

#### ROUTE TO: VALENCIA, SPAIN

The 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> rounds of the FIA WTCC will take place in Spain, at Valencia's Circuit Ricardo Tormo on May 30<sup>th</sup> and 31<sup>st</sup>. This is the sixth consecutive visit of the FIA Touring Cars to the Spanish stadium-like racetrack.

Alfa Romeo dominated the 2004 FIA European Touring Car Championship meeting, with Fabrizio Giovanardi and Gabriele Tarquini who took one victory apiece. The following year, on the FIA WTCC inaugural season, local hero Jordi Gené started from pole position to give the new SEAT León its first win, while Jörg Müller won Race 2 for BMW. In 2006 Alfa Romeo won again with Augusto Farfus in the first race and BMW's Jörg Müller encored in the second one. The 2007 event was the Italian manufacturer's swan song as James Thompson claimed a double victory after two breathtaking races.

Last year the Chevrolet team broke their duck at the Spanish racetrack. Robert Huff, who had been involved in three consecutive first-turn pile ups from 2005 to 2007, charged from fourth on the grid to first under the chequered flag. In Race 2 Alain Menu scored Chevrolet's second win of the day, while his team-mate Huff recovered from eight on the reverse grid to a brilliant second.



The WTCC cars always attract large crowd in Valencia

#### FIA CLARIFIES ENGINE MATTERS

Following the never ending technical checks in Pau, the FIA Technical Department issued clarifications on both the engine speed limits and the measurement of the supercharged air pressure.

**ENGINE SPEED** – The limits (8500 or 4200 rpm for petrol and diesel engines respectively) represent the maximum speed the engine can reach when it works as a motor. Cases of overrevving while downshifting, wheelspinning and jumping over the kerbs will not be taken into account.

**SUPERCHARGED AIR PRESSURE** – The limit of the relative pressure for the turbodiesel engines has been raised to 2.7 bar by a decision from the FIA Touring Car Bureau. Overboost pressure spikes above this limit – due to instability phenomena like gear shifting – which last less than one second will be allowed.

### BMW ON MAXIMUM COMPENSATION WEIGHT

Although they still have to claim their first victory of the season the BMW 320si cars are the fastest WTCC machines so far according to the calculation determining the compensation weight for the next event.

The compensation weight for Valencia was calculated taking into account the lap times set in the three previous events (Mexico, Morocco and France).

The BMW emerged as the reference model and will receive a 40kg ballast for the races in Spain, while the Chevrolet Cruze (0.4 seconds slower) will be laden with 30 extra kilos and the SEAT Tdi (0.5 seconds slower) with 20.

All the other cars – LADA 110, SEAT León TFSI and Alessandro Zanardi's BMW 320si (the only one equipped with a sequential gearbox) – will have 20kg deducted from their minimum weight.

#### Compensation weights Valencia

+ 40 kg	BMW 320si
+ 30 kg	Chevrolet Cruze LT
+ 20 kg	SEAT León TDI
- 20 kg	BMW 320si Zanardi, LADA 110, SEAT León TFSI

### EUROSPORT COVERAGE FROM VALENCIA

<i>Saturday, 2<sup>nd</sup>:</i>	Qualifying – <b>LIVE</b>	Eurosport 2, 15.30/18.15
<i>Sunday, 3<sup>rd</sup>:</i>	Warm up – <b>LIVE</b>	Eurosport International, 09.15/09.50
	Race 1 – <b>LIVE</b>	Eurosport International, 12.45/13.35
	Race 2 – <b>LIVE</b>	Eurosport International, 14.45/15.45

Times are CET (Central European Time)

### MEDIA ACCREDITATION FOR BRNO

Rounds 11 and 12 of the 2009 FIA World Touring Car Championship will take place at Brno, Czech Republic, 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> June.

**The deadline to apply for media credentials is Tuesday, 9<sup>th</sup> June.**

**Please remember that media passes issued by National Sporting Authorities and/or any other series will NOT be valid.**

The Accreditation form may be downloaded at the websites [www.fia.com](http://www.fia.com) and [www.fiawtcc.com](http://www.fiawtcc.com).

