance N brand, and are supporting an important perception shift for the Hyundai brand around the world.

Further information about Hyundai Motorsport is available at: <http://motorsport.hyundai.com>

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