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GT4 European Cup gets underway in Nogaro !

This week saw the GT4 European Cup get underway at the Paul Armagnac circuit in Nogaro, France, with the first performance balancing tests of some of the cars due to take part in this year's series.

Four different models of car were presented for testing : the Ford Mustang FR 500 GT, Nissan 350 Evo, Lotus Sport Exige and Aston Martin Vantage N24. They were put through their paces by multi-talented Belgian driver Kurt Mollekens, who is the nominated test driver for the series, fulfilling a

similar task to that undertaken by Christophe Bouchut with the FIA GT3 European Championship.

The tests were supervised by Kurt van Campenhout, who is the Technical Director of the new series. Both Mollekens and van Campenhout were pleased with the outcome of the tests, the performances of the various cars proving to be very similar.

Three further makes of car are currently being prepared, and should be ready to join the next test session. These include the Maserati Trofeo, BMW Z4 and Porsche Cayman.



Other projects should see the Audi TT and Opel GT ready to join the series during 2007.

The inaugural season will get underway at Silverstone on May 5th and 6th, with two 30-minute races. The season continues with races in Oschersleben, Spa, Adria and Nogaro, all within the FIA GT Championship meetings.

Notes

The GT4 European Cup is an entry-level multi-make GT racing series, for non-professional drivers, based on the same concept as the FIA GT3 European Championship, but with less powerful cars, closer to their road-going models.

2007 Calendar : 6th May, Silverstone (Great Britain) – 8th July, Oschersleben (Germany) – 28th July, Spa-Francorchamps(Belgium) – 8th September, Adria(Italy) – 30th September – Nogaro (France).

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