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**COUNTDOWN: - 9 DAYS**



to the 2009 FIA WTCC Race of Spain – 30<sup>th</sup> / 31<sup>st</sup> May in Valencia

# 2009 FIA WORLD TOURING CAR CHAMPIONSHIP



## ROUNDS 9 & 10 - VALENCIA, 31 May - ENTRY LIST

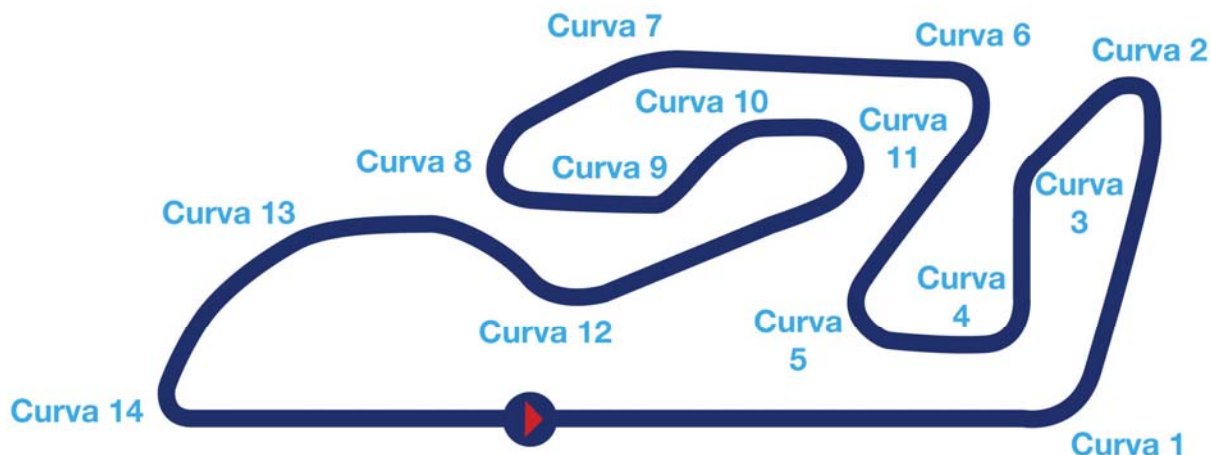
#	class	competitor	driver	car
1		SEAT Sport	Yvan Muller (FRA)	SEAT León 2.0 TDI
2		SEAT Sport	Gabriele Tarquini (ITA)	SEAT León 2.0 TDI
3		SEAT Sport	Rickard Rydell (SWE)	SEAT León 2.0 TDI
4		SEAT Sport	Jordi Gené (ESP)	SEAT León 2.0 TDI
5		SEAT Sport	Tiago Monteiro (POR)	SEAT León 2.0 TDI
6		BMW Team UK	Andy Priaulx (GBR)	BMW 320si
7		BMW Team Germany	Jörg Müller (GER)	BMW 320si
8		BMW Team Germany	Augusto Farfus (BRA)	BMW 320si
9		BMW Team Italy-Spain	Alessandro Zanardi (ITA)	BMW 320si
10		BMW Team Italy-Spain	Sergio Hernández (ESP)	BMW 320si
11		Chevrolet	Robert Huff (GBR)	Chevrolet Cruze LT
12		Chevrolet	Alain Menu (SUI)	Chevrolet Cruze LT
14		Chevrolet	Nicola Larini (ITA)	Chevrolet Cruze LT
18		LADA Sport	Jaap van Lagen (NED)	LADA 110 2.0
19		LADA Sport	Kirill Ladygin (RUS)	LADA 110 2.0
20		LADA Sport	Viktor Shapovalov (RUS)	LADA 110 2.0
21	/	SUNRED Engineering	Tom Coronel (NED)	SEAT León 2.0 TFSI
22	/	SUNRED Engineering	Tom Boardman (GBR)	SEAT León 2.0 TFSI
23	/	Scuderia Proteam Motorsport	Félix Porteiro (ESP)	BMW 320si
24	/	Scuderia Proteam Motorsport	George Tanev (BUL)	BMW 320si
25	/	Liqui Moly Team Engstler	Franz Engstler (GER)	BMW 320si
26	/	Liqui Moly Team Engstler	Kristian Poulsen (DEN)	BMW 320si
27	/	Wiechers-Sport	Stefano D'Aste (ITA)	BMW 320si
28	/	Čolak Racing Team Ingra	Marin Čolak (CRO)	SEAT León 2.0 TFSI
30	/	Exagon Engineering	Mehdi Bennani (MAR)	SEAT León 2.0 TFSI
31	/	Scuderia Proteam Motorsport	Vito Postiglione (ITA)	BMW 320si

