

# HERE ARE THE WINNERS OF THE MERCEDES-AMG Customer Racing Championship 2020-2021 - GT3 and GT4 double crown!

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#News

## Unbeaten since 2016 in GT3, Team AKKA-ASP claims its first crown in GT4!

Each year, Mercedes-AMG honours the teams that race under the Mercedes-AMG brand with the Customer Racing Championship. In 2020, because of the Covid-19 pandemic, and with many races cancelled, no classification could be established. So, in 2021, for the first time, the classification was calculated over two seasons. Once more, in an uninterrupted streak since 2016, Team AKKA-ASP took the GT3 title, and at the same time won their first title in GT4. As for the drivers, it was also a successful season with Jim Pla winning the PRO GT4 category and especially PRO overall, accumulating PRO results in GT3 and GT4. Jean-Luc Beaubelique won a new crown, that of GT4 (Am) and climbed onto the third step of the overall podium for AM drivers (GT3/GT4). Since 2016, Team AKKA-ASP has taken part in no less than 420 races under the Mercedes-AMG colours... nobody has done better for a decade!



The Mercedes-AMG Customer Racing programme celebrated in 2020 the tenth anniversary of its creation. Unfortunately, due to the restrictions following the Covid-19 pandemic, there were not enough races to establish a fair ranking between all the teams and drivers of the brand. Instead, the classification was calculated using the combined 2020 and 2021 seasons.

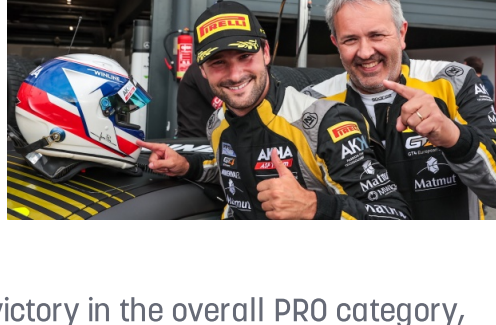
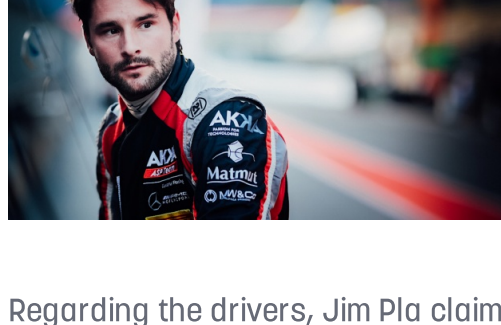
The principle is simple, points are handed out in GT3 and GT4 according to a relatively classic system, so 25 points to the first, then 18, 15, 12, 10, etc... But other factors are also taken into account, such as the total number of participations, the distance raced, and the level of the series, which each get a coefficient.

All the drivers and teams running a Mercedes-AMG are eligible and score points in the Driver, PRO-Driver (GT3&GT4), GT3 Driver, GT3 PRO-Driver, GT4 Driver, GT4 PRO-Driver, GT3 Teams and GT4 Teams... excluding the official Mercedes-AMG drivers (such as Raffaele Marciello, Daniel Juncadella and Jules Gounon) who only score virtual points, same as for the team that they run with. In short, the #88 scored no points in this championship.



Team AKKA-ASP remains unbeaten in GT3 since 2016, and the statistics from the last two years offer up an idea of the level of engagement of the team. Taking into account the 2020 and 2021 seasons, the numbers are staggering... AKKA-ASP has taken part in 218 races, won 6 overall victories, climbed onto the overall podium 39 times, won 27 class victories and climbed 73 times onto the podium. With victories in both GT3 and GT4, the level of performance is unequivocal in the face of ever stronger and more ubiquitous rivals, engaged on all continents, unlike Team AKKA-ASP.

