



LE MANS 24 HOURS

Sunday, June 14, 2009

Final report: at 15:00 (after 24 hours)

MISSION ACCOMPLISHED – A PEUGEOT ONE-TWO!

Although they were naturally nerve-wracking for everyone at Team Peugeot Total, the final three hours of the 2009 Le Mans Hours passed off with a hitch for the French squad, and the two front-running Peugeot 908 HDi FAPs went on to collect an emphatic one-two finish. The winning machine (N°9, Gené/Wurz/Brabham) finished seven laps clear of the best-placed non-Peugeot runner at the flag (Audi N°1), with the N°8 sister car (Sarrazin/Montagny/Bourdais) following it across the line to claim second spot. The N°7 car (Minassian/Lamy/Klien) completed the distance in sixth spot despite a spate of problems in the early hours of the morning.

(Conditions: bright and sunny, with some cloud cover 21°C → 26°C)

Final positions at 15:00:

1, Gené/Wurz/Brabham	Peugeot 908 HDi FAP (N°9)	382 laps (5206km)
2, Sarrazin/Montagny/Bourdais	Peugeot 908 HDi FAP (N°8)	+1 lap
3, Capello/Kristensen/McNish	Audi R15	+6 laps
4, Charouz/Engel/Mucke	Lola Aston Martin	+ 9 laps
5, Panis/Lapierre/Ayari	Oreca	+13 laps
6, Minassian/Lamy/Klien	Peugeot 908 HDi FAP (N°7)	+13 laps. Etc.

Pit stops and incidents:

N°7 Peugeot 908 HDi FAP (Nicolas Minassian / Pedro Lamy / Christian Klien):

12.37: pit-stop (fuel and front-end change).
 13.21: pit-stop (fuel and tyres). Minassian takes over from Lamy
 13.48: pit-stop (fuel)
 14.32: pit-stop (fuel)

N°8 Peugeot 908 HDi FAP (Stéphane Sarrazin / Franck Montagny / Sébastien Bourdais):

12.50: pit-stop (fuel)
 13.41: pit-stop (fuel and tyres)
 14.27: pit-stop (fuel)

N°9 Peugeot 908 HDi FAP (Marc Gene / Alexander Wurz / David Brabham):

12.41: pit-stop (fuel)
 13.25: pit-stop (fuel and tyres)
 13.48: pit-stop (fuel)
 13.53: pit-stop (screen cleaned)
 14.29: pit-stop (fuel)

Observations:

The rain holds off in the end and the finish is completely dry. As every year, the end of the race is marked by a number of accidents, and the N°5 Porsche's off prompted the safety car to be sent out one last time at 1.46pm. The N°7 and N°9 Peugeots profited from the neutralisation to pit for fuel. The safety car peeled off at 2.20pm and the three Peugeots made one last stop before the chequered flag. Sébastien Bourdais slows on purpose to enable the three Peugeot 908 HDi FAPs to cross the line in formation. Victory for Peugeot!

Summary of driver stints:

N°7 Peugeot 908 HDi FAP

Pedro Lamy: 1 stint + 3 stints + 3.5 stints + 2 stints
 Nicolas Minassian: 3 stints + 3 stints + 4 stints+ 2 stints
 Christian Klien: 2 stints + 4 stints + 3 stints

N°8 Peugeot 908 HDi FAP

Franck Montagny: 4 stints + 3 stints + 3 stints
 Stéphane Sarrazin: 3 stints + 3 stints + 4.5 stints
 Sébastien Bourdais: 4 stints + 3 stints + 3 stints

N°9 Peugeot 908 HDi FAP

Alexander Wurz: 2 stints + 3 stints + 2 stints + 4 stints
 Marc Gené: 3 stints + 3 stints + 3.5 stints + 3.5 stints
 David Brabham: 3 stints + 3 stints + 3 stints.

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