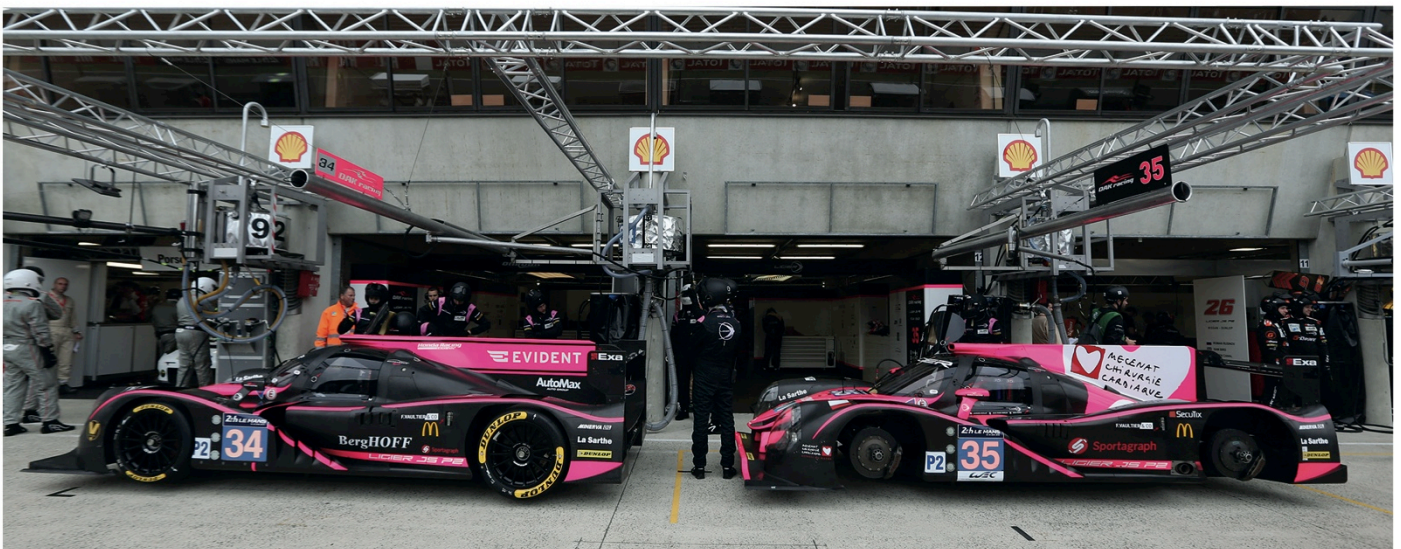




LE MANS 24 HOURS
2015
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LIGIER JS P2 - HONDA - DUNLOP #34
LIGIER JS P2 - NISSAN - DUNLOP #35

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OAK RACING, the values of endurance racing



The word oak in English describes a tree that is a symbol of solidity and longevity. Since 2010 the OAK Racing team has shown that it is worthy of bearing this name by the results it has scored in LM P2, which underline its technical know-how.

OAK Racing is specialised in endurance racing and over the years it has become a benchmark among the LM P2 private teams. The doubles in LM P2 in the Le Mans 24 Hours and the FIA Endurance Trophy in 2013, the 2013 and 2014 Asian Le Mans Series titles and the team's stunning performance in the Tudor United SportsCar Championship in 2014, are all proof of its professionalism and competence.

OAK Racing is a leading team that fights at the front, and it also upholds the tradition which makes this form of racing a category dear to the heart of gentlemen drivers. The fact that the team is participating in the 2015 edition of the 24 Hours of Le Mans is a combination of these two aspects of endurance racing. The #34 Ligier JS P2 will be driven by the very quick trio of Chris Cumming – Kevin Estre – Laurens Vanthoor. The #35 Ligier JS P2, in the colours of Mécénat Chirurgie Cardiaque, is for its part entrusted to Erik Maris, Jean-Marc Merlin and Jacques Nicolet, a perfect team of gentlemen drivers.

Jacques Nicolet, creator and director of companies, OAK Racing president and driver:

"My vision of motor racing is to bring together men who share the same passion, the taste for work and the team spirit to achieve the best balance between reliability and performance. These values that are common to endurance and business are the ones that have always driven me to continue progressing. This year I'm adding the pleasure of seeing this team competing to that of getting back in the driving seat. I take a lot of pleasure at the wheel of the Ligier JS P2 with my teammates Erik Maris and Jean-Marc Merlin."



