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OPEL DRIVER'S TRAINING.

➤ Drive with the Best

➤ Invest in your safety.

Book one of Opel's Driver's Training programmes now and improve your driving skills.

Price for Driver's Training:

€297.50 including VAT

Price for OPC Performance Training:

€480 including VAT

Organiser and host of Opel Driver's Training at the Test Center Dudenhofen is the Adam Opel AG. We are looking forward to your participation and wish you

➤ Contact.

You will find the most important contact information for further information and registration here or – always updated – on the Internet.

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or call us

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2.6 SQUARE KILOMETRES EXCLUSIVE TEST TRACKS.

► The Test Center Dudenhofen.

Besides Driver's Training itself, even the venue for it has an especially valuable experience of its own. This is because the Opel Test Center near the carmaker's headquarters in Rüsselsheim, Germany is a well-monitored space where prototypes and test vehicles are put through their paces.

Ground-breaking for Opel Test Center in what is today the Rodgau Forest was celebrated on November 3, 1964 and by

March 30, 1966 the first test cars were already making their rounds. Since then, far more than 150 million kilometres have been driven in Dudenhofen, as far as 195 trips to the moon and back. Almost 40,000 test kilometres are added everyday at Dudenhofen. The 2.6 square kilometres locale today accommodates a wide variety of test tracks and testing equipment with which the entire life of a vehicle can be simulated.



WELCOME TO THE REALM OF THE PROTOTYPES.

► An Overview of the Test Tracks.

SKID PAD.

The Skid Pad has a diameter of 100 metres (more than 300 feet) and a curvature of 0.5%. The Skid Pad tests cornering – even under extreme conditions.

HIGH-SPEED CIRCUIT.

The Circuit is a four-lane, 4.8 kilometre (a bit more than 3 mile) long steep track with cambers of up to 37°. This allows speeds of up to 250 km/h (170 mph) to be driven free of lateral forces. There are three brake stops on the right side of the track for high speed brake tests.

COMFORT AND NOISE MEASURE TRACK.

This track is approx. 4.4 kilometres (approx. 3 miles) long and has four lanes at its widest spot. It features a series of waves of various lengths along with a roll track and roadway dips. This is where the chassis has to show what it can do. To be able to determine the roll-motion, interior noise, and driving comfort this track also has a wide variety of different roadway surfaces.

TORTURE TRACK.

What punishment can a vehicle take? The Torture Track – the name says it all – separates the wheat from the chaff. The 900 metre (approx. 0.6 mile) long trip takes the care over potholes, over humps, along a washboard, across cobblestone, and onto a large block roll track.

MOUNTAIN ROUTE.

Inclines and drops at slopes of 8 to 30% have been designed into an artificially constructed mountainous region. There is also a route with switchbacks. The focus of testing here is on steering, the transmission, and brakes.

ENDURANCE TEST.

The Endurance Test is the Test Center's longest track. It offers many different roadway surfaces, such as asphalt and cobblestone, along with bumps and numerous curves. Other special tests can also be run on the Endurance Test track: A test schedule can include, entirely as needed, a gravel track, a mud bath, a wooded and dirt track, a fresh and a salt water bath as well as two loading ramps.

PERFORMANCE AREA.

The Performance Area is perfect for gauging a vehicle's dynamics or the driver's training level. It consists of an oval track with two u-turns and one long straightway. Skid pans and aquaplaning zones have been added. The skid pan can be completely or partially filled with water and has a deviation from flat from only two millimetres to four metres.

HANDLING TRACK.

For almost a kilometre it goes up and down around 16 curves and dips – the driver feels like being on a miniature version of the infamous Nordschleife at the Nürburgring. To ensure not just the fun, but also the safety of driving, safety outlets have been included along the track.





EXPERIENCE DYNAMISM.

➤ Nothing Can Replace Good Training – Except Perhaps Even More Training.

During your one-day long training session at the Test Center Dudenhofen, you will become acquainted with your vehicle's high level of active safety – offered by such high-tech driver assistance systems as:

- FlexRide Premium Chassis
- Electronic Stability Control Plus (ESP^{Plus})
- Anti-Blocking System (ABS)
- Brake Assistant
- Curve Braking Control
- Electronic Brake Balancing (EBB)
- Traction Control TC^{Plus}

During Opel Driver's Training you will not only improve your mastery of the vehicle and your active safety in critical traffic situations, you will also hone your perception for borderline and dangerous situations, enhance your responsiveness, perfect the interaction between vehicle and driver assistance systems, and, with it, your active driving safety and personal driving ability. A variety of different practice stations, such as the Slalom Course or the VDA Track Offset, will allow you to acquaint yourself with the techniques needed to professionally master your vehicle, and always under the watchful eye of our qualified instructors. Each participant is individually helped and supervised.

