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Suzuki to Participate in the Suzuka 8 Hours Endurance Race as Team SUZUKI CN CHALLENGE



2025 Team SUZUKI CN CHALLENGE GSX-R1000R

Suzuki Motor Corporation will participate in the 46th Suzuka 8 Hours Endurance Race 2025 which will be held at the Suzuka Circuit as one of the 2025 FIM Endurance World Championship (EWC), from 1 to 3 August. Following from the previous year, Team SUZUKI CN CHALLENGE will continue to participate in the Experimental Class.

Aiming to achieve both a higher level of environmental load reduction and improved competitiveness, Team SUZUKI CN CHALLENGE which is composed of Suzuki employees, will promote machine development for functioning various sustainable items, including 100% sustainable fuel shifted from last year's 40% bio-sourced fuel. Together with the partner companies, we will take on the challenge of exceeding the previous year's result of eighth place overall.

To further accelerate the development of environmental performance technologies through competition under the demanding conditions of endurance racing, we will work with higher targets to aim for technical feedback for future products.

Toshihiro Suzuki, Representative Director and President

“Although it was a whole new challenge for the company in the previous year’s participation, thanks to the support of partner companies including Yoshimura Japan, as well as enthusiastic cheers from our fans, we were able to achieve eighth place overall.

We will continue to participate this year in the Suzuka 8 Hours as a part of the company’s technology development in the sustainability field. This not only means that we’re simply continuing our activity, but we’re also having the purpose of overcoming various issues by setting higher goals, and I believe that by making products as one team along with our partner companies, it would lead to realizing a better future. I kindly ask for everyone’s cheers.”

Tsuyoshi Tanaka, Executive General Manager, Motorcycle Operations

“Last year, Team SUZUKI CN CHALLENGE completed the severe endurance racing of Suzuka 8 Hours while reducing environmental loads, and by doing so, we were able to take one significant step toward the future of internal combustion and motorsports.

While overcoming the issues revealed from our previous activity, this year we will expand the use of sustainable items and make efforts for technology development toward taking on the challenge of further sustainability performance. We will challenge in this year’s Suzuka 8 Hours by going beyond the field of CN (Carbon Neutrality) and holding a theme of broadly reducing environmental loads. I ask for your kind support.”

<Participating machine 2025 Team SUZUKI CN CHALLENGE GSX-R1000R >

Sustainable items to be used

Fuel: TotalEnergies, Excellium Racing 100 (100% certified* sustainable fuel)

Tires: Bridgestone, Racing tires with increased ratio of recycled and recyclable materials

Engine Oil: MOTUL, Engine oil made with bio-sourced base oil

Fairings: JHI, Recycled carbon material (pre-preg material)

Fenders: Tras, Bcomp® (Unbleached natural flax fibre composite material)

Front brake: Sunstar Engineering, Non-heat treatment steel discs,
Sunstar Engineering / Tokai Carbon, Low-dust pads

Battery: ELIY Power, LFP battery for motorcycle, Storage battery for the garage

Muffler: Yoshimura Japan, Silencer made of TranTixxii™ -Eco (Eco-friendly titanium)

Uniform: RS Taichi, Team polo shirt made of 100% recycled fabric

**Excellium Racing 100 is a certified 100% sustainable product according to the mass balanced system applied by a voluntary certification organization approved by the European Union*

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<Team structure>

- Team name: Team SUZUKI CN CHALLENGE
- Test rider: Takuya Tsuda
- Project leader/
Team director: Shinichi Sahara
- Technical manager: Koji Tamura
- Crew chief: Takeshi Konno

<Team SUZUKI CN CHALLENGE Special Website>

<https://www.globalsuzuki.com/motorcycle/race/teamsuzukicnchallenge/2025/>

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