

Watch the Volkswagen ID. R drive the fastest all-electric lap around the Nurburgring



Thirty-six years ago, one of the world's fastest race cars – a Porsche 956 – tore around the 12.9 miles of the Nürburgring Nordschleife race track in a scant 6 minutes, 11.13 seconds. That record stood for more than three decades as an ultimate testament to power, engineering and skill, only falling to an experimental Porsche last year that was custom-built for the task.

Last Monday, that record was surpassed for the second time – by an all-electric car.

The Volkswagen ID. R electric race car that set a record for climbing Pikes Peak last year now owns the record for fastest electric car around the Nürburgring. Driver Romain Dumas made the lap in 6:05.336 minutes beating the previous EV record set in 2017 by 40.564 seconds – and in the process, surpassing every fossil-fuel powered record at the track save one.



"To be a record-holder on the Nordschleife makes me unbelievably proud," says Dumas. "For me, this is the best and most difficult race track in the world. The ID. R was perfectly prepared for the Nordschleife and it

was so much fun to experience the blistering acceleration and rapid cornering speeds."

With a redesigned aerodynamic package meant to maximize the 670-hp ID.R's top speed, Dumas averaged 127.36 mph around the course. As you can see from the video below, at that speed the Green Hell becomes a frightening blur of hills and curves.

<https://youtu.be/c3w3fVS-SgQ>

The ID. R is more than just a fast car. From quick-battery charging and cooling to electrical shielding in high-voltage environments, the technology gleaned from the ID. R may have everyday applications for Volkswagen's upcoming wave of electric vehicles, such as the ID. CROZZ and ID. BUZZ.

