

2026 Australian Grand Prix - Sunday

Melbourne, March 08, 2026 – Audi Revolut F1 Team wrote a piece of motorsport history as it scored points on debut, courtesy of a strong performance by Gabriel Bortoleto at the 2026 Australian Grand Prix. The Brazilian, starting in P10, had a battling race, gaining a place by the chequered flag to finish ninth and bring home two points.

On the other side of the garage, Nico Hulkenberg couldn't turn his strong 11th position on the grid into a battle for points, as a technical issue to his R26 sidelined before the formation lap. It was a disappointing outcome for the German, but one that shouldn't cast a shadow his otherwise positive weekend. He will be keen to come back stronger in China.

As Audi Revolut F1 Team puts its name on the standings for the first time, the focus remains on progressing and improving from race to race. The next opportunity for a further step is already next week, with the Chinese Grand Prix in Shanghai.

Jonathan Wheatley, Team Principal: "Gabi delivered an outstanding drive today. It was a very mature performance from start to finish. The start wasn't ideal, which we expected might be a challenge here, but he kept his composure, managed the race extremely well and showed great confidence throughout. We chose an aggressive strategy towards the end with the final pit stop to try and put pressure on the cars ahead, and with a slightly different scenario in the closing laps we might even have had the opportunity to fight for P8.

"On the other side of the garage, it was obviously disappointing not to see Nico take the start. He was incredibly motivated for his first race with Audi Revolut F1 Team, so that was a difficult moment for him and for everyone in the team.

Ultimately, leaving our first Grand Prix with P9 and points on the board is a fantastic way to begin our journey. It's a historic moment for Audi Revolut F1 Team and something the whole team can be very proud of."

Nico Hulkenberg (Car 27):

Race result: DNS

"Unfortunately, we didn't get the chance to compete today. We developed a technical problem on the way to the grid, and it was something we couldn't resolve in time for the start. The team is investigating now to understand exactly what happened. It's obviously frustrating to miss out on the race and the opportunity to learn more.

That said, it's positive to see the team finish with points through Gabi, which is a great result and a strong way to start the F1 era for Audi. Racing moves quickly, so we reset and go again next week."

Gabriel Bortoleto (Car 5)

Race result: 9th

Fastest lap: 1:23.257 (Lap 45)

Strategy & Pit Stops: Start (New Medium) - Lap 18 (New Hard) - Lap 33 (New Hard)

“To finish in the points in our first event as Audi Revolut F1 Team and writing a piece of motorsport history is something the whole team can be extremely proud of. It was a positive race at the end of a good weekend for us: the car and the power unit ran reliably throughout the day, which is a great reward for the enormous effort that went in over the winter to get everything ready for the season. I want to thank all the team back in Hinwil, Neuburg and Bicester for their incredible work.

“The race itself was quite busy and at times a bit chaotic with the new regulations, so there are still many things for us to study and understand better. But the pace was strong, the communication in the garage was excellent and the team executed the race very well.

“Overall, it is probably more than we could have expected from the first weekend. This result gives us a good baseline to build from, but we know there are still many areas where we can improve. There are a lot of races ahead of us, and our focus now is on continuing to learn, develop the car and come back even stronger at the next events.”

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About Audi Revolut F1 Team

Audi Revolut F1 Team is the official factory team of Audi, as the brand enters the FIA Formula 1 World Championship for the first time in 2026. This project, in which Audi will create its own hybrid drive system ('power unit') developed in Germany, represents the ultimate expression of the manufacturer's 'Vorsprung durch Technik' philosophy and embodies a long-term commitment to compete at the pinnacle of motorsport with the clear objective of challenging for world championships by 2030. Audi Revolut F1 Team is based in three locations: the power unit is developed by Audi Formula Racing GmbH at the Audi Competence Center Motorsport in Neuburg, Germany; the chassis is engineered and race operations are managed from the state-of-the-art facilities of Audi Motorsport AG in Hinwil, Switzerland; while the Audi Motorsport Technology Centre UK in Bicester, United Kingdom, provides a foothold in the heart of 'Motorsport Valley', with direct access to top F1 talent and key strategic partners. This integrated structure provides complete control over the project, embedding a culture of precision, innovation, and relentless performance. Audi's entry is strategically timed to coincide with new Formula 1 regulations focused on increased electrification, as the electric share of the hybrid drive is raised to almost 50%, and the introduction of 100% sustainable fuels. The entry into Formula 1, one of the most important platforms in the world, serves as a high-tech catalyst for the entire Audi brand, acting as a global stage to demonstrate technological leadership and connect with new, diverse audiences by creating cultural impact that resonates far beyond the race track.

