

#### **SAME WEIGHT FOR BMW, CHEVROLET AND SEAT**

The three leading model cars in the championship – BMW 320si, SEAT León Tdi and Chevrolet Cruze LT – will be given the same compensation weight for the next event of the season in Brno.

According to the calculation that took into account the lap times set in the three previous events (Marrakech, Pau and Valencia) the BMW remains the fastest model and will receive again the maximum 40kg ballast for the races in the Czech Republic. However the Chevrolet and the SEAT Tdi are within the 0.3 second threshold (with gaps of 0.1 and 0.2 seconds respectively) and therefore will carry the same compensation weight.

As for the other cars, Alessandro Zanardi's BMW 320si (the only one equipped with a sequential gearbox) has no compensation weight, while the SEAT León TFSI and the LADA 110 have 10kg and 20kg deducted from the minimum weight respectively.

#### Compensation weights Brno

<b>+ 40 kg</b>	BMW 320si, Chevrolet Cruze LT, SEAT León TDI
<b>± 0 kg</b>	BMW 320si Zanardi
<b>- 10 kg</b>	SEAT León TFSI
<b>- 20 kg</b>	LADA 110



BMW, Chevrolet and SEAT are all on the maximum compensation weight

#### **FASTEST CARS IN THE PREVIOUS EVENTS**

##### **Lap time calculation as per art. 79 Sporting Regulations**

<i>Curitiba:</i>	1 <sup>st</sup> SEAT León Tdi; 2 <sup>nd</sup> BMW 320si (+ 0.252); 3 <sup>rd</sup> : Chevrolet Cruze LT (+ 0.337)
<i>Puebla:</i>	1 <sup>st</sup> BMW 320si; 2 <sup>nd</sup> SEAT León Tdi (+ 0.419); 3 <sup>rd</sup> : BMW 320si GBS (+ 1.497)
<i>Marrakech:</i>	1 <sup>st</sup> Chevrolet Cruze LT; 2 <sup>nd</sup> SEAT León Tdi (+ 0.191); 3 <sup>rd</sup> : BMW 320si (+ 0.831)
<i>Pau:</i>	1 <sup>st</sup> BMW 320si; 2 <sup>nd</sup> Chevrolet Cruze LT (+ 0.579); 3 <sup>rd</sup> : SEAT León Tfsi (+ 1.002)
<i>Valencia:</i>	1 <sup>st</sup> SEAT León Tdi; 2 <sup>nd</sup> BMW 320si (+ 0.294); 3 <sup>rd</sup> : Chevrolet Cruze LT (+ 0.965)

### **GENÉ JOINS VILLENEUVE AT SPA**

SEAT Sport's Jordi Gené will join 1997 Formula 1 World Champion Jacques Villeneuve and touring car specialist Pierre-Yves Corthals to compete in this weekend's Spa Francorchamps 12 Hours, counting towards the Belgian Touring Car Series.

They will share driving duties at the wheel of a SEAT León Supercopa backed by SEAT Belgium. *"The challenge of racing at Spa is tremendously appealing since it's one of the world's best circuits. And it will be a pleasure to team with Jacques Villeneuve; we know each other since the years we were racing in Formula 3 and recently he was my brother Marc's team-mate at the Le Mans 24 Hours. Our goal is having fun and, possibly winning our category,"* said Gené.



Jacques Villeneuve, Jordi Gené and Pierre-Yves Corthals team at the Spa 12 Hours

### **WTCC DEBUT FOR TIM CORONEL AT BRNO**

Tim Coronel is the first driver of the season to be awarded WTCC participation thanks to his results in the SEAT León Eurocup.

The 37-year old Dutchman was classified third and fourth in the two races of the series' opening meeting that took place last week in Valencia and won participation in the next WTCC event, on June 21<sup>st</sup> at Brno.

At the Czech track, Tim Coronel will drive a petrol-powered SEAT León car run by the Spain-based SUNRED Engineering, joining the team's regular drivers: Tom Boardman and his own twin brother Tom Coronel.

Although the Coronels have shared the same car in this year's Dakar Rally, this is the first time they are team-mates in recent years.

### **MENU TO RACE AGAIN IN ARGENTINA**

Alain Menu will take part in three events of Argentina's TC2000 Championship, at the wheel of a Vectra run by the Chevrolet Elaion team.

The TC2000 includes in its calendar three long distance events that, besides awarding points for the championship itself, count towards a new trophy named "Copa Endurance".

In these three events – the 200 km of Termas de Río Hondo (14<sup>th</sup> June), the 200 km of Buenos Aires (16<sup>th</sup> August) and the 200 km of Potrero de los Funes (29<sup>th</sup> November) – Alain Menu will share driving duties with Guillermo Ortelli, while the second Chevrolet Eliaion's Vectra will be in the hands of Christian Ledesma and Juan Ignacio Cáceres.

Menu is not new to the TC2000, as he already joined Chevrolet's Argentinean team in five editions of the 200 km of Buenos Aires, winning in 2006 together with Matías Rossi and finishing on the podium on three other occasions.

### **MEDIA ACCREDITATION FOR BRNO – LAST DAYS**

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.**

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### **MEDIA ACCREDITATION FOR PORTO**

Rounds 13 and 14 of the 2009 FIA World Touring Car Championship will take place at Porto, Portugal, 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> July.

**The deadline to apply for media credentials is Tuesday, 23<sup>rd</sup> June.**

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to the 2009 FIA WTCC Marriott Race of the Czech Republic – 20<sup>th</sup> / 21<sup>st</sup> June in Brno