



Judd powered – Michelin shod DBA4 in 2005

Nicolas Minassian will enjoy the use of Judd engines in the Le Mans Endurance Series this year as Creation Autosportif has opted to run the Engine Developments built Judd 3.4 litre V8 rather than the Zytek used in the Reynard-designed DB04-03S in 2004.

Creation had a good working relationship with Zytek, but with the engine supplier undergoing an extensive A1 GP engine programme the decision to switch to Judd was taken. Judd has a vast amount of endurance experience and is expected to provide the team with a more focused and sportscar orientated approach.

John Judd has an impressive pedigree in motorsport having worked with Sir Jack Brabham in the 1960s before going into business with the Australian and forming Engine Developments Ltd in 1971. Since then the company has worked with Ford, Honda and built its own Formula One engine used by various teams in the late 1980s before moving to sportscar racing.

The team has also made the switch to Michelin tyres for the coming season, bidding farewell to friends at Dunlop who have been instrumental in helping the young team achieve such solid results in 2004. Looking to the future; Michelin has a fantastic record in endurance events having taken seven consecutive wins at Le Mans, showing an unquestionable commitment to the sportscars category.

In a separate announcement, Creation announced a partnership with Dura workshop systems who will be supplying the team with their latest storage system and "anti-static" flooring.





Editorial Notes

Nicolas Minassian, 31, lives in England with his wife Jayne. Minassian was runner up in the French F3 Championship in 1995, British F3 in 1997 and the FIA F3000 Championship in 2000. He has tested with both Williams and Honda in Formula One and competed in the Champ Car World Series with Ganassi Racing before taking the 2002 ASCAR title with RML. With Creation Autosportif, Minassian took the LMES Championship by storm in the inaugural four-round series in 2004 and stays with the team for 2005.

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