

FIA WTCC NEWSLETTER

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FIVE TEAMS TEST IN VALENCIA

The first WTCC collecitve test of the year will take place in Valencia next week, on Monday and Tuesday. Five teams representing three manufacturers – BMW, Chevrolet and SEAT – will take part in the test.

Reigning World Champion Andy Priaulx and the RBM-BMW Team UK will lead a BMW five-car-patrol that will also include Schnitzer-BMW Team Germany (two cars for Jörg Müller and new boy Augusto Farfus) and ROAL-BMW Team Italy-Spain (one car to be driven by Alessandro Zanardi on Monday and Félix Porteiro on Tuesday).

SEAT Sport and RML-Chevrolet will also join with two machines each. At the Spanish team four drivers will take turns at the wheel of the León cars: Gabriele Tarquini, Yvan Muller, Jordi Gené and Michel Jourdain from Mexico, while Nicola Larini and Alain Menu will drive the Chevrolet Lacetti cars.

WTCC RACES LIVE ON EUROSPORT

Pan European Sports channel Eurosport unveiled their plans for a massive coverage of the 2007 FIA World Touring Car Championship.

Each of the 22 rounds of the season will benefit from a one-hour live broadcast, according to the following schedule (times are CET):

11 March	Curitiba, BRA	Race 1 - 16.00/17.00	Race 2 – 19.00/20.00
6 May	Zandvoort, NED	Race 1 - 11.45/12.45	Race 2 – 15.15/16.15
20 May	Valencia, ESP	Race 1 - 11.45/12.45	Race 2 – 15.30/16.15
3 June	Pau, FRA	Race 1 - 11.45/12.45	Race 2 – 15.30/16.15
17 June	Brno, CZE	Race 1 - 11.45/12.45	Race 2 – 15.30/16.15
8 July	Porto, POR	Race 1 – 11.45/12.30	Race 2 – 15.15/16.15
29 July	Istanbul, TUR	Race 1 – 12.00/12.45	Race 2 – 14.15/15.15
26 August	Oschersleben, GER	Race 1 - 11.45/12.45	Race 2 – 15.30/16.15
23 September	Brands Hatch, GBR	Race 1 - 11.45/12.45	Race 2 – 15.30/16.15
7 October	Monza, ITA	Race 1 - 11.45/12.45	Race 2 – 15.30/16.15
18 November	Macau, MAC	Race 1 - 04.00/05.00	Race 2 – 05.00/06.00

The coverage of each race will start with the highlights of the previous round, a presentation of the top-ten drivers on the grid and short, dynamic features to offer the viewers all they have to know about the key points of the races. At the end of each race the podium ceremony and the flash interviews with the top three drivers classified will also be aired.









34 HOURS OF INTERNATIONAL LIVE FEED

As the host broadcaster of the FIA World Touring Car Championship, Eurosport is also in charge of distributing via satellite the international live feed to the different broadcasters worldwide.

The Eurosport production crew at the events will be formed of 60 people, who will have at their disposal 18 track cameras, 2 RF cameras, 10 digital onboard cameras, 3 EVS systems, super slow motions, graphic animations and telemetry. At each event the international live feed will offer:

Saturday Sunday 3.00 pm local time 4.00 pm local time 11.45 am local time 3.15 pm local time 5.00 pm local time 9.00 pm local time qualifying session (30 minutes) news access, qualifying (4 minutes) Race 1 (60 minutes) Race 2 (60 minutes) news access, races (4 minutes) WTCC Magazine (26 minutes)

More than three hours of live feed will be distributed from each event, for a total of 34 hours throughout the season.

MEDIA ACCREDITATION FOR THE FIRST MEETING

Rounds 1 and 2 of the 2007 FIA World Touring Car Championship will take place at Curitiba, Brazil, 10^{th} and 11^{th} March.

The deadline to apply for media credentials is Tuesday, 27th February. The Accreditation Form may be downloaded from the websites www.fia.com and

www.fiawtcc.com.

- International Press must send applications to: Fabio Ravaioli – FIA WTCC Media Delegate tel +39 06 39729497, fax +39 06 39729470, email: <u>media@fiawtcc.com</u>
- Brazilian Press must send applications to: Pierpaolo Nota tel: 041 32623031, fax: 041 32623031, email: <u>pier@cidadesdobrasil.com.br</u>
- TV and Radio must send applications to: Antonios Argyropoulos – Eurosport tel +33 1 40938517, fax +33 1 40938002; email: <u>antonios@eurosport.com</u>

COUNTDOWN: - 51 DAYS



to the 2007 FIA WTCC Race of Brazil – 10th/11th March, in Curitiba

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