

# News Release

## Hyundai Motor to test close to production i30 N in Endurance Race in Nürburgring ahead of 24 hours race participation

- Close to production i30 N competed in the race ahead of global launch later this year
- Hyundai Motor will participate with two cars in the infamous ADAC Zurich 24-hour race at the Nürburgring in May
- Engineers from Hyundai Motor honed the performance capabilities of i30 N

**April 11, 2017** – Hyundai Motor’s close to production, i30 N, the first model from Hyundai’s high-performance sub-brand N, entered the VLN (Veranstaltergemeinschaft Langstreckenpokal Nürburgring) endurance race on Saturday, April 8, 2017. The race is used as preparation for the infamous ADAC Zurich 24-hour race at the Nürburgring end of May where Hyundai Motor will participate with two cars. Hyundai Motor engineers from Namyang, South Korea, and European R&D centers will help hone the car’s performance characteristics ahead of its global launch later this year.

The endurance race – held at the world-famous Nürburgring Nordschleife circuit in Germany – provides the opportunity for Hyundai Motor to intensively test i30 N car that feature technical specifications very close to the actual production car. The i30 N cars will be up against cars from other manufacturers that are heavily modified to cope with the demands of the VLN race.

Albert Biermann, Hyundai Motor Head of Vehicle Test and High Performance Development, said: “We want our high performance brand to have considerable racing pedigree so it is important that we compete with minimal modifications. Nürburgring is where the i30 N has undergone much of its testing and chassis development.”

The cars that Hyundai Motor will enter in the race are both equipped with a 2.0-liter turbo engine and six-speed manual transmission – the same powertrain and transmission set-up that will be used in the production i30 N. As they race the car, Hyundai Motor engineers will identify areas for further refinement and potential performance enhancements for the i30 N.

Hyundai Motor has its own 3,600 square metre testing center at the Nürburgring operated by the Hyundai Motor Europe Technical Center. The technical team based in Germany takes advantage of the Nordschleife’s 73 corners, gradients of up to 17% and a difference in altitude of some 300 meters, in order to perform a host of demanding tests.

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In 2016, Hyundai Motor achieved registrations of 505,396 vehicles in Europe – an increase of 7.5% compared to 2015. During the last two years the company replaced 90% of its model line-up to create the youngest car range in Europe. 90% of the vehicles Hyundai sold in the region are models designed, engineered, tested and built in Europe to meet the needs of European customers, served by the company's extensive European infrastructure. This includes two factories in the Czech Republic and Turkey, which have a combined annual capacity of 600,000 units. Hyundai Motor sells cars in 31 European countries through 1,600 European dealerships responsible for more than 2,100 sales outlets.

Hyundai Motor offers its unique Five Year Unlimited Mileage Warranty package with all new cars sold in the region, providing customers with a five-year warranty with no mileage limit, five years of roadside assistance and five years of vehicle health checks.

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