

2026 Austrian Grand Prix - Preview

Hinwil, 23 June 2026 – Audi Revolut F1 Team returns to action this weekend as Formula One heads to the Styrian mountains for the Austrian Grand Prix. The race in Spielberg offers the team a fresh chance to bring home a good result after two races, in Monaco and Barcelona, where strong pace did not translate into points.

The first couple of races on European soil have delivered encouraging signs as the team established itself in the fight for the top of the midfield: work continues both on and off the track, with a package of updates coming to the two R26 cars and the confidence that the team will be in a position to convert performance into results.

As track action kicks off on Friday, Paul Aron will be making his second planned Free Practice appearance with the team, taking over Gabriel Bortoleto's R26 for the opening practice session of the weekend.

Allan McNish, Racing Director: "We have seen encouraging signs in terms of performance and understanding the car in Monaco and Barcelona, even though we were not able to bring home the results our pace warranted. It is important we keep our focus and continue to work hard and develop our car in a highly competitive field. What the team is doing across all areas is translating more consistently on track, and this momentum is something we want to keep building on as we enter another set of back-to-back races, starting with Spielberg this weekend. Our goal is to keep moving forward, aiming to maximise everything we can extract on track."

Nico Hulkenberg (Car 27): "The result in Barcelona was disappointing because we had the pace, the position and the opportunity to bring home a good result. Still, the two most recent events have shown that we are making steps in the right direction when it comes to performance. We have the pace to fight for points, and it is a matter of time until we reap the rewards of our work. Spielberg is next up, and it's always a great event with a very unique layout and scenery. It's a short track and deceptively easy: you don't have a lot of chances to make up for errors, so qualifying well is important. But what matters most is putting together a clean weekend overall - three solid days without any mistakes."

Gabriel Bortoleto (Car 5): "We get to Austria knowing we should have scored points in recent events and didn't do so: while that is obviously frustrating, we are also conscious of the performance we can deliver, and therefore we are looking forward to another chance to get in the top ten. I have some very good memories from last year's race in Spielberg: I scored my first points in Formula One here and it was a great day for the team, with Nico in the points too. Obviously, that is something we would love to do again this year: I am confident in the work the team is doing and I am looking forward to the battles we are going to have this weekend."

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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.

