



Press release

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Spyker Cars participates in practice session at Le Mans on 4 and 5 May.

Spyker Cars from Baarn, the Netherlands, will participate in the practice days to be held on 4 and 5 May 2002 in preparation for the 24 hours of Le Mans which will take place on 15 and 16 June next.

After its successful debut in the 12 Hours of Sebring 16 March last, where Spyker entered its first C8 Double 12R (chassis number 006) in the hands of Peter Kox, Hans Hugenholtz and Derek Hill, a massive amount of time was spent by Hans Reiter and his crew to implement the modifications to the car based on the experiences gained at Sebring where the car lasted for 4 hours and 19 minutes and was forced to retire due to an accident.

Victor Muller: "We have spent the past 7 weeks preparing the car for these practice days and worked intensely both in a wind tunnel and on the track. Although we are still driving with penalties in the form of a 15% smaller restrictor and 70 kilos of ballast, we expect the car to perform very well. It will not be until we have managed to lose these penalties that we will form a serious threat to our competition. However it is our firm intent to meet all of the ACO GT class requirements by Le Mans 2003."

During the practice days, Hans Hugenholtz and Norman Simon will drive the Spyker C8 Double 12R. Peter Kox will join this team during the 24 hours of Le Mans.

Peter Kox, the factory's number one driver said: "Between Sebring and the practice days we have made phenomenal progress. The car turns out to be extraordinarily ^{blue}liable and in every conceivable aspect we have gained ground. Particularly in aerodynamics and set-up."

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