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### HHF HYBRID CONCEPT CAR passes the checkered flag

The innovative hybrid concept car driven by Heinz-Harald Frentzen during the 24h Race on the Nürburgring has passed its first test. Despite technical problems with the conventional engine, the HHF HYBRID CONCEPT CAR passed the finish line at 3 PM, propelled solely by its electric motor, completing the most difficult race on one of the most challenging racecourses in the world. The fascinating hybrid car from HYBRID RACING was able to prove in front of 200,000 spectators that hybrid technology has a future in motorsports. Although all electrical systems worked flawlessly over the entire weekend, the HYBRID team like many other competitors faced problems with the drive train and other difficulties. Given the extremely short testing period, these problems were not unexpected. Heinz Harald Frentzen: "I'd like to thank all technical partners and team members who have helped make such a project possible in such a short period of time. In particular, I'd like to thank the employees of Gumpert, who in addition to the standard production of their vehicles, were dedicated to modifying our vehicle. You can look at the results from one of two perspectives: Firstly, that we had problems with the transmission in the conventional system, and secondly, that the concept of reclaiming energy when braking was more successful than we expected." Norbert Kreyer added that "Despite the limited time available to us, we decided to use the race as a test platform, partially because ADAC Nordrhein in cooperation with DMSB permitted us to race here. Working with our partners and their components, we successfully tested our hybrid technology under live racing conditions. This also applies to our outfitters. For this purpose, the 24h Race here at the Nürburgring was ideal.

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Despite its weight, the car showed very good times here at the Nürburgring. We'll continue to improve these as well. I was surprised how well the team cooperated and how well we performed here, especially considering that management really started preparing for the race only a few weeks ago. The **apollo** technology was the perfect basis for our first HYBRID CONCEPT CAR." Dirk Müller: "I'm proud to have been a driver for this historic, pioneering project. I was fascinated at how easily and effortlessly the hybrid system worked for me. As a front-wheel driver, I would drive into the curves with the electric motor and then switch the combustion engine on at the middle. This gave me something like all-wheel drive." Dominik Schwager: "It's pretty amazing what we were able to do in such a short period of time, how professional it was. The team management, the engineers, the mechanics, even the caterers—everybody performed perfectly. The technology is new, and I'm convinced that we'll see more of it in motorsports. It was simply amazing how the two propulsion systems worked together, and how a driver could use both. I see an even greater potential in ongoing development, and of course I'd be very happy to stay on the team." Marcel Engels: "Given the time available to us, we were very well prepared. To put together a completely new team and train them on a new technology, and do all that within a few weeks—it's exceptional. To race a car here on the Nordschleife like on a Playstation is incredible! The potential of HHF HYBRID CONCEPT technology is unbelievable. It's an honor for me to have been picked by Heinz-Harald for this project. I hope to keep driving for the team, and that more races take place in the near future.

See [www.hybrid-racing.ch](http://www.hybrid-racing.ch) for the first pictures from the 24h Race.

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