



## VORTEX V8

A French team, which will be competing with #203 GC Automobile GC 10 V8 (6200cc), and their Vortex 1.0 (6200cc) #204.



*Could you tell us a bit about your team?*

*What makes your team so special?*

We are a manufacturer of 2 wheels and 4 wheels' competition vehicles. We are based in the south of France, and we build **Silhouette vehicles** that can be used in class A6 and SP2 for the 24H SERIES. For the 24H TCE SERIES we build SP3-GT4 vehicles.

*How do you feel about your performance in 2017's season so far?*

We are very satisfied with the performance of our latest creation, Vortex 1.0, Which has been designed with the goal to fight in the middle of class A6, in between teams with big budget. As for our SP2-car, it has proven to be a valid contender in the class. Every race it aims to be the winner of its class.

*What are your team's ambitions for this year's race at Circuit Paul Ricard?*

Our ambition for the 2017 edition of this race is the **SP2-class win** with the Gotsche and Jean Christophe Rey families piloting the car. As for the Vortex 1.0 in the A6 category, performances seen at Hankook 12H MUGELLO and Hankook 12H RED BULL RING will need to be **transferred into results**.

*What is your key to a winning strategy? How do you prepare yourself for Hankook 24H CIRCUIT PAUL RICARD?*

The circuit of the Castellet is very safe. However, there are some **curbs** that can prove **dangerous** to touch. The knowledge we have about the circuit allows us to guide our drivers, wherefore we can give them maximum advice. After that, as every 24-hours, we will begin the meeting with cars completely revised, which will benefit from a running-in on the circuit of the Paul Ricard.

*What do you like about Circuit Paul Ricard?*

The circuit of the Castellet is a legend. It offers a dream location, and the Circuit Paul Ricard has the installations to Formula 1 standards. Moreover, it is our home race, we take the opportunity to invite all our partners and sponsors. More personally, I (Arnaud Gomez) have a **special history** with the Castellet, I was Winfield pilot Castellet, and I got my first title of champion of France in 1998!

*Do you have any tips for the teams who do not have any experience on this circuit?*

The advice that I could give them is to brief their drivers to avoid collisions, also not to forget that the tour is long (5.8km), and therefore not to be missed in the strategy!

*How did you find out about the 24H SERIES and what interested you in participating in the 24H SERIES?*

We are **present** in 24H SERIES since **Hankook 24H DUBAI 2007**. This championship has evolved, has become professional, but has been able to leave the fair share to the amateurs. What interested us is that the offered circuits are interesting, and the media coverage is of first order.

*Any further information you would like to share with us?*

The Vortex V8 team during Hankook 24H CIRCUIT PAUL RICARD exist of: 25 people, 8 drivers, 2 cars (1x SP2 and 1x A6), a VIP receptive, 1 osteopath, 3 engineers, 2 semi-trailer, 15 tons of equipment, 1 team photographer, 1 cameraman