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## IN BRIEF - LATEST NEWS FROM NGK

■ NGK has announced a new sponsorship arrangement with the Honda Racing F1 Team for the 2006 F1 season. NGK has become an 'Official Supplier' to Honda with the NGK logo appearing prominently on the tail of the car.

■ NGK has announced new spark plugs for fitment to recent models to meet Aftermarket demand. These include the BKR6EQU for BMW 1 Series 1.6 litre engines and BKR6EQUA for fitment to the Audi A6 and to VW Touareg 4.2 litre engines, both of which were fitted as Original Equipment. A new glow plug now available for Aftermarket fitment is the Y-541J for various models of the Vauxhall Astra, Combo, Corsa and Meriva 1.7 litre engines.

■ NGK has announced that it is again the official supplier of spark plugs to the Ferrari Formula 1 Racing Team in the 2006 season and that the contract with Ferrari has now been extended until 2008. Since NGK's first Grand Prix win in Mexico in 1965, NGK racing plugs have sparked the winner of over 165 Formula 1 races over the following 41 seasons.

■ The latest version of Part Finder, NGK's parts catalogue system, will shortly be available on CD. This easy to use updated version will include all the latest spark and glow plug data from NGK's 2006 catalogue.

■ NGK is the 'Official Supplier' to the BMW Sauber F1 Team in the 2006 Formula 1 season. In addition, NGK will be supplying spark plugs to BMW's Teams throughout the World Touring Car Championship (WTCC). NGK and BMW have been working very closely together for many years in the development of engines for new vehicles, with the majority of BMW cars leaving their production plants today fitted with NGK spark plugs as Original Equipment.

■ NGK will shortly be announcing the introduction of a new manufacturing plant on its Komaki site in Japan specially commissioned for ceramic and metal glow plug production.

■ At the early April TEMOT Annual Supplier Conference in Hungary, NGK Spark Plugs was presented with the TEMOT International 2005 Supplier of the Year Award. NGK supplies members of TEMOT International in most European markets, including Unipart in the UK.