

# BLANCPAIN & LAMBORGHINI CROWN A CHAMPION

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A combined sixty-six Lamborghini Super Trofeo Huracan LP 620-2's and Gallardo LP 570-4's from North America, Europe and Asia were on hand for the third annual Super Trofeo World Finals, held this year at famed Sebring International Raceway in Florida. Blancpain's logo stood out prominently on the windshield header of each of the GT race cars.



Race action at the Sebring International Raceway in Florida

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"After seven years, the partnership between Blancpain and Lamborghini is stronger than ever," said Blancpain U.S. brand manager David Gely at a press conference during the World Finals weekend in late November.

Born of Blancpain principal Marc A. Hayek's passion for racing, the relationship is indeed strong. Hayek joined the series in 2009, its inaugural year, behind the wheel of a Pro-Am class Super Trofeo Gallardo LP 560-4. Thus began the Blancpain/Lamborghini partnership and Hayek's return to racing in the world's fastest single-make GT championship.

Since then, Lamborghini Blancpain Super Trofeo has grown exponentially becoming one of the most respected and fiercely competitive GT racing series on the planet, attracting a mix of professional racing drivers from Formula One, IndyCar and global sports car racing along with top talent from amateur categories and rising young stars. And while Hayek left the series in 2010 to compete in other GT championships, Blancpain has remained committed to the partnership.



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## Three Days of Racing

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Both continental and world Super Trofeo championships were decided at Sebring over three days of racing. After first and second place finishes in Saturday and Sunday's Pro/Pro-Am world final races, Finnish ace Patrick Kujala claimed the title in the Huracan Pro class, making him the overall 2015 Super Trofeo World Champion.

In the Pro-Am class, American driver Corey Lewis claimed two victories to secure the world Huracan Pro-Am ST title. Canadian, Ryan Ockey took a win and a second place in the world finals on his way to the Huracan Am class world title. Meanwhile Welshman Jake Rattenbury and American Brandon Gdovic captured the Gallardo Pro-Am and Gallardo Am world championships.



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Each of the 2015 world champions were awarded a handsome example of Blancpain's Super Trofeo-

The racing was terrific, challenging drivers from Europe and Asia as well as those from North America who had never competed before on Sebring's historic seventeen-turn, 3.74-mile road course. Home of the famed 12 Hours of Sebring, Sebring International Raceway is America's oldest road racing circuit, evolved from Hendricks Field, a World War II airbase used to train B-17 combat crews.



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Blancpain guests and visiting journalists were fully integrated into Lamborghini's impressive Super Trofeo paddock, blending with the racers and Lamborghini principals including the Bologna-based supercar maker's CEO Stefan Winklemann. (We spotted a Fifty Fathoms Bathyscape on Winklemann's wrist).

Blancpain and Lamborghini also granted us the privilege of driving the road-going version of the Super Trofeo Huracan, the LP 610-4 on the legendary asphalt and concrete circuit. Five laps tailing Lamborghini factory GT3 driver, Adrian Zaugg at speed around the track were great fun and a reminder of what a tremendously exciting course Sebring is to race.

For Patrick Kujala, 2016 will be a year of progression as he rises through Lamborghini's ladder system to become a Lamborghini factory driver in the GT3 category. For Blancpain, 2016 marks another year of commitment to its partnership with Automobili Lamborghini and the eponymous series it has helped to build into one of the premier sports car racing championships.

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