

## BREMBO'S LATEST LIGHTWEIGHT BRAKE TECHNOLOGY TO BE FEATURED AT THE 80<sup>TH</sup> RUNNING OF THE 24 HOURS OF LE MANS Brembo To Supply More Than Two-Thirds Of The Field

LE MANS, France, June 15, 2012 – Fifty-six race cars from around the world will take the green flag tomorrow in the classic 24 Hours of Le Mans, the world's greatest endurance race. For Le Mans, Brembo's focus is on **lightweight long-lasting brake technology**, especially for the new hybrids where reduced weight is critical for success and podium finishes. Most of the prototypes run lightweight monobloc aluminum calipers with carbon-carbon discs, 380mm in front and 355 or 332mm on the rear axle, while GT cars are required to use the heavier cast iron rotors.

Brembo has been dominant at the legendary 8.5-mile Circuit de la Sarthe where the Italian brake manufacturer will be racing for its **12th overall victory in the past 13 years**, as well as numerous class wins.

Brembo will again **supply more than two-thirds of the field** for Le Mans this year, including 18 LMP prototypes. 18 GT cars, including every Aston Martin, Ferrari and Porsche, will also be Brembo-equipped.

Technology has always been at the forefront at Le Mans starting with the first radial tire in 1951, the first disc brake in 1953, the first turbo-charged race engine in 1974, the first win for a rotary engine in 1991 and the first victory for a diesel in 2006. And 2012 might see the first win for a Hybrid engine as both Audi Sport and Toyota Racing will each enter two hybrids to compete with two Audi R18 Ultras (Ultra lightweight) for overall honors. Other challenges will come from the legendary French Team Pescarolo in LMP1, along with eight Orecas in LMP2, all Brembo-equipped.

Whether four-wheel or two, open-wheel, prototype or GT, since Brembo began racing with Ferrari in 1975, the Italian manufacturer of high-performance braking systems has won more world championships at more great venues like Le Mans, Daytona, Sebring, Monaco and Baja than any other competitor.

Racing teams and manufacturers such as Aston Martin, Audi, Ferrari and Porsche, who demand the best, turn to the experts in braking technology and performance: Brembo. The strong support and trusted relationships that Brembo has with more than 30 original equipment manufacturers and hundreds of championship-winning race teams in F1, MotoGP, WRC, NASCAR, IndyCar and sports cars, is based on the fact that Brembo is the industry benchmark. There is no other company or product line on the market that can match Brembo's level of technology and performance.

## About Brembo SpA

Brembo SpA is the world leader and acknowledged innovator of the disc brake technology for automotive vehicles. Brembo supplies high performance brake systems - for the most important manufacturers of cars, commercial vehicles and motorbikes worldwide - as well as clutches, seats, seat belts and other components for racing only. Today the company operates in 15 countries of 3 continents, with 35 production and business sites, and a pool of more than 6700 employees, about 10% of whom are engineers and product specialists active in the R&D. 2011 turnover is € 1,255

million. Brembo is the owner of the Brembo, Breco, Bybre, Marchesini, and Sabelt brands and operates through the AP Racing brand.

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