



LMP1

- 1, Gené/Minassian, Team Total Peugeot, Peugeot 908 HDi FAP, 1m 41.867s
- 2, Lamy/Sarrazin, Team Total Peugeot, Peugeot 908 HDi FAP, 1m 42.148s
- 3, Mücke/Charouz/Yoong, Charouz Racing, Lola B07/17 Judd, 1m 44.562s
- 4, Shimoda/Chilton, Arena Motorsport, Zytek 07S Zytek, 1m 44.703s
- 5, Cochet/Frei, Courage Competition, Courage LC70 AER V8, 1m 45.039s
- 6, Collard/Boullion, Pescarolo Sport, Pescarolo Judd, 1m 45.117s
- 7, Gounon/Moreau (Courage, Courage Competition, LC70 AER V8, 1m 45.461s

LMP2

- 1, Erdos/Newton, RML, MG Lola EX264 AER, 1m 45.492s
- 2, Vergers/Barazi/Ojeh, Barazi Epsilon, Zytek 07S Zytek, 1m 45.539s
- 3, Moseley/Greaves, Bruichladdich, Radical SR9 AER, 1m 46.953s
- 4 de Castro/Amaral/Burgeno, Quifel Team ASM, Lola B05/40 AER, 1m 47.242s
- 5, Hughes/Cunningham, Embassy Racing, Radical SR9 Judd, 1m 48.141s
- 6, Buncombe/Binnie/Timpany, Binnie Motorsport, Lola B05/40 Zytek, 1m 48.235s

GT1

- 1, Ayari/Ortelli, Team ORECA, Saleen S7R, 1m 53.062s
- 2, Garcia/Fittipaldi, Team Modena, Aston Martin DBR9, 1m 54.094s
- 3, Bouchut/Gardel/Gollin, Larbre Competition, Aston Martin DBR9, 1m 54.367s
- 4, Policand/Alphand/Goueslard, Luc Alphand Aventures, Corvette C6.R, 1m 54.477s
- 5, Tavano/Perazzini/Cioci, Racing Box, Saleen S7-R1m 54.851s
- 6, Gregory Franchi/Gregor Fischen/Steve Zacchia (Aston Martin DBR9) 1m 55.930s

GT2

- 1, Bell/Simonsen, Vlrgo Motorsport, Ferrari 430 GT, 1m 58.930s
- 2, Werner/Ehret/Erik Nielsen, Farnbacher Racing, Porsche GT3 RSR, 1m 59.070s
- 3, Lieb/Pompidou, Team Felbermayr Proton, Porsche GT3 RSR, 1m 59.133s
- 4, Lietz/Narac, IMSA Performance Matmut, Porsche GT3 RSR, 1m 59.148s
- 5, Mowlem/Drudi/Rosa, GPC, Ferrari 430GT, 1m 59.563s
- 6, Beltoise/Smith/Hesnault, Thierry Perrier, Porsche GT3 RSR, 2m 00.023s



Pole for Peugeot as Gene masters the 'Ring

For the third time in as many Le Mans Series races in 2007, Peugeot will start from the front row of the grid as Spaniard Marc Gene out-qualified his team-mate Pedro Lamy at the Nurburgring. The two Peugeots lapped faster than last year's pole position time, as did third-placed Stefan Mücke in the Charouz Lola, and Hayanari Shimoda, who was disappointed to be fourth in his Zytek.

The threat of rain has eased and qualifying took place in completely dry conditions after overnight rain. In the Eifel region no one can confidently predict the weather conditions, but the latest guess is that it will remain cloudy but dry for the remainder of the weekend. That is good news for the teams which endured the torrid conditions at Le Mans just two weeks ago.

Gene, who shares the Peugeot 908 HDi FAP with last year's pole position winner Nicolas Minassian, set a time

of 1m41.867s, nearly three tenths of a second ahead of his team-mate Pedro Lamy. Though the two diesel-powered French cars were more than two seconds faster than Mücke, Gene believed he could have lapped even faster.

