



Press release

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DUTCH CAR MANUFACTURER SPYKER PARTICIPATES IN THE 2002 EDITION OF THE 24 HOURS OF LE MANS

Spyker Cars of Baarn, the Netherlands will participate in the 2002 edition of the 24 hours of Le Mans with a factory entered Spyker C8 Double 12R (chassis number 009). It is the first time in history that a Dutch car manufacturer has entered a car for this most challenging of all endurance races.

During the preliminary Practice Days, held on 4 and 5 May last, the sister car (chassis number 006) finished in 6th position out of 14 participants in the LM-GT class, this in spite of driving with heavy penalties in the form of a 15 % smaller restrictor and 70 kgs. of additional ballast. Chassis number 009 was built up simultaneously with chassis number 006 and finished in time for the event. Many improvements have been incorporated thanks to lessons learnt at Sebring in March, extensive testing and the Practice Days in May. Chassis number 009 will be driven by Peter Kox, Hans Hugenholtz and Norman Simon.

Team manager Victor Muller: "It is very exciting to be the first Dutch car manufacturer in history to participate in the 24 hours of Le Mans. We have one goal and that is to reach the finish line after 24 hours. Based on the experience generated since Sebring we should have a serious chance of achieving that objective. The car is in good shape as are our drivers".

Peter Kox: "I am very proud to be part of this exciting team. Hans Reiter and his crew have worked for almost 6 months non-stop to ensure that we are well prepared. I am confident that their work will pay off".

Hans Hugenholtz: "We are writing Dutch racing history. I participated four times at Le Mans and finished four times. This is going to be the fifth on both accounts".

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Today, Philips Automotive Lighting is one of the world's leading manufacturers of automotive lighting solutions. Although Philips has diversified over the decades, lighting - and automotive lighting in particular - has always been one of its key activities. Philips has more experience in lighting technology than any other company in the world. Within Lighting, the Business Group Automotive focuses on the development, production, sales and marketing of top quality car - and two-wheeler - lighting solutions.

Philips Automotive Lighting products employ the most advanced technologies to meet the ever-increasing demand for enhanced road safety and driver comfort. The continuous R&D efforts have already brought a host of fascinating new lighting, all offering substantial benefits for the automotive industry and road users. Among the latest innovations are Xenon, BlueVision, VisionPlus, SilverVision and HiPerVision.

Xenon

Driving a car with Xenon HID headlights is a truly eye-opening experience. They produce two to three times more light than Halogen, for a dramatic improvement in the intensity and distribution of light. Brilliant white light which powers-up the illumination of road markings and traffic signs. The application of Xenon HID constitutes a major breakthrough in car headlights and hence road safety and driver comfort.



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BlueVision

BlueVision is the original Halogen alternative for Xenon reproducing a daylight type of light which:

- Increases powers of concentration
- Makes driving at night less tiring
- Reflects road marks and traffic signs better

BlueVision can be used in all modern cars, enhancing driving concentration during nighttime driving.

VisionPlus

This new high-performance range draws upon the very latest developments in halogen technology to provide:

- Up to 50% more light on the road
- 10-20 metre longer beam
- Better reflections from roads and signs

It is the combination of these three aspects that makes VisionPlus the ultimate upgrade for your safety and comfort.

SilverVision

SilverVision indicator bulbs draw upon the very latest developments in bulb coating technology. The bulbs have a silvered surface when unlit that renders them invisible inside a shiny reflector. When turned on they shine orange in the same way as standard amber indicator bulbs, so they offer:

- The ultimate styling upgrade for transparent indicators
- Perfect design harmony with modern crystal reflectors

HiPerVision

This entirely new light source technology offers a breakthrough in reliability in terms of early failures and lifetime, vital for road safety and driver comfort. HiPerVision bulbs are based on picture tube technology from Philips television production. The completely closed glass capsule is filled with Xenon gas and the bulb therefore achieves a high lighting performance with a lower power usage. HiPerVision is a cost-effective lighting solution that combines the following characteristics:

- Lifetime as long as the car
- Half the size of a conventional bulb
- Smaller luminaire possible
- Therefore a larger luggage compartment
- No access necessary for changing bulbs

Philips Automotive Lighting and Spyker Cars

Solutions in automotive lighting are more innovative than ever before. Philips Automotive Lighting not only offers state-of-the-art lighting solutions, but also works with key partners on the future of automotive lighting. One of these partners is Spyker Cars. Both these international companies are focussing on innovation, design and quality. Other keywords are "state-of-the-art" and "entrepreneurship". Together with Spyker Cars, Philips Automotive Lighting will, among other things, test new lighting applications.

For the Le Mans 24-hour race Philips Automotive Lighting is equipping Spyker with Xenon Lights and the SilverVision signalling bulb.

For more information: www.philips.com/automotive