

Race report, ADAC Procar, Red Bull Ring:

Long weekend at sunny Red Bull Ring

The fourth round of the DTC – ADAC Procar took place on the Austrian Formula 1 track, Red Bull Ring. Throughout the weekend, the sun was shining and temperatures were hitting 30 degrees. Red Bull Ring is one of Thomas' favorite tracks, and he was ready to show his abilities on this amazing circuit.

The weekend started with a 60 min practice session on Thursday, which unfortunately did not bring much. After only a few laps, Thomas was dealing with the same engine problems as in the last race, and was forced to retire the car to the pit.

The second free practice was Friday, where Thomas was able to drive the whole 25 min session. The problems with the engine going on and off had seemed to disappear, but the engine was struggling to deliver enough power up the hills.



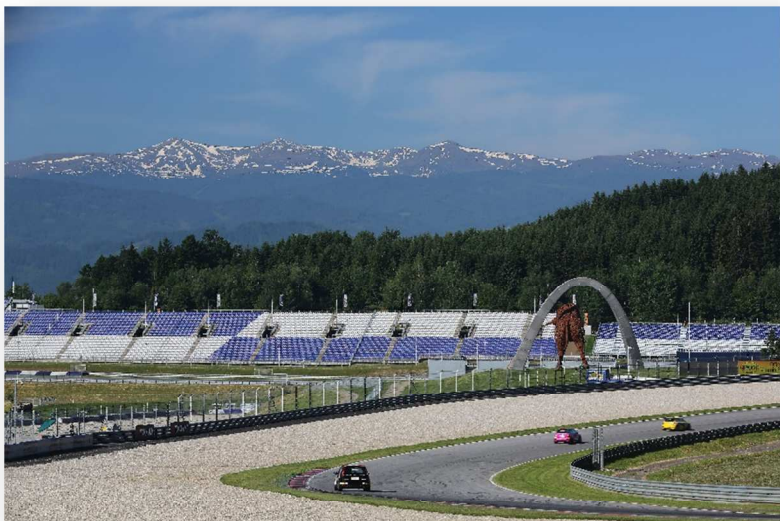
For the qualifying on Saturday morning, work had been done to improve the car. Unfortunately a new issue occurred on the car. A problem with the steering was forcing the car to go left, which made it impossible to steer into the right corners. Thomas made his fastest lap time 2,4 sec from pole position, resulting in a start position as 2nd last.

In Race 1 Thomas got on to a good start, following the cars in front of him in the three first laps, on a 4th place. Struggling to keep up the speed of the cars in front of him, Thomas was left in a lonely position on the track and finished the race as 4th.

Thomas: *"It was a rather frustrating race for me. The first laps of the race were okay and I could keep in touch with the drivers in front of me, as they were fighting for the 2nd place. However, I had*



no chance to follow them, as I was losing too many meters on the straights. I gave it everything I could to win the distance back in the corners, but in the end, it was not possible without the needed engine power."



For the qualifying Sunday morning, a new type gearbox had been built into the car, hoping for an improvement of the power. Thomas drove three very good laps on the new set of tyres, pushing the car to its limits. In the end, he had to see himself 2 sec away from the front, without chance for further improvement.

The mood was very low after the qualifying, the results were far from Thomas expectations. Before the second race, a decision about the future had to be made. It was decided to end the cooperation with the team, and Thomas did not drive the last race of the weekend.

Thomas: *"This was the last race for me in Procar. It was a very sad ending to the weekend. I was very positive coming to Red Bull Ring, hoping for a good race with a strong performance. We have to do what's best for us, and now we are looking for new possibilities for my future motorsport career. I would like to thank the team for all their hard work, and wish them the best for the future."*