

Newman tests Formula 3 with R-Tek



Mallala 5th September

Rhys Newman has tested a Formula 3 car with Adelaide based team, **R-Tek**. Newman drove the teams Dallara F304 Spiess Opel at Mallala Motor sport Park, located to the North of Adelaide under the watchful eye of **R-Tek** supremo; Ian Richards. Newman successfully completed some 50 laps of the 2.6 Kilometre circuit over 6 sessions.

“The young lad put in a very good performance, followed instructions and did exactly what he was told to do,” said Richards. “Jumping into one of these cars is a huge leap from what he has been driving and with the exception of one minor “off” he handled the car, the team environment and himself very well. At 15 years of age, I believe he is the youngest person in the country to have tested a Formula 3 car” Richards went on to say. “It was obvious that he has built a solid foundation of skills over the many years he has been competing and he put them to excellent use here today. He has a lot of potential and I would very much like to continue working with him.”

Newman has spent 2009 campaigning the Formula Vee of 1979 Australian Grand Prix Winner; John Walker. He has put his car on pole 3 times so far this season and stood on the podium 3 weeks ago at Mallala after winning a round at Winton in June. He currently sits in equal first place in the Shannon’s Nationals series and third in the South Australian Motor Racing Championships.

‘I’m very grateful to Ian for the opportunity,” said Newman. “There was a lot to take in, and the whole team was great to work with. I’m also hopeful of a Formula Ford test at Winton which is slated for later this month,” said Newman. “Being able to test these cars will give us the basis for our decisions for where we will be in 2010”.

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Further information

About R-Tek

R-Tek was formed by 2007 by 1983 Australian National Formula 2 Championship winner Ian Richards. He won the title in a car of his own design and construction: the Richards 201. The car was recognised in "Motor Racing Australia" as being in the top 100 racing cars in Australia of all time. Since hanging up his helmet in 1995 Richards has been involved with many high profile motorsport projects both here in Australia and abroad. His recent focus has been on engineering Formula 3 cars. Richards is the Chairman of the Formula 3 association.

More information about R-Tek here: www.r-tek.com.au

Formula 3

Chassis	Dallara F304 Carbon Fibre monocoque
Engine:	2 litre Fuel injected Opel built by Spiess (Germany)
Fuel:	Elf
Gearbox:	6 speed Hewland with sequential flat change shift
Electronics	Bosch
Data acquisition:	Bosch
Suspension	Pushrod activated
Shockers	Koni
Weight	550kg (on grid weight)

Performance

0 to 100kph	2.8 sec
Horsepower	220hp
Torque	200 foot pounds
Top speed	260 kph+
G force generated	Up to 4G

Further information about Formula 3 here: www.formula3.com.au

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