"This car is not only very reliable and competitive, as its excellent results have proved since its debut at Le Mans last year, but it's also incredibly comfortable to drive and gives you an excellent sensation while driving it! This year will be the 8th time I'm taking part in the 24 Hours of Le Mans, and I'm more impatient than ever. I'm also very pleased that our car is in the colours of Mécénat Chirurgie Cardiaque: it's a partnership that we hold close to our hearts, and our objective as gentlemen drivers is to get to the end of these 24 Hours to give them as much exposure as possible!"



OAK RACING, gentlemen drivers and professionals



In 2013, Jacques Nicolet and Jean-Marc Merlin shared a Morgan LM P2 in the FIA World Endurance Championship including the Le Mans 24 Hours. This year they are together again at the wheel of a Ligier JS P2 and Erik Maris, who joined them for the Austin 6 Hours in 2013, teams up with the duo again.

At the wheel of the Ligier JS P2, chosen for its performance and its driving comfort, and equipped with a Nissan engine, the trio of gentlemen drivers is incredibly motivated: the very high level of the LM P2 field is not discouraging them, quite the opposite! After the rounds at Silverstone and Spa, their sixth place in the provisional LM P2 driver's FIA Endurance Trophy is proof of their perfect adaptation to their new car and confirms their ambition to complete the 2015 edition of the 24 Hours of Le Mans.



OAK Racing doubles its forces for the legendary Le Mans 24 Hours by entering a second Onroak Automotive chassis. The team has chosen the very quick trio of Chris Cumming, Kevin Estre and Laurens Vanthoor to drive the #34 Ligier JS P2, mounted with a Honda engine.

For their first participation in the 24 Hours of Le Mans, the three drivers are also fighting their first race in the LM P2 category: a double challenge at the height of the talent of the three new recruits at OAK Racing.

The tests organized by the team in Max confirmed the potential of this choice team, and the best time set by Laurens Vanthoor on the test day on the 31st of May is a very promising start for this great adventure that is the 24 Hours of Le Mans



The two Ligier JS P2s will both have Dunlop tyres supplied by the team's long-standing technical partner.

Philippe Dumas, Team Principal OAK Racing : « *It's a double adventure for the team. We have on the #35 Ligier JS P2, a 100% gentlemen driver team, and our goal is to help them to have a car that's a pleasure to drive, so that they can enjoy themselves and that they get to the end of the 24 Hours. It's a nice adventure for three friends, but also quite a challenge that we're sharing with them. If no mistake is made, we can hope for quite a respectable result, and making it to the end of this race is already a victory. We will do our most to go to the chequered flag with Erik, Jean-Marc and Jacques! For the #34 Ligier JS P2, the goal is of course quite different. Laurens and Kevin are two extremely competitive and professional drivers, as well as being great guys. With Chris's support on this car, it's a trio who will be aiming for the podium, maybe more... The technical work completed with them during the tests and their ease of adapting to the Ligier JS P2 is very promising. Between the quality and professionalism of this drivers line-up and the Ligier JS P2-Honda-Dunlop package, we feel very ambitious for this race. But 24 hours is very long...* »



