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## **GRAND-AM Hosts Two-Day Open Test At Daytona**

*19 Rolex Series Teams Set To Prepare For 51st Rolex 24, Upcoming Season*

**DAYTONA BEACH, Fla. (Nov. 12, 2012)** – A number of Rolex Sports Car Series teams will make important preparations for 2013 competition when GRAND-AM Road Racing hosts its final event of the year with a two-day test for the Rolex Sports Car Series at Daytona International Speedway on Tuesday and Wednesday.

Nineteen Rolex Series cars – eight Daytona Prototypes and 11 from the production-based GT class – are entered for two full days of on-track activities. This will be the last open test before the Roar Before the Rolex 24 on Jan. 4-6, 2013, the final official test for the Rolex Series before the season-opening 51st Rolex 24 At Daytona during the Jan. 24-27 weekend.

Defending Rolex 24 winners Michael Shank Racing will be joined by GAINSCO/Bob Stallings Racing, Action Express Racing, Wayne Taylor Racing and Spirit of Daytona from the DP ranks. They will be joined by Team Sahlen, which will be having its first open test with its two new BMW/Rileys.

Action Express will have a second car, a Porsche/Riley, for Sunoco Rolex 24 At Daytona Challenge winner Ivan Bellarosa and his driver-coach, Max Papis. An American Le Mans Series P2 fielded by Conquest Racing is also expected to provide data as an initial step in evaluating the potential class structure of a unified series in 2014.

GT entries include champion AIM Autosport Team FXDD with Ferrari, defending Rolex 24 and North American Endurance Championship winner Magnus Racing, Stevenson Motorsports, Brumos Racing, TRG, Marsh Racing, Alex Job Racing, Park Place Motorsports and Racers Edge Motorsports. AIM Autosport will also have a second Ferrari 458 Italia with drivers to be announced, while five-time 24 Hours of Le Mans winner Frank Biela will test the factory Audi R8.

Testing will begin at 9 a.m. and run through 5 p.m. on both days.

A section of the Oldfield Grandstands will be open free to the public with access available through the lobby of the Daytona International Speedway ticket office. Sports car fans will also be able to watch the testing action through a Daytona International Speedway Track Tour.