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## ***Mobil 1 Twelve Hours of Sebring*** ***12TH - 15TH MARCH 2008***



*The Mobil 1 sponsored Porsche RS Spyder No. 7 wins the 2008 Mobil 1 Twelve Hours of Sebring.*

Porsche, the most storied name in the history of the Mobil 1 Twelve Hours of Sebring – America’s oldest sports car race – added to its legacy with a double victory at the 3.7-mile airport course in Central Florida. After a gripping fight right to the final lap, Timo Bernhard (Germany), Romain Dumas (France) and Emmanuel Collard (France) claimed the 18th overall win for Porsche at the Mobil 1 Twelve Hours of Sebring with their 3.4-liter, V8 Penske Porsche RS Spyder to claim a one-minute victory over the Dyson Racing Porsche RS Spyder. Third overall, and first in the more powerful LMP1 class, was the Audi R10/TDI of Capello/McNish/Kristensen. The second Penske Racing RS Spyder (No. 6), driven by Sascha Maassen (Germany), Patrick Long (USA) and Ryan Briscoe (Australia) was running in the top three early in the event, but a broken water pump lead to overheating, forcing the car out of the race - it was the first time since its debut in 2005 that an RS Spyder did not finish a race due to mechanical failure. The Porsche triumph was made perfect by Butch Leitzinger (USA), Marino Franchitti (Great Britain) and Andy Lally (USA) finishing in second place (overall) in the Dyson Racing Porsche RS Spyder. Porsche also celebrated a convincing double victory in the GT2 class (Porsche 911 GT3) for modified standard sports cars.

Hans-Joachim Stuck and Klaus Ludwig in a Porsche 962 provided Porsche with the last overall victory back at America’s oldest sports car race in 1988. Now with 18 overall wins and 65 class victories at Sebring, Porsche further consolidates its position as the most successful manufacturer.

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The 56th running of the Sebring 12 hour race was hard to surpass for excitement and drama. The 150,000 spectators lining the airfield circuit in the heart of Florida experienced thrilling fights for positions with many lead changes – and an impressive showing of the Porsche RS Spyder. Thanks to the consistently strong performance over the entire race distance and the clearly superior race strategy, the Weissach-developed and built sports prototype prevailed over the almost 300 hp more powerful Audi and Peugeot cars. The LMP1 vehicles, with around 40 percent better power to weight ratio, dominated in practice posting the quickest lap times. However, during the race it was continuity and team work that tipped the balance to Porsche. For the winners, victory at the 12 hours of Sebring is one of the most important triumphs in their career.

A historic weekend for Penske Racing and with the Mobil 1 Twelve hours of Sebring and the Daytona 500 (the most popular race of the NASCAR series), Roger Penske's squad won two of the most famous races in America within four weeks. No other team has managed this feat.

### TIMO BERNHARD

*"I can hardly believe that we beat the faster LMP1 cars. This success is easy to explain. Of all the teams, we made the least mistakes and were the most consistent drivers. The race presented many challenges for both drivers and crew as we always had to decide between conserving fuel and maintaining a pre-determined pace, and charging ahead to catch up or extend a lead. Sometimes those situations changed from lap to lap, but Penske Racing was up to the strategy solutions, and my driving partners Dumas and Collard did their part on the track"*

### EMMANUEL COLLARD

*"That was one of the hardest and most wonderful races of my life. To win here you have to drive at the absolute limit. Our objective was to win our class. That we won overall makes me ecstatic."*

## POINTS' STANDINGS

### DRIVERS LMP2 CLASS

1	Timo Bernhard, Porsche	26
-	Romain Dumas, Porsche	26
-	Emmanuel Collard, Porsche	26
4	Butch Leitzinger, Porsche	22
5	Marino Franchitti, Porsche	22

### MANUFACTURERS LMP2 CLASS – ENGINE

1	Porsche	26
2	Acura	16