OAK Racing, the key dates



2014

LIGIER JS P2'S
ARRIVAL

WINNER
ASIAN LMS



2013

WEC: 1-2 IN LMP2
LE MANS 24 HOURS: 1-2 IN LMP2
WINNER ASIAN LMS

2012

MORGAN LM P2'S
ARRIVAL

EUROPEAN LE MANS
SERIES:
2nd OVERALL



2011

INSTALLATION
AT LE MANS

3 PODIUMS LMP2
1 PODIUM LMP1

2010

7 PODIUMS LMP2 IN 8 RACES
INCLUDING LE MANS 24 HOURS



2009

NEW NAME:
OAK RACING

6 PODIUMS LMP2
IN 8 COURSES
INCLUDING
LE MANS 24 HOURS



2008

FIRST
PESCAROLO LMP2

FIRST PODIUM LMP2
AT
LE MANS 24 HOURS

2007

RACING TEAM'S
ACQUISITION
BY J.NICOLET

1 PODIUM IN LMS

2005

MAGNY - COURS,
SAULNIER RACING

F3
FRENCH CHAMPION

1980



OAK Racing Endurance Highlights



- 2015 FIA World Endurance Championship – after 2nd round :**
- Silverstone 6H, 5th in LM P2, Ligier JS P2-Nissan
- Spa 6H, 7th in LM P2, Ligier JS P2-Nissan
- 2014 FIA World Endurance Championship:**
- OAK Racing : 3 rounds, 2 podiums in LM P2 - Morgan-Judd LM P2
Le Mans 24 Hours: 5th & 7th in LM P2 - Ligier JS P2-Nissan & Ligier JS P2-HPD
Tudor United Sportscars Championship: 5th overall (4 podiums, 1 win) – Morgan-Nissan LM P2 / Ligier JSP2-HPD
Asian Le Mans Series : team ranking's winner - Morgan-Judd LM P2
- 2013 FIA LM P2 Endurance Trophies:** 1st & 2nd (team & drivers) - Morgan-Nissan LM P2
Le Mans 24 Hours: 1st & 2nd in LM P2 - 7th & 8th overall - Morgan-Nissan LM P2
Asian Le Mans Series: 1st & 2nd LM P2 Team & driver - Morgan-Judd LM P2
- 2012 FIA World Endurance Championship:**
- LM P2: 4th Team classification (4 podiums) - Morgan-Judd then Nissan
- LM P1: Partial season - OAK/ Pescarolo Judd then HPD
Le Mans 24 Hours: - LM P2: 7th in LM P2 and 11th overall - Morgan-Nissan LM P2
- LM P1: DNF - OAK/Pescarolo-Judd
European Le Mans Series: 2nd LM P2 teams (2 podiums, 1 win) – Morgan-Nissan LM P2
- 2011 Le Mans 24 Hours:** 5th in LM P2 - OAK/Pescarolo-Judd
Intercontinental Le Mans Cup:
- LM P2: 2nd team (3 podiums) - OAK/Pescarolo-Judd
- LM P1: 5th team (3rd overall at the Silverstone 6H) - OAK/Pescarolo-Judd
- 2010 Le Mans 24 Hours:** 2nd and 4th in LMP2, 7th and 9th overall - OAK/Pescarolo-Judd
Le Mans Series:
- 3rd (1 podium) et 4th (3 podiums) in LM P2 teams - OAK/Pescarolo-Judd
- Manufacturer Title in LM P2
Intercontinental Le Mans Cup: Winner LM P2 teams (3 podiums) – OAK/Pescarolo-Judd
Michelin Green X Challenge Le Mans Series et ILMC: Winner - OAK/Pescarolo-Judd
- 2009 Le Mans 24 Hours:** 3rd in LM P2 - Pescarolo-Mazda
Asian Le Mans Series: Winner in LM P2 teams (2 wins) - Pescarolo-Mazda
Le Mans Series: 6th (2 podiums) and 7th (1 podium) in LM P2 teams – Pescarolo-Mazda
- 2008 Le Mans 24 Hours:** 3rd in LM P2 and 12th in LM P1 - Pescarolo-Judd
Le Mans Series: 5th in LM P2 (1 podium) & 12th in LM P1 teams - Pescarolo-Judd
- 2007 Le Mans Series:** 4th in LM P2 (1 podium) teams - Courage-AER LC75
- 2006 Le Mans Series:** 4th in LM P1 teams (2 podiums)



Chris Cumming

#34



26th August, 1970



- 2015** **Tudor Championship:** RSR Racing in PC class
Rolex 24 at Daytona: RSR Racing in PC class
- 2014** **Tudor Championship:** RSR Racing in PC class(1win, 1 pole, 5th in Championship),
Scuderia Corsa (GTD) (1 race)
Rolex 24 at Daytona: RSR Racing in PC class
- 2013** **American Le Mans Series:** BAR1 Motorsports in PC Class (3 wins, 2nd in Championship)
Rolex 24 at Daytona: Michael Shank Racing in DP class
- 2012** **American Le Mans Series:** JDX Racing in GTC class
Rolex 24 at Daytona: TRG in GT class
- 2011** **IMSA GT3 Challenge:** World Speed Motorsports
Rolex 24 at Daytona: Yellow Dragon Motorsports in GT Class
American Le Mans Series: JDX Racing in GTC class (1 race)
- 2010** **IMSA GT3 Challenge:** World Speed Motorsports
- 2009** **Star Mazda Championship:** Kester Racing/World Speed Motorsports
(Expert Series Champion)
- 2008** **Star Mazda Championship:** World Speed Motorsports (Expert Series Champion)