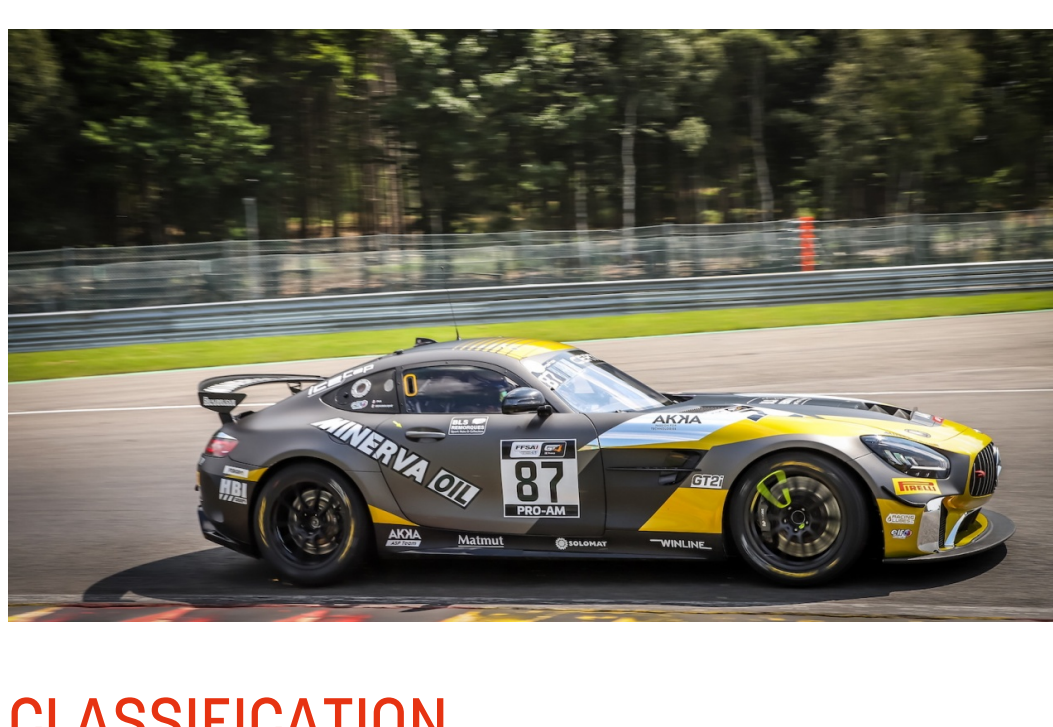
Since the beginning of its engagement with Mercedes-AMG in 2016, combining all categories together, the team has taken part in 420 races. A record! In the last decade, no other team has done better...



Regarding the drivers, Jim Pla claimed victory in the overall PRO category, i.e. in the combined GT3/GT4 classification. His excellent performances at the wheel of the Mercedes-AMG GT4 allowed him to take first place in the GT4 PRO category. At 29 years old, Jim took the title of Pro-AM vice-champion in the GT4 European Series and finished third in the Silver category of the GT World Challenge Europe Sprint Cup. Another PRO AKKA-ASP driver joined the list of winners, Thomas Drouet, the reigning French GT4 Champion, who finished in the Top 5 overall and in the GT4 Top 5.

An integral part of the AKKA-ASP team, Jean-Luc Beaubelique has also been rewarded. Sharing the wheel of the Mercedes-AMG GT4 with Jim Pla in the European GT4 Series (and in the French championship of the category), Jean-Luc imposed himself as "GT4 DRIVER" and climbed onto the third step of the overall podium in the category.

Despite a season still shook up by the consequences of the Covid-19 pandemic, AKKA-ASP Team boss Jérôme Policand is delighted to see his team's efforts rewarded once again. Now, let's head into 2022!



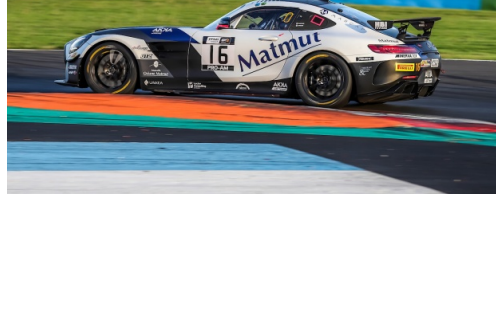
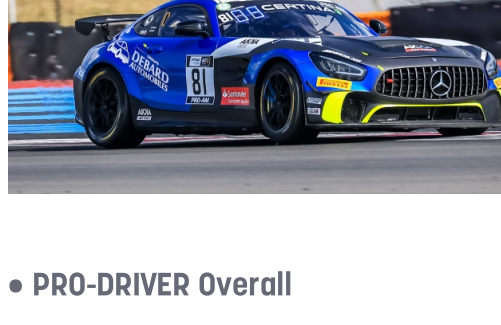
## CLASSIFICATION

### • TEAM GT3

- 1 - Team AKKA-ASP - 1480,84 points
- 2 - HTP - Winward - 1362,40 points
- 3 - DXDT Racing - 1154,27 points

### • TEAM GT4

- 1 - Team AKKA-ASP - 1669 points
- 2 - CD Sport - 819,5 points
- 3 - NM Racing Team - 793,53 points



### • PRO-DRIVER Overall

- 1 - Jim PLA (FRA) - 1063,58 points
- 2 - Russell WARD (USA) - 1044,65 points
- 3 - Indy DONTJE (NED) - 726,45 points

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- 5 - Thomas DROUET (FRA) - 639,26 points

### • DRIVER Overall

- 1 - Valentin PIERBURG (GER) - 1049,85 points
- 2 - George KURTZ (USA) - 637,72 points
- 3 - Jean-Luc BEAUBELIQUE (FRA) - 613,50 points



### • PRO-DRIVER GT4

- 1 - Jim PLA (FRA) - 613,5 points
- 2 - Marcel MARCHEWICZ (GER) - 422,08 points
- 3 - Lluc IBANEZ (ESP) - 420 points

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- 5 - Thomas DROUET (FRA) - 380,50 points

### • DRIVER GT4

- 1 - Jean-Luc BEAUBELIQUE (FRA) - 613,50 points
- 2 - Yudai UCHIDA (JPN) - 371,9 points
- 3 - Kris WILSON (USA) - 321 points

