

## Guinness Book entry for World's fastest CNG powered vehicle with 364,6 km/h

*Nürburgring, Germany, 29<sup>th</sup> April 2009; NGVA Europe Member TÜV (Technical Surveillance Society) Saarland automobil GmbH, subsidiary and competence centre for NGVs of the German TÜV Rheinland group, presents the worlds fastest Ultra Power passenger car running on CNG (700 hp!).*

The German TÜV Rheinland group together with NGVA Europe member TÜV Saarland automobil GmbH on April 29<sup>th</sup> organized a media day



to present the world's fastest NGV at the F1 racetrack Nürburgring in the German Eifel region. The Audi A4 model converted to CNG made an amazing 364,6 km/h and was therefore guerdoned with a Guinness Book entry for holding the world record for the

fastest NGV. The Vehicle was powered by certified biomethane (H-Gas quality), which is also available at public CNG filling stations.

Within this Media Day to present the record, there was also an innovation show where car manufacturers could present their NG vehicle offer. All visitors had the chance to drive cars, such as the Opel Zafira Turbo CNG, VW Passat TSI EcoFuel, Ford Focus ST CNG (among others), themselves. Some of the highlights in the car show where special CNG versions of the Mercedes-Benz SLK, converted by MBtech, or a BMW 320d dual fuel, converted by Bosch Engineering.

Among the main sponsors for this project were also NGVA Europe members Swagelok, world leading valve, pipe & fitting manufacturer and German filling station producer Schandl. The Swagelok Company provided vehicle components for the build-up of the record car, whereas Schandl's mobile filling station system was used to fuel the vehicle directly on the racetrack.

This project aims to demonstrate that:



*Carl Wagner, from TÜV Saarland automobil GmbH (on the right), together with NGVA Europe Marketing & Communications Manager, Matthias Maedge (on the left), in front of the world record car*

- Natural gas is a clean, competitively priced fuel alternative, which is available as a natural product and provides enormous future potential;
- Natural gas engines are available with similar performance characteristics as petrol engines;
- Driving a biomethane powered NG Vehicle is CO<sub>2</sub>-neutral;
- Natural gas technology is safe: TÜV Rheinland has a long experience with gas vehicles and infrastructure technology

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