Opel Perfection Training for advanced learners requires participation in our Opel Driver's Training. Participants will perfect their control of their vehicles and build upon their active safety – particularly at higher speeds.

During OPC Performance Training you will get to know the impressive dynamism of OPC vehicles. This is not only a lot of fun, but also increases your safety when driving under daily conditions. One highlight is the 4.8 kilometre (a bit more than 3 mile) long High-speed Circuit at the Test Center. Our own racetrack with 16 different, demanding curve radii will help you learn

how to drive our vehicles down their racing line with both speed and safety. A real adrenalin rush! And during the entire trip, we will be recording all your relevant data, just like at a racetrack, and combining it with video recordings of the driver and the track – customised so every participant can take it home.

A variety of models from the current line of makes is ready and available for use as training vehicles and for conveying a state-of-the-art level of technical safety.





SAFE DRIVING BASICS.

➤ Opel Driver's Training.

The goal of each station at the Test Center is to make you an even safer driver. This means perfecting your control over your vehicle – and that means at every moment!

SLALOM COURSE.

The slalom enables you to deal with the basics of safe driving, such as the proper steering technique and field of vision. In addition, the proper seat position gives you the most important prerequisite for safe driving, regardless of whether you are practising active or passive safety.

BRAKING AT VARIOUS SPEEDS.

This exercise shows participants – perhaps for the very first time in their driving lives – what properly executed emergency braking really means. In addition, the links between driving speed and the stopping distance resulting from it are shown for the first time.

TARGET BRAKING.

Here you will learn how to estimate the real braking potential of your vehicle and how to translate this knowledge safely in the future to any emergency situation that might develop.

BRAKING/EVADING.

In this unit, emergency braking is combined with a subsequent evasive manoeuvre. It makes all too obvious the advantages offered by the driver assistance systems in modern vehicles, such as ABS and ESP^{Plus}, and what safety reserves they bring with them.

VDA TRACK OFFSET.

In the VDA Track Offset, also known as the moose test, you practise sudden evasive manoeuvres at high speeds. Find out how the proper steering technique and the Electronic Stability Control Plus (ESP^{Plus}) stabilise the vehicle in extreme events.

TOUR THROUGH THE TEST CENTER.

Torture Track, a huge variety of different bumps, extreme inclines and drops – the Test Center Dudenhofen has all you need to simulate virtually any extreme condition a vehicle might face over its lifetime



A DAY THAT CHANGES EVERYTHING.

➤ The Programme.

How does a car actually react during an emergency braking manoeuvre? How do I avoid an obstacle? The one-day Opel Driver's Training will give you answers to these and other important questions. Experience a day full of action in the company of nice people and learn all sorts of new things about your car.

➤ The Day's Schedule in Detail.

- 1st STAGE**
9–9.30 am Arrival/Registration, breakfast together
- 2nd STAGE**
9.30–10 am Welcome, presentation, introduction of team of instructors
- 3rd STAGE**
10 am–noon First part of the training programme
- 4th STAGE**
Noon–1 pm Lunch together
- 5th STAGE**
1–4 pm Second part of training programme
- 6th STAGE**
from 4 pm Cake and coffee, departure of participants





WANT TO PUMP SOME ADRENALIN?

➤ OPC Performance Training.

The goal of OPC Performance Training is to fully turn the high performance reserves OPC models offer into pure driving pleasure and safety. Besides the exercises typical for Opel Driver's Training, in OPC Performance Training you will also be taking other lessons that will help you experience the impressive dynamics of OPC vehicles – a real adrenalin rush!

In demanding training lessons, you will be practising, among other things:

- Precise use of steering and gas pedal
- Feeling your way upwards towards the maximum lateral acceleration
- Mastering the vehicle's under- and over-steering reactions
- Safe and sporty driving of curves while observing the racing line

State-of-the-art measuring equipment records the relevant data, just like at a racetrack, and combines it with video recordings of the driver and the track.



LEARN FROM THE BEST.

► OPC Performance Training Instructors.

Opel Brand Ambassador Joachim Winkelhock, whom everyone simply calls Jockel, will be taking you off to the Opel OPC Performance Training track and showing you all the finesses of motor sports.

