

2026 Italian Grand Prix - Friday

Monza, 4 September 2026

Nico Hulkenberg (Car 27):

FP1: 13th / 1:24.626 (27 laps)

FP2: 13th / 1:23.732 (28 laps)

"It was a fairly standard Friday overall. FP1 felt quite positive and we got through the programme without any major issues, but in FP2 we seemed to lose a bit of rhythm and pace compared to earlier in the day. We'll need to understand why that was and see what we can improve overnight.

"As always, Friday is about learning and putting the pieces together for the rest of the weekend. We'll go through the data tonight and make sure we take the right conclusions from today."

Gabriel Bortoleto (Car 5):

FP1: 8th / 1:24.006 (21 laps)

FP2: 15th / 1:23.776 (22 laps)

"It was a solid first day on track. We went through all of our programme for the day, especially in FP1, and I'm overall happy with the work we've done. We couldn't get much of a run on soft tyres, but we still managed to learn a lot about the car and understand plenty of things that will help us tomorrow. We'll need to put together some really good laps and make the most of the slipstream in qualifying."

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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.

