E20 R60 Petrol Fuel Experience in Competitive Long Distance Racing

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# Agenda



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**Fuel Definition** 



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# **We Race To Win.**Vision: Sustainable Motorsport

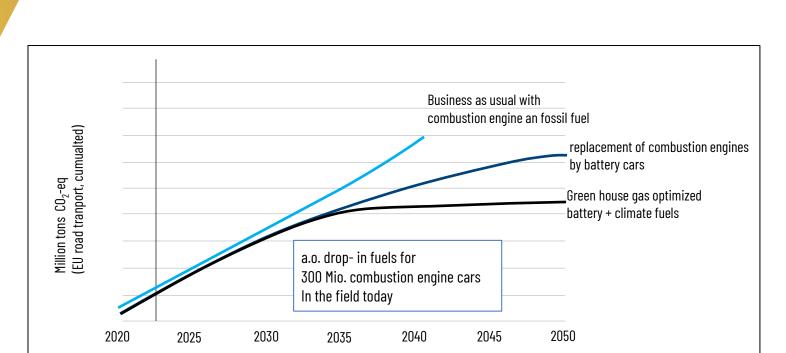


Max Kruse professional soccer player

Benny Leuchter professional race driver



# **Development of Green House Gas Emissions in different EU-scenarios**



Source: Volkswagen AG based on FVV fuel Study 4b and others



Max Kruse Racing can become an important ambassador using regenerative fuels in motorsport







- Quality, esp. antiknock behaviour
- Performance and consumption
- Availability on the race track
- Compatibility with existing vehicles
- Price
- Availability in future



Source: Volkswagen AG

Max Kruse Racing

### **E20** defines a sweetspot

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fast ramp up possible visiable step for the customer

high number of cars from the legacy fleet are compatible\*

production technology has high technology rediness level

raw material capacity for the EU market  $\cong 20\%$ 



ethanol can be produced cost effective from waste and residues

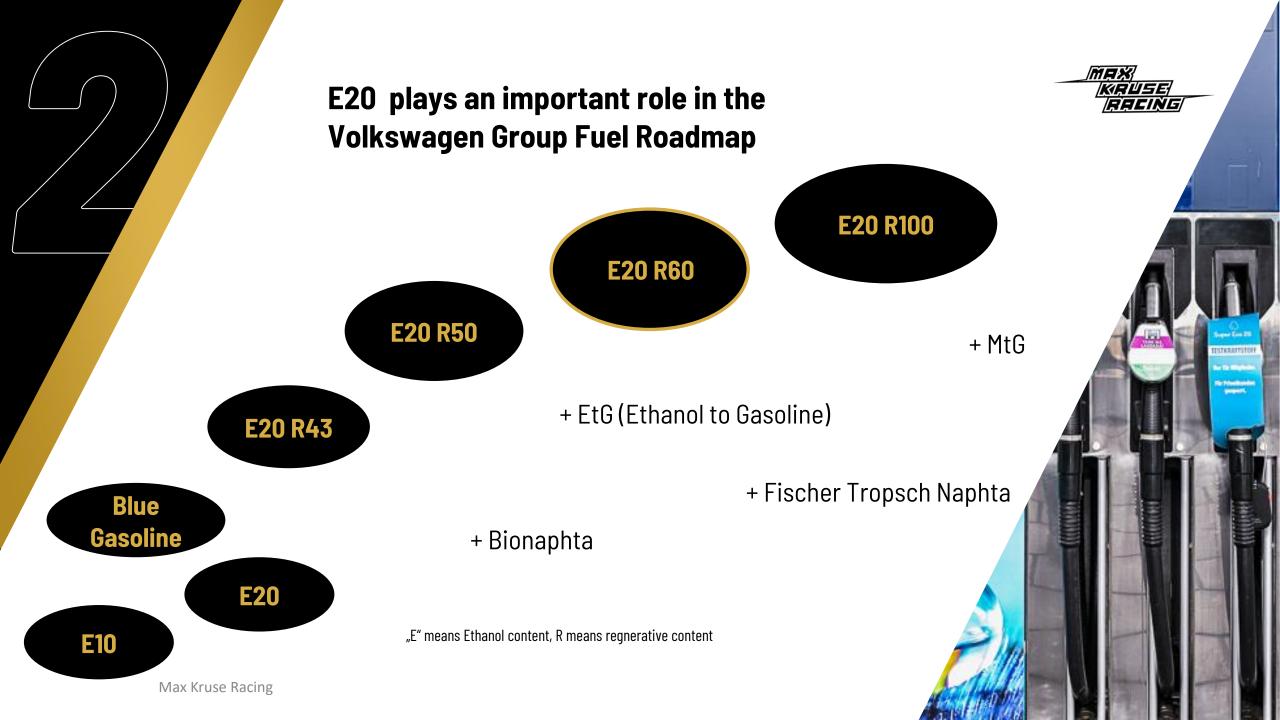
car range not significantly affected

high RON
is enabler for regenerative
base fuels

future cars could be operated more efficient thanks to RON and evaporation enthalpie

