



## Ford debuts new Mustang GTD at Le Mans with elevated Performance package, driver-focused interior

- New Performance pack will serve as a key to completing a lap of the Nürburgring in under 7 minutes, <sup>1</sup> adding magnesium wheels, active aerodynamics, and a new front fascia with dive planes
- Mustang GTD's driver-focused interior revealed with large 3D-printed titanium paddle shifters, standard Recaro seats, and a thick-rimmed flat-bottom steering wheel with additional driver controls
- Mustang GTD delivers focused, performance-oriented driving experience with its own digital gauge cluster theme plus unique graphics as part of the reconfigurable centre display and SYNC 4 <sup>2</sup>

**LE MANS, France, June 12, 2024** – High performance, premium function and unmatched sophistication – the Ford Mustang GTD Carbon Series <sup>3</sup> debuting at this weekend's 24 Hours of Le Mans excels in every category, effortlessly elevating substance and style.

From a new Performance pack that enhances its agility to a driver-focused interior to exposed carbon fibre elements that showcase its cutting-edge construction, the Mustang GTD, in eye-catching Chroma Flame paint, is making a bold statement with its European debut.

The biggest statement comes from the Mustang GTD's Performance package. A key component in the quest for a sub-7-minute lap <sup>1</sup> of the fabled Nürburgring Nordschleife, it adds dive planes and a larger splitter to the front fascia, underbody flaps, and a drag reduction system to the rear wing. The active aerodynamic elements reduce drag in a straight line without sacrificing aerodynamic grip while cornering. The Performance pack also includes a Lightweight package, which removes some sound-deadening material and adds stunning 20-inch magnesium wheels, in addition to a unique front fascia. And while the Performance pack is featured on this Carbon Series model, it's available across the Mustang GTD range.

"Many sports cars excel at one thing. But for a car to set a quick lap at the Nürburgring, it needs to be great at everything. Cornering, grip, braking, acceleration, there's not a single area where it can't shine," said Mustang GTD Chief Engineer Greg Goodall. "From the lightweight carbon fibre body on every GTD to the active aerodynamics of the Performance package, we've learned from motorsport how to make the Mustang GTD excel everywhere, all in the quest for a sub-seven-minute lap of the Nürburgring."

A driver's confidence is essential to a car's performance and Mustang GTD can keep drivers focused and aware on every corner, chicane and straightaway. Standard Recaro seats are up to the task, working in tandem with a new Mustang GTD steering wheel. Le Mans marks the first ever showing of the GTD interior.

The flat-bottom steering wheel features a thick, well-padded rim with premium Dinamica inserts and a leather wrap, along with carbon fibre inserts. Exclusive to the Mustang GTD are buttons on the steering wheel, for adjusting the suspension firmness and exhaust mode, letting drivers keep their eyes on the road while adjusting how their Mustang GTD performs in corners and sounds when accelerating.

Two new buttons also join the hero panel ahead of the rotary gear selector to access the Track Apps page, and activate a front-axle lift function to help avoid car park and driveway obstacles.

Drivers also have greater control over how the standard eight-speed dual-clutch transaxle manages the supercharged 5.2-litre V8's targeted 800-plus-horsepower, thanks to impossible-to-miss 3D-printed titanium paddle shifters. Oversized and featuring a hexagonal pattern that's both light and gives the driver's fingers something to grip, it's yet another example of Ford using motorsports to improve the driving experience. Titanium trimming is also available on the rotary gear selector on the centre console.

"Mustang GTD does far more than elevate the Mustang's performance envelope. It brings a new more focused, premium feel to the cabin," said Design Manager Anthony Colard.

### **Motorsports Style That Sacrifices Nothing**

Mustang GTD's new Chroma Flame paint takes centre stage at Le Mans. One of six standard colours for Mustang GTD – alongside Polymimetic Gray, Race Red, Shadow Black, Frozen White and Lightning Blue – it's exclusive to the Mustang GTD. The deep burgundy shade pairs beautifully with the Carbon Series trim.

Highlighting the carbon fibre body, the Carbon Series leaves the bonnet, roof, and rear Tech Deck unpainted, while finishing the wheels (aluminium or magnesium) in Magnetite. Body colour or contrasting painted stripes are available, as are Grabber Blue, Race Red or Black painted brake callipers.

Mustang GTD elevates Mustang's cutting-edge software suite. The Unreal Engine gaming technology that powers the SYNC 4 infotainment system<sup>2</sup> now has Mustang GTD-specific welcome and farewell graphics on the 13.2-inch touchscreen and 12.4-inch reconfigurable digital gauge cluster. Each of the six drive modes features a Mustang GTD, while a new Performance gauge cluster is exclusive to the pinnacle of Mustang performance. It puts the gear indicator and tachometer front and centre, while stripping away all superfluous information. Finally, the Mustang avatar on the My Mustang page now features a Mustang GTD.

### **Applications Now Open in Europe**

Mustang GTD's European debut aligns with the official opening of the application window for the European market. At 13:00 CET on June 13, prospective Mustang GTD customers in Europe can go to [TheMustangGTD.com](http://TheMustangGTD.com) and apply to purchase the most audacious Mustang ever.

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<sup>1</sup> Based on manufacturer computer engineering simulations.

<sup>2</sup> Don't drive while distracted or while using handheld devices. Use voice-operated systems when possible. Some features may be locked out while the vehicle is in gear. Not all features are compatible with all phones.

<sup>3</sup> Officially homologated fuel efficiency and CO<sub>2</sub> emissions will be published closer to on-sale date. In accordance with the Worldwide Harmonized Light Vehicles Test Procedure (WLTP).

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