

2026 Hungarian Grand Prix - Friday

Budapest, 24 July 2026 – Audi Revolut F1 Team completed a productive opening day at the Hungaroring as Nico Hulkenberg and Gabriel Bortoleto worked through an extensive programme across Friday's two practice sessions. Running on a dusty and evolving track surface, the team focused on tyre evaluation, setup optimisation and gathering data ahead of qualifying.

Strong performances in FP1, with Bortoleto sixth and Hulkenberg eighth, reflected a positive start on a circuit that appears to suit the characteristics of the car. As track conditions evolved throughout the day, the focus shifted towards refining balance and drivability while completing the planned run programme. With the midfield battle expected to remain exceptionally close, the team will analyse Friday's data overnight in pursuit of further gains ahead of qualifying.

Nico Hulkenberg (Car 27):

FP1: 8th / 1:20.623 (29 laps)

FP2: 9th / 1:20.125 (30 laps)

"It was a fairly straightforward Friday. We worked our way through the different tyre compounds, learned a bit more about the balance and made some progress with the setup between the two sessions. Overall, I'd say it was a decent day.

"As expected, the midfield is incredibly close again, so every little detail is going to make a difference tomorrow. There's still plenty to play for, and we'll look to put everything together in qualifying."

Gabriel Bortoleto (Car 5):

FP1: 6th / 1:20.360 (30 laps)

FP2: 11th / 1:20.474 (27 laps)

"It was a positive day overall. We collected a lot of useful data, even if FP2 was a bit more difficult, especially on the soft tyre. The wind made the conditions quite challenging, so we have a few things to work on overnight. The field is very tight as always, but if we can put everything together, I think we can have a good day tomorrow."

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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.

