

# 24 Hours of Diesel

On June 18, 2006, Audi wrote motorsport history by winning the famous “**24 Hours of LeMans**” race with a Diesel-powered R10 race car!

The LeMans race has been held annually at the *Circuit de la Sarthe* near LeMans, France since 1923 (except for 1936 and 1940-1948).

The overall winner is the car that covers the greatest distance in 24 hours of continuous racing.

*Entry ticket for the 2006 LeMans race showing an Audi R10 race in the design -->*



Postal stationery envelope from France featuring a cachet of the Audi R8 LeMans race car.



Rudolf Diesel, born in Germany in 1858, was the inventor of the Diesel engine in 1897. An early single-cylinder prototype engine developed in 1894 ran for one minute and developed 13 horsepower. The engine in the Audi R10 is an aluminum 90° V12 5.5 liter, bi-turbo, direct injection diesel engine with approximately 650 horsepower.

