



Strakka Racing returns to WEC in Brazil

Racing return now scheduled for Brazil. Second chassis to be built up for customer testing

Strakka Racing and chassis designer DOME confirm that its S103 LMP2 car will now join the FIA World Endurance Championship at the final round of the series in November. An intensive development programme with subsequent long lead times for new parts, coupled with an extended test plan mean the team will now debut the car at the Six Hours of Sao Paulo race on the 30th November.

"After analysing the car post Spa, DOME wanted to make some revisions to the rear geometry to enable us to have the range of set up options we needed," says Dan Walmsley, Strakka Racing's team principal. "To accommodate the revised suspension pick up points the gearbox casing and bellhousing had to be redesigned and then retooled. This programme was always very tight and with a need to go and test these and other changes we are making, Brazil is the best option for a race debut."

Despite the delay and disappointment not to race sooner, Strakka is confident that the revised plan is the correct one for the project. "As a race team, to be on the side lines for so long is actually really hard and we know it has been frustrating for our partners, the championship and our loyal supporters having the car spending more time in the workshop than on track," adds Walmsley. "We are sorry to only be out in one round but as a professional race team and a development partner for this car, Strakka will only ever race the car when it is proven and a competitive package."

With the new parts now ordered and being assembled, Strakka Racing also confirmed that a second car is being built to enable testing to continue whilst the first chassis is competing. "Together with our LMP simulator, prospective drivers will be able to experience the car both virtually and for those serious in joining us for 2015, on track too," concludes Walmsley.

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From early domestic campaigns with BMWs and Aston Martins, Strakka Racing has evolved to become one of the most respected and successful privateer teams in the World Endurance Championship. In 2010 the Silverstone-based team achieved a class win, five circuit records and fifth overall in the iconic Le Mans 24 Hours. Ever developing, in 2013 Strakka Racing entered the Formula Renault 3.5 litre World Series single seater championship, regarded as one of the best training grounds before F1. In 2014 Strakka Racing joins forces with esteemed Japanese chassis manufacturer DOME to develop, market and race the Strakka DOME S103 LMP2 chassis. Alongside the racing teams, it also runs Strakka Performance, providing professional racing drivers with bespoke programmes aimed at enhancing their on-track performance. Unlike many training regimes, Strakka Performance goes beyond the gym with dedicated track time and coaching in World Series by Renault cars. It has also created Zanardi Strakka Kart racing team, putting in place the building blocks to enable racing drivers to develop and refine their skills right from the start of their career with a support infrastructure that goes beyond any typical racing team.