Kevin Estre

#34



28th October, 1988



Grand Touring Car

2014 - McLaren GT Factory Driver

Blancpain Endurance Series: 2 podiums

VLN, 24h Nürburgring Nordschleife: pole position and record lap

TUDOR Championship: GTD class

Le Mans 24 Hours, Support Race Carrera Cup: pole position and fastest lap

2013 Porsche Carrera Cup Germany: Champion - 9 wins

Porsche Mobil 1 Supercup: 4th - 3 podiums

FIA GT: 3rd in Baku

Dubai 24 Hours: Porsche GT3R

Daytona 24 Hours: Porsche GT3R

Sebring 12 Hours: fastest lap

2012 Porsche Carrera Cup Germany: Rookie Champion: 1 win, 7 podiums

Porsche Mobil 1 Supercup: Vice Champion: 1 win, 7 podiums

Daytona 24 Hours: GT- Porsche GT3

Sebring 12 Hours: 5th - GTC

2011 Porsche Matmut Carrera Cup France: Champion, 10 wins, 10 pole positions, 10 best laps

Porsche Mobil 1 Supercup: Rookie Champion: 1 win, 3 podiums, 2 pole positions

2010 Porsche Matmut Carrera Cup France: Vice-champion - Junior Champion: 5 wins, 12 podiums, 7 pole positions

2009 Porsche Carrera Cup France: Junior Champion: 5 wins

2008 Porsche Carrera Cup France: Rookie Champion: 4 wins

Single seater

2005 Mygale Monthlery™ Conquest: Winner

2006 Formule Campus France: Champion

2007 French Formula Renault 2.0: 4th Rookie

Karting

2001 Champion Cadet France

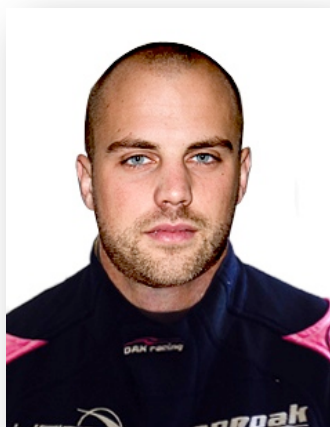
2003 French Junior Championship European: 3rd place

2004 European Champion ICA: 3rd place French ICA Championship

2005 Sodi official driver, Formula A

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Laurens Vanthoor

#34



8th May, 1991



BergHOFF®



- 2014** – GT Audi works driver
Blancpain Sprint Series: 4th
14 races: 5 wins, 3 pole positions, 7 Podiums, 4 fastest laps - W Racing Team
Blancpain Endurance Series: 1st
4 races: 2 wins, 2 pole positions, 2 podiums - W Racing Team
24 Hours of Spa: Winner - W Racing Team
Blancpain GT: Champion - W Racing Team
12 hours of Bathurst: 5th - Phoenix Racing
VLN: 2 races: 1 win, 1 podium - Phoenix Racing
- 2013** – GT Audi works driver
FIA GT Series: 1st
12 races: 3 wins, 9 Podiums, 3 fastest laps - W Racing Team
Blancpain Endurance Series
4 races: 1 podium - W Racing Team
VLN:
2 races: 1 win, 1 pole positions, 1 podium, 1 fastest lap - Phoenix Racing
- 2012** – GT
FIA GT1 World Championship: 4th
18 races: 3 wins, 1 pole position, 5 podiums - W Racing Team
Blancpain Endurance Series: 6th
6 races: 2 podiums - W Racing Team
24 Hours of Zolder: 1st - W Racing Team
- 2011** - Formula 3 - Volkswagen Works Driver
Formula 3 EUROSERIES: 6th
27 races: 1 win, 6 podiums - Signature
FIA Formula 3 International Trophy: 5th
6 races: 3 podiums - Signature
- 2010** - Formula 3 - Volkswagen Works Driver
Formula 3 EUROSERIES: 6th
18 races: 1 pole position; 5 podiums - Signature
Grand Prix of Macau: 2nd - Signature

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Erik Maris



16th February, 1964

#35



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Sport cars

2015 FIA World Endurance Championship:

6th in LM P2 after 2 rounds, Ligier JS P2-Nissan

2014 Le Mans 24 Hours: 13th position in LM GTE Am Class, 34th overall,

Porsche 911 GT3 RSR, IMSA Performance Matmut

Dubai 24 Hours: 3rd position in GT AM class, 9th overall, Ferrari 458 Italia GT3, Spirit of Race

