

News Release

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LEXUS LFA Code X with Akebono Brakes Wins Class Championship at Nurburgring 24 Hour Endurance Race

Tokyo, Japan – (May 27, 2015) – The LEXUS LFA Code X of TOYOTA GAZOO Racing, equipped with brakes supplied by Akebono, took first place in the SP-PRO category for the second consecutive year, and finished 14th overall at the Nurburgring 24 Hour Endurance Race, held May 16th and 17th in Germany. Akebono Brake Industry Co., Ltd. has supplied brake calipers and brake pads for the team since 2010.

“We are very proud of LFA’s class championship again this year,” said Yoshio Totsuka, President of Akebono Advanced Engineering Co., Ltd.* “Brake performance improvements in lightweight design and cooling capability are regarded as more important than ever. We will continue developing our brake technology through participation in motorsports to achieve cutting edge technology, and thereby differentiating ourselves from competitors.”

Leveraging the company’s sophisticated brake technologies and development capability, since 2002 Akebono has partnered in numerous motorsports activities, with the aim of further augmenting expertise in the fields of high-performance brake materials, advanced structural designs and surface finishing technologies. The company will utilize this technological capability in developing brake products for high-performance road cars.

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