Joachim Winkelhock is a truly popular figure, many long years the favourite of motor sports fans and a great name in racing. He twice grabbed the overall victory at the 24-hours on the Nürburgring, is entered one in the winners' list at Le Mans and has also demonstrated his skills around the globe: In 1993, he finished off his very first season in the hotly contested British Touring Car Championship BTCC as champion and was also successful in the American Le Mans Series.

Together with his company Consulting & Services and its brand Joy of Drive, Felix Schmitt is in charge of carrying out OPC Performance Training. He has been successfully organising events dealing with car driving for more than ten years and has enthusiastically acquainted many guests with the sportiest and safest ways of handling their cars. Together with him and his team of experienced instructors, you will experience every bit of dynamism OPC vehicles can offer. True to the motto: OPC – pure passion.



GO TO THE LIMIT.

► OPC Performance Training.

SLALOM COURSE.

Left, right, left: Here you will train clean driving and the precise interaction of steering and gas pedal movements. With a vastly improved seating position and steering technique you will learn how to drive in a quick, clean rhythm through the slalom course.

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BRAKING/EVADING.

Those who drive dynamically will also have to brake safely. Sometimes it is impossible to come to a full stop before an obstacle, which is when it becomes a matter of evasion!

HANDLING COURSE.

Learn how to move our vehicles over our own in-house racetrack with 16 different, demanding curve radii and down their racing line with both speed and safety. Throughout the process, we will be recording all the relevant data, just like at a racetrack, and combining it with video recordings of the driver and the track.

CONTEST.

Here, the mission is to drive several laps around a handling course marked out with pylons as quickly and smoothly as possible, but also error-free.

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from 4 pm

Cake and coffee,
departure of participants



► Directions.

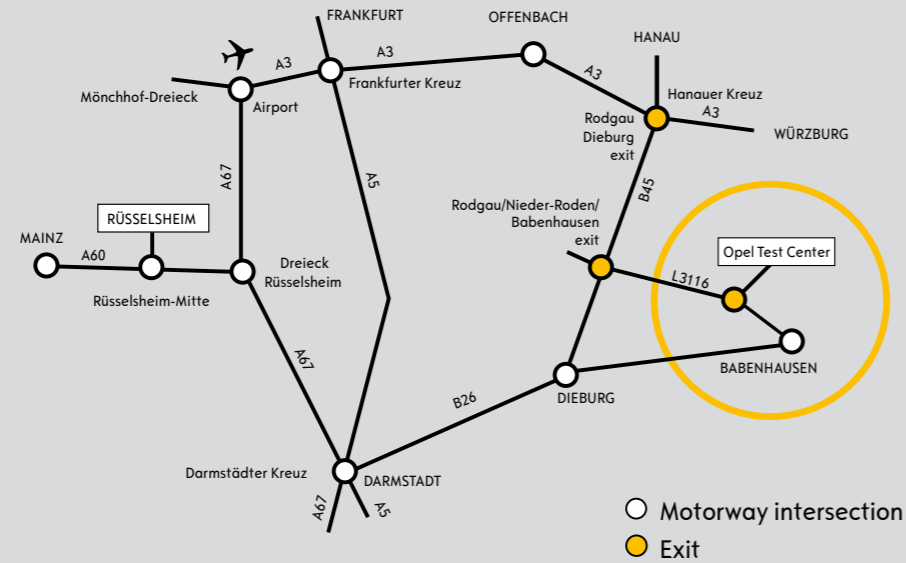
Coming from Frankfurt/Main:

- From intersection “Frankfurter Kreuz”: Take the A3 towards Würzburg
- At the Hanau exit: Take the B45 towards Dieburg/Babenhausen/Rodgau
- At the Rodgau/Nieder-Roden/Babenhausen exit: Take the L3116 towards Babenhausen
- Test Center Dudenhofen is on the left after approx. 1.8 km (a little over a mile)

Test Center Dudenhofen
Am Opel Prüffeld 2
63110 Rodgau-Dudenhofen
Germany

Enter “Opel Testzentrum” into navigation system or “Opel Prüffeld” (exact address can lead to problems finding the destination).

How to Find the Test Center Dudenhofen.



► Recommended Hotels.

STEIGENBERGER AIRPORT

HOTEL FRANKFURT

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approx. 30 min. from Test Center Dudenhofen



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approx. 10 min. from Test Center Dudenhofen



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approx. 5 min. from Test Center Dudenhofen



NOTE ON BOOKING.

You should be well rested when starting driver's training because being concentrated and in good condition is important. But above all, if you are coming from far away, we recommend that you stay overnight in the area beforehand. You can receive hotel rates on request. Please note that neither the booking nor the cost of the hotel is included in the fee for driver's training.