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RED BULL DRONE 1: MotoGP ACTION FROM A MAJESTIC PERSPECTIVE

Motorcycle World Championship | Austrian GP 2025 | 14th to 17th August | Spielberg | Red Bull Drone 1 | Camera drone delivers breathtaking images of Jonas Folger on MotoGP bike | Red Bull Ring | Bird's eye view at top speed

Can a racing drone keep up with the fastest machines in motorsport? Yes, it can! With the 2025 MotoGP weekend at Spielberg about to get underway, the Red Bull Drone 1 followed a Red Bull KTM RC16 around the Austrian Grand Prix circuit, showing the speed and performance of the motorcycle elite from a totally new perspective. MotoGP fans will definitely want to see the footage of this! And if you want to see the top names of the sport live and up close but haven't yet got your ticket, these can still be purchased online until Friday at www.redbullring.com as well as at the gate on the day.

Red Bull Drone 1 tracks MotoGP bike for the first time. After successfully capturing Max Verstappen in his F1 car in 2024 and being deployed in the World Rally Championship and the Red Bull Rookies Cup earlier this year, the Red Bull Drone 1 has now made its MotoGP debut at Spielberg. The custom-built FPV device is controlled entirely manually by **Ralph Hogenbirk**, alias Shaggy FPV, using two highly sensitive control levers. The pilot simultaneously adjusts the camera angle with his foot. He spoke to us after tracking **Jonas Folger** doing a high-speed lap of the Red Bull Ring on a top-of-the range motorcycle: *"It was incredibly challenging to follow the MotoGP bike, but we can definitely be satisfied with the result. The acceleration is insane, which, along with the braking, are the two fundamental differences compared to a Formula 1 car. Jonas was going really fast, and we have to precisely catch the moment when he increases the revs, otherwise he'll just pull away from us. The Red Bull Ring is a very challenging circuit to fly. We had to use all kinds of braking manoeuvres and camera angles throughout the entire lap. The combination of tight, fast corners and high-speed straights is really fun."* **The images it sent back were truly spectacular:** <https://win.gs/418tbqa>

Weighing less than a kilogram, it has pure racing DNA, reaching a top speed of 350 km/h. The drone was developed by the designers and pilots of the Netherlands-based Dutch Drone Gods outfit in collaboration with Red Bull Advanced Technologies. The device, which weighs less than one kilogram and is made of carbon, fibreglass and 3D polymers, can accelerate from 0 to 100 km/h in less than two seconds and from 100 to 300 km/h in a further two seconds. With a top speed of 350 km/h, it can reach forces of up to 6G when fully loaded. On the basis of this performance, the Red Bull Drone 1 has a bright future ahead of it, delivering spectacular images from the world of motorsport.

The Red Bull Ring is all geared up to welcome the motorcycle elite, and so are the fans, who are in for a festival of motorsport as only the Austrians know how to do it. From Thursday through to Sunday, the circuit in the heart of Steiermark province will be serving up a programme of first-class race action, live concerts and other entertainments on and off the track.

For further information about the BWIN Motorcycle Grand Prix of Austria 2025, visit www.redbullring.com. Tickets can be purchased online until Friday as well as on the day from the ticket offices at the gates.