



T Sport Bernau chief technician Tim Frost at work on the race truck brakes.

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Endurance test for solutions from the BPW Group: Racing Team T Sport Bernau starts a new racing season

- BPW and PE extend partnership with Racing Team
- Reliable truck and trailer components from the BPW Group impress on the racing truck
- First race of the season on May 21st and 22nd in Misano, Italy

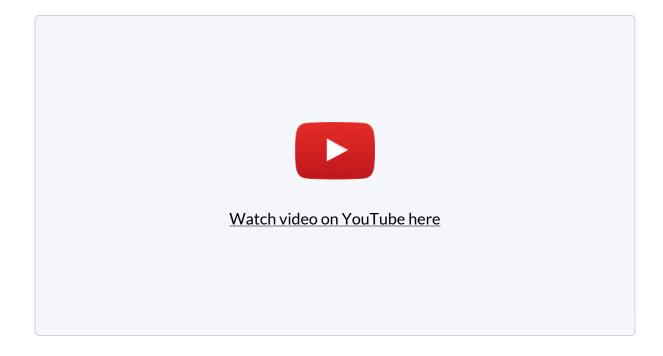
Wiehl/Wuppertal 12/5/2022 --- The BPW Group and the truck racing team T Sport Bernau will be sticking together in 2022. As partners, BPW and PE

Automotive support the team around the Spanish top driver Antonio Albacete in the upcoming Goodyear FIA European Truck Racing Championship (ETRC). In exciting wheel-to-wheel contests, the BPW and PE components are put to the test.

Push the throttle on the straightaway as far as it will go. Brake at the last moment, turning the steering wheel and heaving the 5,300 kilo truck through the chaos: Only an experienced racing team like T Sport Bernau knows the forces that the components installed in a racing truck have to withstand when a vehicle with 1,200 HP applies an incredible 5,400 torque to the wheel or performs an emergency braking manoeuvre at 160 kilometres per hour.

As part of the partnership, the BPW Group supports the team with high-quality parts from its brand range. Chief technician Tim Frost is enthusiastic about the teamwork: "The BPW and PE components installed in our race truck have been convincing in all applications. We didn't have a single technical failure: not in the race, nor in qualifying or practice. For us, the support of BPW and PE is not just a sponsorship, but a developed, trusting technical partnership that has helped us advance significantly over the past years."

The team has used the last few months to prepare the race truck for the new season and to try out many components. A return to the top 5 is the goal. A total of eight races are scheduled from May to September. The season kicks off with the race in Misano, Italy on May 21st and 22nd.



BPW and PE are also looking forward to the new season. "We couldn't wish for a tougher test lab for our BPW Group truck and <u>trailer components</u> than the truck races", affirms BPW Product Manager Thorsten Grahl. "Everything we learn from the races will be incorporated into our further development work."

A preview of the new racing season with all information on the race tracks can be found at: pe-truckracing.de/en

T Sport Bernau's race truck is equipped with the following solutions from the BPW Group:

PE Automotive:

- Brake discs on the front axle
- Brake linings
- Compressed air reservoir
- Electric cable reels
- Vehicle horn
- DC converter
- Steering dampers
- Steering column switches
- Pump for steering aid
- Engine mounts
- Solenoid control valves
- Ring clamps
- Mirrors
- Tensioner straps and many more

BPW:

- Brake calipers (TSB 3709) on the rear axle of the race truck
- Brake linings
- Brake anchors

Ermax:

- Working floodlights
- Flood lights

- Tail lights
- Rain lights

About PE Automotive GmbH & Co. KG

PE, based in Wuppertal, is one of the leading suppliers in the independent aftermarket for commercial vehicles. With over 70 years of experience and expertise, the company sees itself as a mobility partner for fleet and vehicle operators and garages. The commercial vehicle spare parts programme by PE is based on the highest safety, quality and manufacturing standards. The countrywide and international network of PE trading partners ensures wide, reliable and fast distribution and availability of PE spare parts. Discerning independent and contract garages trust the company's garage-oriented product solutions for the perfect repair and maintenance of tractor units and trailers. An expert team of 170 heads works every day to efficiently meet the product and service requirements of customers – and to optimise them sustainably. PE Automotive GmbH & Co. KG belongs to the BPW Group. www.pe.de

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About the BPW Group

The BPW Group researches, develops and manufactures everything needed to ensure that transport keeps moving and is safe, illuminated, intelligent and digitally connected. With its brands BPW, Ermax, HBN, HESTAL and idem telematics, the company group is a preferred system partner of the commercial vehicle industry around the globe for running gear, brakes, lighting, fasteners and superstructure technology, telematics and other key components for trucks, trailers and buses. The BPW Group offers comprehensive mobility services for transport businesses, ranging from a global service network to spare parts supply and intelligent networking of vehicles, drivers and freight. The owner-operated company group currently employs 6,800 staff in more than 50 countries and

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