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## **New ride at the Nürburgring is a world premiere**

**From 0 to 217 km/h in 2.5 seconds – at this acceleration even a Formula 1 car would come in second. A world first from 2009 at the Nürburgring.**

It could hardly be any more authentic. The build-up of tension before the start, the adrenalin which starts pumping when the lights change to green and your body being forced back into the seat under the acceleration.

This is what it must feel like to be a racing driver, and this is how visitors to the Nürburgring will feel when they are catapulted at 217 km/h on this spectacular ride or “coaster” as it is called in technical jargon. As a comparison, a Formula 1 bolid cannot do this in 2.5 seconds – it would take almost twice as long from the grid.

This ride provides a unique, genuine and lasting experience right along the start/finish straight of the Nürburgring. This is the only place in the world where riders can shoot off at such speeds right next to a real racing circuit. After the passengers get on, which takes place in a station in the new indoor attraction, the coaster heads for its starting point parallel to the start and finish line on the real Grand Prix track. The cars accelerate from here to 217 km/h, travelling 480 metres along the circuit and then making a sharp left turn. The return route takes passengers through the boulevard, ending up back at the station. Two four-people cars take eight people at a time, covering a total of 1.2 kilometres. There is plenty of adrenalin included.

The ride is manufactured by S&S Power, which came out on top in a global public tendering procedure. “S&S Power is one of the leading companies for coasters operating on compressed air and has a great deal of experience”, explains Dr. Walter Kafitz, CEO of Nürburgring GmbH. “The production of the individual components (including cars, wheels and steel) is subject to the German Technical Inspection Authority (TÜV) standard, the German industry standard (DIN) and the European Standard (EN) and will be almost entirely undertaken by companies in Germany and Europe”. Acceleration using compressed air enables top speeds, is reliable, safe and energy-efficient.

The coaster is part of the “Nürburgring 2009” project which is currently in the construction phase. Thus a boulevard is being built along the start and finish straight, which can be used in all weathers and all year round and which combines several activities under one roof: Leading global brand vehicle manufacturers and accessories specialists, a new indoor attraction (a mixture of a science centre, museum and world of experiences), a carting track, an indoor arena and an event hall and welcome centre. There will also be a modern main grand stand with 5,000 seats and a business lounge. A new four-star hotel with 160 rooms, the “Motorsport Resort” near the Offroad-Park and the exciting gastronomy of “Dorf Eifel” (Eifel village) round off the region's overall offer.

As a result, by spring next year one of the most successful circuits in the world will develop into an all-year-round leisure and business centre based on motorsport and mobility. The Nürburgring already attracts around two million visitors to the Eifel region a year to attend around 100 motor racing events and 200 other events.

Further information can be found at [www.nuerburgring.de](http://www.nuerburgring.de).