

2026 Spanish Grand Prix - Preview

Hinwil, 8 September 2026 – Audi Revolut F1 Team will run its first laps in a brand-new venue, as the Madring circuit makes its debut on the calendar as the host of the Spanish Grand Prix. The weekend marks the second leg of the Monza-Madrid back-to-back and brings the European chapter of the season to a close before the championship heads back overseas. After narrowly missing out on points in Monza, the team will look to make the most of the opportunities presented by a track that is completely new for everyone on the grid.

The eyes of the paddock won't just be on Formula One, however, as Formula 3 returns to action in Madrid for the season finale. Audi Driver Development Programme driver, Freddie Slater, maintains the lead of the championship by 15 points with the three races in programme at the Madring remaining.

Allan McNish, Racing Director: "Madrid will be a new challenge for everyone, and there is always an added element of the unknown when we arrive at a circuit for the first time. It means we will need to be effective in every practice session and build up as best as we can ahead of qualifying and the race, making the most of the preparation work we have done in the sim and at HQ. It is the final European race of the season before we head back overseas, so we want to finish this part of the calendar on a strong note and deliver another solid performance into the top ten."

Nico Hulkenberg (Car 27): "There's always something exciting about arriving at a brand-new circuit. Nobody really knows what to expect until the cars hit the track, so it's one of those weekends where you have to learn and adapt very quickly. Overall, we've been moving in the right direction over the last few races and, if we can get on top of things early, hopefully we can put ourselves in a good position to finish the European part of the season on a positive note."

Gabriel Bortoleto (Car 5): "I'm looking forward to the race in Madrid: I've been preparing for it in the simulator, and now I'm curious to experience it for real. A new circuit is always an exciting challenge, because everyone starts from a similar position and we'll be learning new things as we go through the weekend. We were better than we expected in Monza in terms of performance, which was encouraging, and hopefully Madrid will give us a chance to fight for something more. It's the last race in Europe this year, so it would be nice to finish this run with a strong result."

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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.



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