/ = Yokohama Independents' Trophy

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## ROUNDS 9 & 10 – CIRCUIT RICARDO TORMO, VALENCIA



**Lap distance – 4,005 m**  
**Race distance – 2 x 13 laps**

- Location:** 20 km West of Valencia
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- Airports:** Valencia-Manises (10 km), Castellón-Costa Azahar (120 km), Albacete-Los Lanos (150 km), Alicante-El Altet (200 km); Madrid-Barajas (350 km)
- S2000 lap records:** Qualifying - 1:40.819/143.00 kph, Augusto Farfus (Alfa Romeo 156), 17 Apr 2004  
Race - 1:42.438/140.74 kph, Augusto Farfus (Alfa Romeo 156), 18 Apr 2004
- Previous winners:** 2004 FIA ETCC Race 1: Gabriele Tarquini (Alfa Romeo 156)  
2004 FIA ETCC Race 2: Fabrizio Giovanardi (Alfa Romeo 156)  
2005 FIA WTCC Race 1: Jordi Gené (SEAT León)  
2005 FIA WTCC Race 2: Jörg Müller (BMW 320i)  
2006 FIA WTCC Race 1: Augusto Farfus (Alfa Romeo 156)  
2006 FIA WTCC Race 2: Jörg Müller (BMW 320si)  
2007 FIA WTCC Race 1: James Thompson (Alfa Romeo 156)  
2007 FIA WTCC Race 2: James Thompson (Alfa Romeo 156)  
2008 FIA WTCC Race 1: Robert Huff (Chevrolet Lacetti)  
2008 FIA WTCC Race 2: Alain Menu (Chevrolet Lacetti)



## Rounds 9 & 10 – Valencia (ESP) EVENT TIMETABLE

### Friday 29<sup>th</sup> May 2009

09.00 – 09.30	Trofeo Abarth 500 Europe	Free Practice 1
09.45 – 10.15	FIA Formula Two Championship	Free Practice 1
10.30 – 11.00	SEAT León Eurocup	Free Practice 1
11.45 – 12.15	Trofeo Abarth 500 Europe	Free Practice 2
12.30 – 13.15	Formula Master	Free Practice 1
13.30 – 14.00	FIA Formula Two Championship	Free Practice 2
15.00 – 15.30	SEAT León Eurocup	Free Practice 2
15.45 – 16.15	Trofeo Abarth 500 Europe	Qualifying
16.30 – 17.15	Formula Master	Free Practice 2
17.30 – 18.00	FIA Formula Two Championship	Qualifying 1

### Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> May 2009

<b>08.45 – 09.15</b>	<b>FIA WTCC</b>	<b>Free Practice 1</b>
09.30 – 10.00	Formula Master	Qualifying
10.15 – 10.45	FIA Formula Two Championship	Qualifying 2
11.00 – 11.30	SEAT León Eurocup	Qualifying
<b>11.45 – 12.15</b>	<b>FIA WTCC</b>	<b>Free Practice 2</b>
13.05	Formula Master	Race 1
14.20	FIA Formula Two Championship	Race 1
<b>15.15 – 15.50</b>	<b>FIA WTCC</b>	<b>Qualifying</b>
16.35	SEAT León Eurocup	Race 1
17.30	Trofeo 500 Abarth Europe	Race 1

### Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> May 2009

<b>09.30 – 09.45</b>	<b>FIA WTCC</b>	<b>Warm up</b>
10.15	Formula Master	Race 2
11.35	SEAT León Eurocup	Race 2
<b>12.50</b>	<b>FIA WTCC</b>	<b>Race 1 (13 laps)</b>
13.20	<i>FIA WTCC</i>	<i>Podium Race 1</i>
13.50	FIA Formula Two Championship	Race 2
<b>15.05</b>	<b>FIA WTCC</b>	<b>Race 2 (13 laps)</b>
15.35	<i>FIA WTCC</i>	<i>Podium Race 2</i>
16.05	Trofeo 500 Abarth Europe	Race 2

**NB – local time: GMT +1**