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PRESS RELEASE

CHALLENGING SATURDAY RACE IN TOKYO FOR DS PENSKE

Tokyo Big Sight, Japan – Round 5 ABB Formula E FIA World Championship



- Round 5: The very first Tokyo E-Prix thrilled thousands of spectators and fans
- Tough Qualifying for DS PENSKE but progress made during the race by both drivers
- DS PENSKE leaves the Land of the Rising Sun in the top five of the Formula E Teams' classification

Tokyo, Japan – DS PENSKE hit the track around the stunning Tokyo Big Sight for the highly anticipated first edition of the Tokyo E-Prix and finished Saturday's race out of the points with Jean-Eric Vergne in 12th and Stoffel Vandoorne in 16th.

With two days of bumpy track running, the Japanese circuit was a challenging drive for all the competitors and put the all-electric single seaters to the test. In the first free practice session, the Belgian Stoffel Vandoorne encountered battery problems directly linked to the bumps, forcing the team to change the battery before the race.

Both drivers struggled to find performance in these tricky conditions resulting in Jean-Eric Vergne starting the race in 14th and his team mate in 18th. In the race, both the drivers put themselves in the hunt with strong driving and sharp strategy that enabled them to move forwards towards the points-scoring zone. JEV pushed as much as possible over the 35 laps, showing strong pace that nearly paid off but ultimately landed the two-time Formula E Champion in 12th place. Stoffel Vandoorne ended up in 16th place.

DS PENSKE leaves Tokyo in the top five of the Teams' Championship. The squad will now focus on looking to optimize the set-up and make improvements to deliver more thrilling battles and bounce back.

After 5 amazing races on 4 different continents, the team looks forward to returning to Europe. After five visits to Rome, the all-electric series ventures across Italy to land on the Adriatic coast around the legendary Misano World Circuit Marco Simoncelli for Round 6 and 7 on April 13 and 14, 2024. Auto racing in Italy is extremely popular and this double-header event is expected to be one of the most exciting races of the season 10.

Team results – 2024 Tokyo E-Prix Round 5

Driver	FP1	FP2	Quali	Race
JEV	P15	P9	P14	P12
VAN	P22	P11	P18	P16

Stoffel Vandoorne, 2022 Formula E World Champion

'It was a complicated weekend right from the beginning, when we missed FP1 with a battery problem. It's even more of a shame as we were on a new circuit. Those laps would have been very important for us to try and find the right pace. So we found ourselves a long way down the order throughout the entire weekend. But I don't want to use that as an excuse. We simply didn't have the pace we hoped for. We were fighting the set-up, the tyres, the energy management: all of which made it very hard to make progress. Now we need to learn from all this.'

Jean-Eric Vergne, 2018 & 2019 Formula E Champion

'It was a difficult weekend with no points for us, which is obviously disappointing. But it's still a long season with several races ahead, so everything is possible. We continue to work hard but the weekend in Japan was difficult. Now we have to analyse everything quickly and see how we can improve for 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.

