



## Thomas Krebs in Praga R1 Endurance Cup test

The 1<sup>st</sup> of October 2014, Thomas Krebs took part in a test in the newly developed Praga R1 Endurance Cup car. He was invited by the Praga factory team, who has many years of experience in endurance racing such as the World Endurance Championship and 24 Hours of Le Mans. The test took place on Slovakiaring, a track already familiar to Thomas from his time in the ADAC Procar series.

The test started Wednesday morning with a short briefing, and afterwards it was time to get in the car. Thomas started on rain tires in wet conditions, driving the Praga R1 with 210 bhp and only 625 kg. It took a few laps to get used to the car, which is much faster and has more downforce than any other racecar Thomas has driven.



In the afternoon, the track dried up, and Thomas got the chance to drive in the R1 Turbo, which is producing 280 bhp to the very light, 625 kg racecar. After many laps and continuously improving lap times, the test ended successfully and with a good amount of new experience. On top of that, the team was very impressed with Thomas performance and quick learning ability.



**Thomas:** *“The Praga R1 was one of the best driving experiences of my racing career until now. It has a lot of power and is very lightweight. One thing, which is new to me, is the high level of downforce. It gives the possibility to drive very fast through the corners. At 200 km/h, the car presses its own weight on the asphalt. The R1 can be compared to a LMP3 racer, and makes a lap around Slovakiaring in the same time as a full blood, 600 bhp GT3 car. It is seriously fast”*



The test day was the first step in the preparations for 2015. The decision of which race series to enter next year is still to be made. There are various possibilities depending on the budget. Within the next couple of weeks, more tests in other categories are planned, this time on legendary, 25 km long Nürburgring Nordschleife. The work of finding more sponsors that are interested will continue, to make the next step in 2015.

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