

2026 Azerbaijan Grand Prix - Thursday

Baku, 24 September 2026

Nico Hulkenberg (Car 27):

FP1: 11th / 1:46.871 (22 laps)

FP2: 15th / 1:45.854 (20 laps)

"Overall, it was a reasonable Friday. I ran the previous specification in FP1 before switching to the new parts for FP2, so there was plenty of information to gather and a lot for us to understand. The sessions were not entirely straightforward, with a few challenges to work through, but the underlying picture is encouraging. Now it's about going through everything overnight, cleaning up a few areas and seeing how we can put it all together tomorrow. If we do that, I think we can be competitive."

Gabriel Bortoleto (Car 5):

FP1: 10th / 1:46.688 (21 laps)

FP2: 14th / 1:45.794 (24 laps)

"It's been a bit of a test day for us with the new package, and we have plenty of data to analyse to get the general picture of it. We are lacking a little bit of grip at the moment, but Baku is a low-grip and very dusty circuit, so we have some work to do to put everything in place. Let's see what we can do tomorrow from here."

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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.