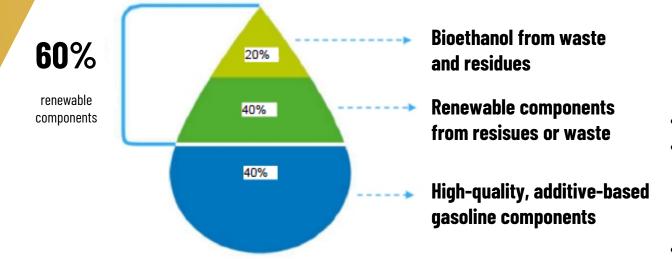


\*Source: Volkswagen AG



# **Available E20 R60 for Racing**





- E20 Gasoline contains 60 percent renewable components.
- The test gasoline used E20 Gasoline with approx. 60% vol. renewable content has the potential to bring a C02 reduction of up to 35-40% (compared to E0) \* \*
- The fuel has an octane number of over 100 and thus increased performance and excellent combustion properties
- The quality of the E20 complies with the DIN pre-standard draft
- The special racing fuel E20 Gasoline was developed together with Volkswagen at the Shell Technology Center in Hamburg.

Source: Shell

<sup>\*</sup>According to mass-balanced PoS/certified raw material

<sup>\*\*</sup> Well to Wheel CO reduction based on the CO values of the sustainability certificates of the biofuels used with 93.3 g CO /MJ as a reference for fossil gasoline and calculation according to the 38th BimSchV



# Getting the fuel to the race track



- Application of the engine on the test bench:
  - significant more torque at low engine speed
  - constant power at high temperatures
  - availability for more power (restricted by balance of performance)
- Starting with 4 cars in the NLS including 1 Porsche 911 GT3
- Starting with 4 cars at the 24h race including 2x Golf 8 GTI in the AT Class
- Using a special refueling area, seperate from the boxes
- Driving 100+ hours track tests
- Over 80 hours of competitive racing planned for 2025



# **Impressions**



#### Media data of 24h Nürburgring:

- > 240.000 visitors
- > 1.700 international TV broadcasts
- > 100 Mio. social media reach





# Max Kruse Racing on Social Media





1200+ **POSTS** 





1. August 2024













#### **Results**



Class win in the AT class in 24 h Race Nürburgring



**5 class wins overall** in the AT Class by Max Kruse Racing (3 of these with Benny Leuchter)



First time in Top 10 overall ranking of an AT class car (Position 9 in 55th Adenauer ADAC Rundstrecken Trophy, almost 30 seconds faster than second placed car in AT class)



Source: Volkswagen AG



#### **Gear Up: Future Plans**

#### The new Season:

- Start again with E20 R60
- Fuel available in the box
- 5-6 cars in the AT class per race
- Complete Championship NLS
- 24h Race at the Nürburgring
- Results: WE RACE TO WIN.

#### On the medium run:

- Increase of regenerative share up to 100%
- Sustainable fuel as standard
- Also race taxis, logistics, tire heating and visitors use sustainable fuels
- Mixture of biofuels and eFuels

#### On the long term:

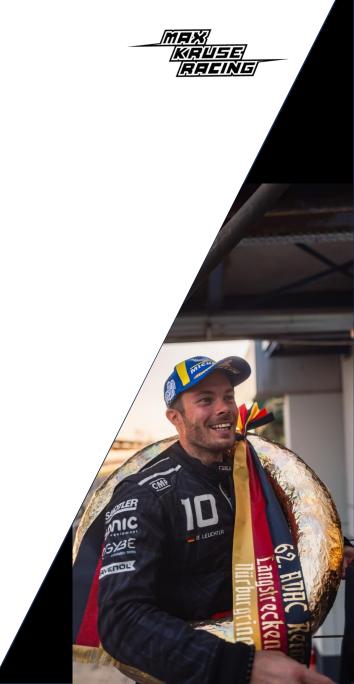
All teams use climate friendly sustainable fuels





#### Conclusion

- E20 R60 racing fuels were used on the race track during a successful season
- Future mobility needs both: battery vehicles with green electricity and combustion engine powered cars with regenerative fuels
- Max Kruse Racing is aware of resposibility due to lighthouse character and steps forward with strong partners to make racing fuels more suatainable
- Max Kruse Racing will proceed using sustainable fuels and expand these activities in future
- Seperate refueling area is still hindering the use and overall result performance and should be removed in future
- Race organizations should reward race teams that use alternative fuels with benefit(s), resulting in attracting more race teams to compete with alternative fuels





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