

# Acura Advances Pursuit of 2008 American Le Mans Series Championship

The three Acura factory-supported racing teams learned their lessons during their debuts in the American Le Mans Series in 2007.

With the introduction of sports-car racing to Andretti Green Racing, Highcroft Racing and Lowe's Fernandez Racing, the 2007 campaign proved to be a steep learning curve. But Acura executives and the Honda Performance Development (HPD) officials knew the popular automaker's initial season in the American Le Mans Series would be difficult.

Acura's shocking debut at the legendary Mobil 1 12 Hours of Sebring with a sensational 1-2-4 finish made the 2007 season a success immediately. All the Acura racing organizations and officials had hoped just to finish the 55th running of the prestigious and grueling endurance test. Winning was not even in the equation.

After that spectacular start, the Acura contingent kept to its game plan and learned everything they could about one of the world's most competitive racing series.

Now, after a year of research and development, Acura competes on the 12-race 2008 ALMS trail with a new chassis and a solid goal—winning the LMP2 series championship. The goal is a tough one with the likes of Porsche, Mazda and other factories battling for the coveted title.

In 2008, Acura has strengthened its programs and prepared impressively for the battle ahead.

As Acura's performance evolution continues on the street, the automaker expects success to continue on the track. Look for the Acura ARX-01b to be a threat to win races and contend for the American Le Mans Series title.



American Honda Executive Vice President of Auto Operations John Mendel and Honda Performance Development President Robert Clarke are at the forefront of the celebration following Acura's victory in the 2007 12 Hours of Sebring, the opening race of the American Le Mans Series season and Acura's first-ever sports car race. Victorious drivers Bryan Herta, Tony Kanaan and Dario Franchitti (left to right) of the Andretti Green Racing team celebrate in the background.

