



# Press Release

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**Vermot AG presents concept for Veritas road and racing version –  
New model inspired by first German Formula 1 racer**

## **Veritas luxury retro racer sports a Glasurit finish**

**Münster/Grafschaft-Gelsdorf.** In Roman mythology, Veritas is the goddess of truth. But the eponymous car, the Veritas RS III, seems too good to be true. As the modern version of the first German Formula 1 racing car, the Veritas RS III is fascinating all kinds of people, thrilling the media and letting car aficionados enter a dreamworld. Its extraordinary features include its impressive design, perfect engineering and one-of-a-kind responses. Developed for the road, after additional modifications it will be fit for the racetrack as well. The cars have been refinished with environmentally friendly 90 Line waterborne paints from Glasurit, BASF Coatings' refinishing brand.

Vermot AG, located in Grafschaft-Gelsdorf near the German city of Aachen, has succeeded in developing an extraordinary retro-car for today, based on a classic model. Bernd Paetz, CEO of Vermot AG, says, "With the Veritas RS III, we want our customers to experience the original fascination with cars and transport the concept of these automotive legends far into the future. That's why our motto is 'The true race feeling.'" No matter where Paetz and his team present the car, they are sure to attract throngs of fans and stir up a media blitz. Whether it appears at the Formula 1 race in Monaco or at the Oldtimer

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Grand Prix at the Nürburgring racetrack, the flat, sleek racer, with its characteristic design and distinctive details, such as the radiator grille and other elements that promote the aerodynamics, doesn't just stand out – it attracts people as if by magic.

## **Finish accentuates form and design**

There's no doubt that the finish of the Veritas is a crucial element of its overall image. Ina Bauer, an employee of Vermot, selected the color from Glasurit's 90 Line, the world's most successful waterborne paint system. 90 Line complies with the stringent legislation for environmental protection. Even simulating original colors from the early days of the Veritas after World War II is no problem with Glasurit's Classic Car Color System. To do this job, BASF Coatings in Münster provides the world's largest color archive with over 200,000 color formulas. Glasurit also offers modern, even futuristic metallics. The Veritas sparkles in silver – a color that fits just glowingly. Vermot ordered the paints from K LW, a Glasurit dealer in Cologne that has already been an exclusive partner of Glasurit for over 15 years.

## **A real power pack**

The Veritas developers have packed the car with all kinds of power. The 600 horsepower engine of the V10 or the 480 horsepower of the V8 need to be mastered without the help of today's electronic aids, such as anti-skid brakes, traction control and power brakes. The 480 horsepower version reaches top speeds of 329 kilometers per hour



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and the 600 horsepower variant is even faster, getting up to 347 kilometers per hour.

## **Veritas – constantly refined, enjoying huge demand**

The future of the Veritas is just as radiant as its Glasurit paint. Numerous orders have been placed for the RS III, including from the Arab countries. The first monocoque will be produced in a limited series of 30 cars maximum, with annual facelifts planned starting in 2009, Paetz announced. Starting in 2009 too, Vermot will be offering a hardtop version of the two-seater RS III, the RS III Coupé. And 2009 will also see the production launch of the Veritas GT – as a limited edition of no more than 30 cars.

## **Car racing as a technology platform**

Like for many other car manufacturers, for Vermot, car racing will serve as an important technology platform. For this reason, the Veritas Brabham racing team was set up, which will be driving the racing version of the Veritas at a number of racing events. For 2009, the car is scheduled to participate in the long-distance championship and the 24-hour race at the Nürburgring racetrack, while 2010 will see participation in the 24-hour races in Spa, Silverstone, Valencia, Bahrain and again at the Nürburgring. In 2011, the entry in the FIA GT series is planned. Then for 2012, plans include participation in the 24-hour race of the prototypes in Le Mans.



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Famous car racing greats including Sven Heidfeld (Porsche Cup and Formula 3000 to Formula 3), Uli Baumert (long-distance championship professional and 24-hour-race specialist) and Markus Gutjahr (German Cart Champion and Formula König).

## **A legendary car**

Ernst Loof, Schorsch Meyer and Lorenz Dietrich built the first “BMW Veritas” on the basis of the BMW 328 and began an incomparable series of racetrack victories in 1949. In the first race after World War II, the Veritas was the victor – in front of 300,000 fascinated spectators. All in all, the successful racing car won 13 German championships and took 29 first places within just a few years.

Starting in 1951, the “Veritas-Nürburgring” was produced directly in the pits at the Nürburgring racetrack. That same year, the unparalleled development of the racing team was crowned by the participation of a Veritas Meteor in the Swiss Formula 1 Grand Prix, which made the Veritas the first German Formula 1 racing car ever. Even today, the fascination with these legendary cars is just as powerful as ever.

With the Veritas RS III, Vermot is launching the next generation on the road. It’s the continuation of a success story that simultaneously heralds the beginning of a new era.



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## Facts and Figures

Engine:	BMW 5.0 I, V8, manual transmission (V10, sequential transmission)
Displacement:	4999 cm <sup>3</sup>
Power:	480 PS (600 PS)
V-max::	329 km/h (347 km/h)
Acceleration (0-100 km/h):	3.6 s (3.2 s)
L x W x H:	4990 x 1974 x 974 mm
Weight::	1080 kg (1170 kg)
Wheelbase:	2840 mm
Chassis:	Tubular framework
Body:	Carbon-Kevlar
Differential:	BMW with the option of various ratios and locks
Suspension:	Independent with Öhlins shock- absorber components
Tyres/wheels:	Brabham RS, 10.5 x 20 285/30- 20;12.5 x 20 335/25-20
Brakes:	TRW Racing, front: 6-piston, 380 mm, rear: 4-piston, 355 mm
Exhaust:	Stainless steel manifolds, metal sport catalysers, stainless exhaust system with flap control
Interior appointment:	Nappa leather bucket seats, harness belt



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