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Yokohama Rubber to support 4 teams/7cars competing in 2021 Nürburgring 24-Hour Endurance Race

Tokyo—The Yokohama Rubber Co., Ltd., is pleased to announce that it will be supplying its ADVAN racing tires for seven cars entered by four teams competing in the 49th Nürburgring 24-Hour Endurance Race (49th ADAC TOTAL 24h-Rennen) to be run in Germany on June 3-6. The supported teams include Walkenhorst Motorsport, a BMW customer racing team that entered into a partnership agreement with Yokohama Rubber last year. Four Walkenhorst machines will run on ADVAN tires, including three BMW M6 GT3 cars competing in the top-level SP9 class. The cars will use ADVAN A005 tires for dry conditions and ADVAN A006 tires for wet conditions.

The supported Walkenhorst Motorsport teams in the SP9 class include teams led by David Pittard, the SP9 Pro class champion in the 2020 Nürburgring Endurance Series (NLS), and Jörg Müller, a former BMW Works driver known for his excellent performances in FIA World Touring Car Championship (WTCC) and SUPER GT races. Yokohama Rubber also is supporting the Walkenhorst BMW M4 GT4 that finished first by a full lap among SP10 class cars in the Qualify race held in May. In addition to the Walkenhorst Motorsport teams, three other teams will race on ADVAN tires in the AT, SP3, and SP4 classes.

The consumer tire business in Yokohama Rubber's new three-year (2021–2023) medium-term management plan, Yokohama Transformation 2023 (YX2023), aims to maximize the sales ratios of high-value-added YOKOHAMA tires, namely the global flagship ADVAN brand, the GEOLANDAR brand of tires for SUVs and pickup trucks, and various winter tires. YX2023 positions participation in motorsports activities as crucial to the company's effort to develop new tire technologies that will further strengthen the ADVAN and GEOLANDAR brands. Yokohama Rubber therefore is again participating in a wide variety of motorsports events in Japan and around the globe, from top-category to grassroots events.



#101 BMW M6 GT3



#102 BMW M6 GT3



#74 BMW M4 GT4

*All cars in the above photos are Walkenhorst Motorsport machines.

Yokohama Rubber supported teams

Class	Team	Vehicle	No.	Driver
SP9 (FIA-GT3)	Walkenhorst Motorsport	BMW M6 GT3	#100	Henry Walkenhorst
				Friedrich von Bohlen
				Jörg Breuer
				Andreas Ziegler
			#101	Christian Krognnes
				David Pittard
				Ben Tuck
				Jörg Müller *
			#102	Sami-Matti Trogen
				Mario von Bohlen
				Jakub Kuba Giermaziak
				Jörg Müller *
SP10 (SRO-GT4)		BMW M4 GT4	#74	Cameron Evans
				Lance Boicelli
				David Thilenius
				Charlie Postins
AT	Fly & Help	Dodge Viper CC GT3	#13	Bernd Albrecht
				Reinhard Schall
				Dirk Riebensahm
				Sebastian Asch
SP3	Olaf Beckmann	Opel Manta	#125	Olaf Beckmann
				Peter Hass
				Volker Strycek
				Jürgen Schulten
SP4	MRC RaceWorld	BMW 325i e90	#325	Carsten Meurer
				Volker Schackmann
				Klaus Müller

*Jörg Müller is entered as a driver for the #101 and #102 cars