Le Mans Classic: 4th Porsche in GT, 11th overall, Porsche 935 1979

European Le Mans Series: Porsche RSR

2013 Spa Classic: 7th GT - Porsche 935

Imola Classic: 5th - Alfa Romeo 33 TT3

Tour Auto: 3rd groupe H - Porsche 910

2012 Le Mans Classic: 8th - Alfa Romeo 33 TT3

Le Mans Classic: 18th - Porsche 935

Spa Classic: 4th - Porsche 935

Dix mille Tours: Porsche 935 (DNF)

Sailing

Multihull

2012 Extreme 40 (alternatively with Loic Peyron): 8th

2010 Circuit D35: 4th

2009 Extreme 40: 5th

Monohull

2007 World Championship Farr 40: 5th

2006 Mumm 30 World Championship: Winner

2005 Mumm 30 World Championship: 7th

2004 World Championship Farr 40: 10th

European Championship Farr 40: 4th

2003 Swan 45 European Championship: Winner



Jean-Marc Merlin

#35



23rd June, 1964



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- 2015 Bathurst 12 Hours:** 25th overall – Aston Martin GT3
FIA World Endurance Championship:
6th in LM P2 after 2 rounds, Ligier JS P2-Nissan
- 2014 Le Mans 24 Hours:** 13th position in LM GTE Am Class,
34th overall, Porsche 911 GT3 RSR, IMSA Performance Matmut
European Le Mans Series: Porsche RSR - Full season
Classic Endurance Racing, Le Castellet: 1st in GT - Porsche 935 K3
Endurance 60's, Dijon: 3rd overall - AC Cobra
Endurance 60's, Mugello: 2nd overall - AC Cobra
Dubai 24 Hours: 12th overall - Aston Martin GT3
- 2013 FIA World Endurance Championship:**
13th in FIA Endurance Trophy LM P2 - Morgan-Nissan LM P2 - OAK Racing
Le Mans 24 Hours: Morgan-Nissan LM P2 (DNF) - OAK Racing
Castellet: 1st overall - Endurance 60's - AC Cobra
SPA Classic: 2nd overall - AC Cobra
- 2012 Classic Endurance Racing Season:** Winner in GT2 - Porsche 935 turbo
Dubai 24 Hours: 9th overall - Lamborghini Gallardo GT3
Deux Tours d'Horloge: 2nd overall - Porsche 3.0 L RSR
Le Mans Classic & Tour Auto: 5th overall - AC Cobra
- 2011 Classic Endurance Racing:** Lola T280 DFV, Porsche 935 turbo
Dubai 24 Hours
Blancpain Spa 24 Hours: Dodge Viper 8,4L
Group C Series: Porsche 962C
Tour Auto: 5th overall - Jaguar E Type
- 2010 Classic Endurance Racing:** Lola T280 DFV
Dubai 24 Hours, Le Mans Classic, PCCA
- 2009 Classic Endurance Racing:** Porsche 935 Turbo
Aston Cup: 3rd at Sepang - Aston N24
Tour Auto
- 2008 Aston Cup, CER, Tour Auto, Dubai 24 Hours**
- 2007 Classic Endurance Racing:** 1st overall at Spa - Lola T286 DFV
Tour Auto: 3rd overall - Lotus Elan 26R
VdeV, Le Mans Classic Japan, Spain Tour, Dubai 24 Hours
- 2006 / 2000 VdeV, Classic Endurance Racing, 2 Tours d'Horloge, Tour Auto, Spain Tour, Le Mans Classic, Ferrari Challenge**



