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ADAC RAVENOL 24h Nürburgring 2026
A Unique Technological Challenge for Michelin on the World's
Most Demanding Circuit

- Michelin will approach the 2026 ADAC RAVENOL 24h Nürburgring with tyres specifically developed to meet the unique demands of the world's most challenging and unpredictable circuit.
- In an open competition environment between tyre manufacturers, Michelin will equip more than 50% of the 2026 field, including a majority of the GT3 cars entered in the top SP9 category (18 cars out of 42 = 43%).
- With eight consecutive victories between 2018 and 2025 and 25 overall wins in the event, Michelin will notably support Max Verstappen in his first-ever participation in the Nürburgring 24 Hours.

From May 14 to 17, 2026, Michelin will compete in the 54th edition of the ADAC RAVENOL 24h Nürburgring, one of the most demanding and unpredictable endurance races in global motorsport.

Held on the legendary 25.378-kilometre layout combining the Nordschleife ("North Loop") and part of the modern Nürburgring GP circuit, the German classic represents an extraordinary technological challenge for tyre manufacturers.

Nicknamed the "Green Hell," the Nürburgring places unique demands on both cars and tyres: major elevation changes, ultra-fast sections, highly technical corners, mixed track surfaces and extremely unstable weather conditions. On such a vast circuit, some sections may be completely dry while others remain damp, forcing teams to constantly adapt to highly variable grip levels.

In this extreme environment, tyres play a central role. Performance, consistency and versatility must coexist within a single tyre capable of handling a wide range of conditions.

For Michelin, the Nürburgring 24 Hours therefore provides a unique technological showcase, demonstrating its expertise on one of the most complex circuits in the world.

The technical regulations of the Nürburgring 24 Hours and the Nürburgring Langstrecken-Serie (NLS) allow direct competition between tyre manufacturers.

In this highly competitive context, Michelin continues to earn the trust of many leading manufacturers, teams and drivers.

In 2026, more than 50% of the cars entered in the race will run on Michelin tyres, including a majority of the GT3 entries in the premier SP9 category, despite the presence of six to seven tyre manufacturers on the grid.

To meet the specific demands of the Nürburgring, Michelin develops tyres dedicated exclusively to this event. The unique characteristics of the German circuit prevent any direct extrapolation from other championships or racetracks.

The Michelin range entered in the 2026 ADAC RAVENOL 24h Nürburgring consists of three specifications differentiated according to their optimal operating temperature window: **Cold, Medium** and **Hot**. Unlike the FIA WEC, where tyres are identified as Soft, Medium or Hard, Michelin adapts its nomenclature here to the Nürburgring's specific constraints and the highly variable evolution of track temperatures.

These tyres, supplied to all Michelin partner teams, are based on a proven technical platform that continues to evolve season after season.

This expertise has enabled Michelin to secure eight consecutive victories at the Nürburgring 24 Hours between 2018 and 2025. In 2025, Michelin claimed its 25th victory in the event.

The 2026 edition will also mark Max Verstappen's first official participation in the Nürburgring 24 Hours. The four-time Formula 1 World Champion will take the start at the wheel of a Mercedes-AMG GT3 entered under the Verstappen Racing banner, with support from Mercedes-AMG and Red Bull.

The team has chosen Michelin to support Verstappen in this new endurance challenge. The Dutch driver will share the wheel of the No. 3 Mercedes-AMG GT3 with Lucas Auer, Jules Gounon and Daniel Juncadella.

Pierre Alves, Endurance Program Manager, Michelin Motorsport:

"The Nürburgring 24 Hours is probably the most complex challenge for a GT endurance tyre manufacturer. With more than 25 kilometres, very high-speed sections, technical sectors, major elevation changes and constantly evolving weather conditions, the Nürburgring imposes unique constraints. Within a single lap, some sections can be dry while others remain damp, which requires tyres that are particularly versatile and consistent."

"We are very proud of the trust placed in us by manufacturers, teams and drivers. Once again this year, Michelin will equip more than half of the field, including a majority of the GT3 entries in the SP9 category. Finally, the presence of Max Verstappen among our partners is naturally one of the major highlights of this 2026 edition."

2026 ADAC RAVENOL 24h Nürburgring Schedule

- Thursday, May 14: Free practice sessions and preparatory activities
- Friday, May 15: Qualifying sessions and additional practice
- Saturday, May 16: Race start at 3:00 PM
- Sunday, May 17: Race finish at 3:00 PM and podium ceremony

About Michelin

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