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Press Release: **ADAC Nurburgring Qualifying Race** Pre-Race Report, 4/11/16

Hey! In a couple days, I will be on an airplane to Germany to get my 2016 race season started. For the second year in a row, I will be driving the **Rotek Racing BMW Z4** in the 6 hour **ADAC Nurburgring Qualifying Race** on the legendary Nordschleife. My co-



drivers this weekend will be Roland Pritzker and Robb Holland, the founders of **Rotek Racing**.

This outing will be my fifth race at the Nurburgring where I scored fifth and sixth place finishes last year in the

**Rotek Racing BMW Z4**. The **Z4** is a fantastic car to drive at the Nurburgring. In a world of dual clutch transmissions, traction control and carbon fiber body panels, the **Z4** is a throwback to a simpler time when drivers actually had to know how to do a heel-toe downshift. Three pedals, two feet, an H-pattern gearbox, a steering wheel and two hands, fortunately I have been practicing for the last 32 years! I felt I had good pace in the **Z4** last year, but an in-depth look at data and video showed many places where there is more speed. The Nurburgring is the most challenging racetrack in the world. At over 20 kilometers in length with more than 150 corners, 300 meters of elevation change and constantly changing weather conditions in the Eifel Mountains, it is not surprising I found room for improvement.

The **ADAC Nurburgring Qualifying Race** is the only opportunity to race and test on the same track configuration used in the Nurburgring 24 hour race. If everything goes to plan, I will be back in Germany May 26-29, 2016 for the **ADAC Zurich Nurburgring 24 Hour Race**. You can follow the progress of the **Rotek Racing BMW Z4** in the qualifying race on the official Nurburgring 24 Hour website at [www.24h-rennen.de](http://www.24h-rennen.de).

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