"It was a reasonable lap," he said. "On my first lap I made a mistake and selected the wrong gear but on my third lap I tried again and made the fastest lap when the tyres were past their best."

Mücke, who will drive the Lola with Alex Yoong and Jan Charouz, admitted that he could have gone faster, too, but that he could not have matched the speed of the Peugeots. "I am very happy," said the German. "Maybe a 1m44 flat was possible, but third is the best that we could do today."

Jonathan Cochet set fifth fastest time in the Courage, ahead of Emmanuel Collard who was trying Michelin soft rubber in his Pescarolo.

The Rollcentre team of Joao Barbosa and Stuart Hall, which finished fourth overall at Le Mans, managed only 11th fastest time in their Pescarolo, while working on a race set-up.

“LM” P2

Throughout the weekend the LMP2 cars have been extremely competitive overall and in qualifying, Tommy Erdos set eighth fastest time overall in the RML MG Lola.

The Brazilian, sharing with Mike Newton, set a time of 1m45.492s to head the Zytek of Michael Vergers. “The car worked very well and we are very happy with it,” said the Brazilian. “I think that it will be good for the race.”

Less than one tenth of a second separated the two cars, but Erdos was confident that his team has the upper hand. “He [Vergers] spent the whole session trying to beat our time so we will go into the race with fresher tyres.”

Stuart Moseley was third fastest in the class in the Bruichladdich Radical while Miguel de Castro was fourth fastest in class, 15th position overall in the Quifel ASM Team Lola.

The Portuguese was delighted with the performance of his car but was battling a mechanical problem throughout the qualifying session. “We can brake extremely late, but I cannot get through the gears fast enough,” he said.

“We have to change down over a space of maybe 30 metres, and have to make a lot of gearchanges in that short time.” The Embassy Racing team were fifth, ahead of the Le Mans winning Binnie Motorsports team.



“LM” GT1

Three different manufacturers feature in the first four positions of this highly competitive class with Saleen, Aston Martin and Corvette vying for top spot at the Nurburgring.

Soheil Ayari set pole position time in the Team ORECA Saleen S7R, ahead of two Aston Martins from the Team Modena and Aston Martin Racing Larbre Competition teams.

It was an impressive performance by the Frenchman, who headed Spaniard Antonio Garcia by more than a second.

“We have had pole at three of the Le Mans Series races,” said Ayari, who with co-driver Stephane Ortelli lies fourth in the standings with just one win. “I hope that we will keep the same place in the race, that is the main target!”

Christophe Bouchut was third fastest

for the Larbre Competition team, while Jerome Policand was able to set fourth fastest time in the points-leading Luc Alphand Aventures Corvette C6R.

“LM” GT2

Ferrari has finally broken the IMSA Performance Matmut team’s record of pole positions when Rob Bell set fastest time in the Virgo Motorsport Ferrari 430 GT.

The British driver, trying out new Dunlop tyres, beat Dirck Werner’s best in the Farnbacher Racing Porsche by little more than a tenth of a second to score the Italian marque’s first pole in the series this year.

“The Porsches get stronger and stronger and it is hard to stay ahead of them,” said Bell, who with Allan Simonsen leads the drivers’ standings. “We have new compounds from Dunlop and they worked very well.”

Marc Lieb was third fastest in the Felbermayr Proton Porsche shared with Xavier Pompidou, ahead of Lietz who was nevertheless happy with his position.

“The weather is too cold for us,” said the German who recorded pole at Monza and Valencia. “We brought one compound with us but the weather is not warm enough to suit the tyres. The tyres will be fine over a full stint, but not over one lap. I am happy with the lap time because I didn’t think that we could go that fast!”

The team failed to secure pole position at Le Mans, but went on to win the race and the team is hoping to repeat its fortune here.

