

Lexus LFA and Toyota 86 to Compete in 2014 Nürburgring Endurance Race

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Toyota City, Japan (Jan. 10, 2014) – Toyota Motor Corporation (TMC) announces that its GAZOO Racing team will enter three vehicles in the 42nd 24 Hours Nürburgring endurance race to be held in Germany from June 19 through June 22: race versions of the Lexus LFA and Toyota 86, and a new enhanced sports car research vehicle based on the LFA, the GAZOO Racing Lexus LFA Code X.

The GAZOO Racing Lexus LFA Code X has been created to enable study of future sports car technologies. Compared to the LFA's base 4.8-liter V10 engine, the research vehicle's engine displacement has been increased to 5.3 liters and system output and torque has been fine-tuned to better suit the Nürburgring course. Other enhancements include a full carbon frame body to enhance body-rigidity while reducing vehicle weight.

The GAZOO Racing team has been competing in the 24 Hours Nürburgring endurance race since 2007. By providing its own engineers and technicians for race team support, Toyota aims for the race to serve as an opportunity to cultivate "automotive seasoning" personnel able to develop ever-better vehicles for the market.

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