Jacques Nicolet

#35



5th April, 1956



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CHIRURGIE
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- 2015 FIA World Endurance Championship:**
6th in LM P2 after 2 rounds, Ligier JS P2-Nissan
- 2013 FIA World Endurance Championship:**
6th in FIA Endurance Trophy LM P2 - Morgan-Nissan LM P2 - OAK Racing
Le Mans 24 Hours: Morgan-Nissan LM P2 (DNF) - OAK Racing
- 2012 FIA World Endurance Championship:** 4th in LM P2 drivers classification (4 podiums) - Morgan-Nissan LM P2 - OAK Racing
Le Mans 24 Hours: Morgan-Judd LM P2 (DNF) - OAK Racing
European Le Mans Series: 3rd in LM P2 drivers classification - Morgan-Nissan LM P2 - OAK Racing
- 2011 Le Mans 24 Hours:** OAK/Pescarolo-Judd LM P1 (DNF) - OAK Racing
Intercontinental Le Mans Cup: 5th overall in LM P1 teams' classification - OAK/Pescarolo-Judd - OAK Racing
- 2010 Intercontinental Le Mans Cup:** OAK/Pescarolo-Judd LM P2 (2 wins) - OAK Racing
Le Mans 24 Hours: 4th in LM P2, 9th overall - OAK/Pescarolo-Judd - OAK Racing
Le Mans Series: 3th in LM P2 teams' classification (1 podium) - OAK/Pescarolo-Judd - OAK Racing
Michelin Green X Challenge LMS: Winner - OAK/Pescarolo-Judd - OAK Racing
- 2009 Le Mans Series:** 7th in LM P2 teams' classification (1 podium) - Pescarolo-Mazda - OAK Racing
Le Mans 24 Hours: 3rd in LM P2 - Pescarolo-Mazda - OAK Racing
Asian Le Mans Series: Winner in LM P2 (2 wins) - Pescarolo-Mazda - OAK Racing
- 2008 Le Mans Series:** 12th in LM P1 - Pescarolo-Judd - Saulnier Racing
Le Mans 24 Hours: 12th in LM P1 - Pescarolo-Judd - Saulnier Racing
- 2007 / 2001 Le Mans Series 2007:** 4th in LM P2 teams' classification (1 podium) - Courage-LC 75 - Saulnier Racing
Le Mans 24 Hours 2007: DNF - Courage-LC 75 - Saulnier Racing
V de V Historic Endurance Challenge: 1st in 2006 - Sport-prototypes - Chevron B16
V de V Historic and Modern Endurance Super Challenges: 1st in 2005, 2nd in 2006 - Chevron B16 and LIGIER JS 49
Historic V de V Series on Costin Nathan from 2002 to 2004, on Elva MK7 S in 2001
Dijon F1 Classic TGP: 1st in 2006 - BRM 201
F3 Classic



Ligier JS P2

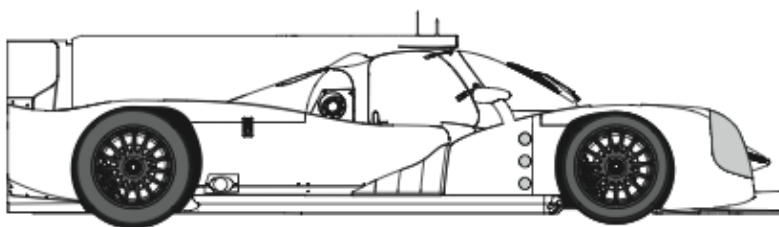
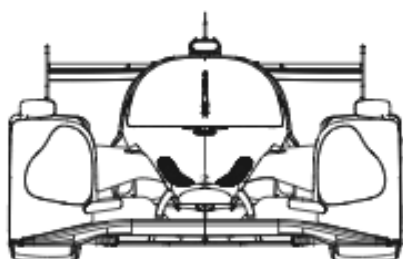
Dimensions :	Length: 4.610mm Width: 2.000mm Wheelbase: 2.865mm
Weight:	900 kg
Bodywork:	carbon fibre
Rims:	18" - magnesium rims
Brakes:	master cylinder, 6-piston callipers, discs (Ø 380mm front and rear)
Steering:	KYB electrical power-assisted steering
Fuel Tank:	ATL 75-litres
Suspension:	PANKL made hub axles and wheel nuts with self locking mechanism, double wishbones, pushrod, torsion bars on front and spring on rear, 4 ways latest generation of dampers.
Transmission :	XTRAC 6-speed sequential gearbox MEGALINE steering wheel-mounted semi-automatic paddle-shift sytem

Moteur #34

Manufacturer:	Honda
Model:	HPD HR28TT
Nb of cylinders and config:	V6 – twin turbo
Restrictor (FIA WEC reg.):	30mm
Capacity:	2800 cc
Maximum output:	450 hp at 6800 rpm
Maximum torque:	550 Nm at 4000 rpm
Management:	HPD Unit



Engine #35

Manufacturer :	Nissan
Model :	VK 45
Nb of cylinders and config:	V8
Restrictor (FIA WEC reg.):	40mm
Capacity :	4.494cm ³
Maximum output :	450bhp at 7000rpm
Maximum torque:	570Nm at 6000rpm
Management:	Gibson Technology



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