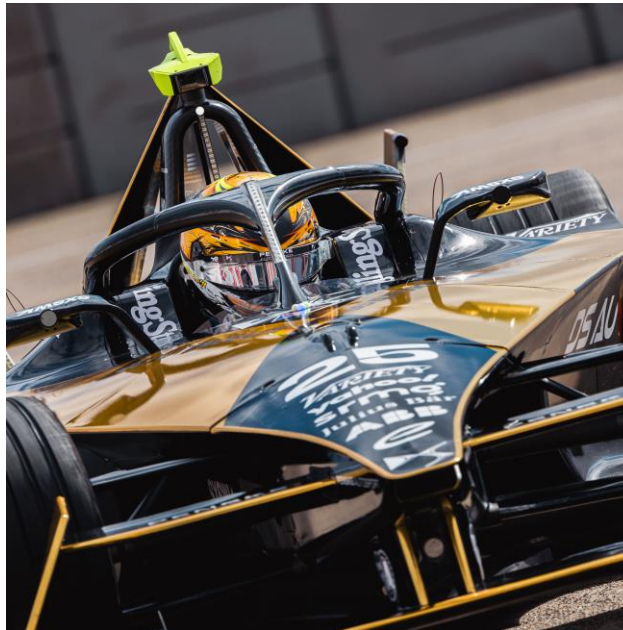


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Press Release

# Successful Rookie Test Day for Robert Schwartzman and Will Stevens with DS PENSKE in Berlin

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DS PENSKE’s Rookie Drivers Robert Schwartzman and Will Stevens completed two sessions successfully, with the opportunity to be behind the wheel of Formula E’s GEN3 car for the very first time today.

Following podium success for the team at Sunday’s 2023 Sabic Berlin e-Prix, Will and Robert clocked hundreds of valuable laps in the DS E-TENSE FE23 around the historic German airfield, with both drivers being experienced in other series settling into their runs well.

In session 1, Robert placed in P5 with a 1:06.121 and Will P18 with a 1:06.906. In session 2, Robert finished P5 with a best lap of 1:05.923 and Will ended the session in P13 clocking 1:06.175.

Both drivers had the opportunity to spend time learning the car and its systems, which are completely unique to electric racing. They each ran a dedicated programme throughout the day, gathering important data for the team to help with the push in the championship fight.

The car will return to the track for Round 9 of the Formula E Championship at the Monaco E-Prix on Saturday 6 May, 2023, marking the start of the second half of the season.

### **Robert Shwartzman, DS PENSKE rookie driver**

'Everything was very positive. I really liked today. I like the team and the vibe in it, it feels very comfortable and like what I've had in other teams in the past. Everyone is very nice and welcoming and engaging, but at the same time professional. There's so much engineering work in the background too, which is so interesting and gets into you! As for the car itself, it felt so good all day long. We were always up at the top spots or in the top three. Obviously, it's a bit of a shame we didn't manage to complete a proper lap as every time we went onto full power, we had an issue. But generally, we were one of the quickest teams - if not the quickest - in the overall sense, so I'm very happy about that as the performance was there all day long. The car felt better than what I expected because the simulator felt harder and trickier than the real car. The real car is more forgiving, and I had more control over it. It was quite nice to drive. It's been a really fun, interesting and cool day.'



### **William Stevens, DS PENSKE rookie driver**

'Overall, I think it's been a positive day. As a team we got through everything we wanted to and we found out some positive things which hopefully will help the team going forward. Obviously, it was my first day in Formula E and my first day with the team so there was a lot to take in, and a lot to learn. That said, I think we made good progress throughout the day especially as I started to feel a lot more comfortable in the car and using all the systems, which obviously everyone knows in Formula E is a major part of a lap time and building confidence as a driver. Overall, it was a good first day and I started to get a foundation of what works and what doesn't. I think once you build upon that, you can easily make big steps forward. A big thank you to the team for giving me the opportunity to have my first day in Formula E and hopefully we can work together again in the future.'



#### ***About PENSKE AUTOSPORT***

PENSKE AUTOSPORT is an American racing team founded in 2007 by Jay Penske. The team is headquartered in Los Angeles, California, the largest single metropolitan EV market in the world. After many successful years competing in IndyCar (2007-2014), the team embraced the shift to electric mobility and became one of the founding teams of the ABB FIA Formula E World Championship. The team motto is the Latin phrase "E Pluribus Unum" – meaning "out of many, there is one."

#### ***About DS Automobiles***

Driven by the spirit of the avant-garde and backed by an exceptional heritage, the DS brand, born in 2014, aims to embody the French art of travel.

Based on numerous records since its entry into Formula E in 2015, including double Teams' and Drivers' titles, DS Automobiles is at the forefront of electrification by already selling each of its models with an electrified version. From 2024, every new model launched by DS Automobiles will be 100% electric.

With a presence in 40 countries, the DS brand has created and is developing an exclusive distribution network throughout the world.

