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## **Back in Action: Dodge//SRT Defends Truck/SUV Class Win in 2019 Tire Rack One Lap of America Presented by Grassroots Motorsports Magazine**

- SRT Engineering creates one-off Dodge Durango SRT Pursuit concept vehicle to compete in annual One Lap of America, May 4- 11
- Nicknamed "Speed Trap," the purpose-built Durango SRT Pursuit concept packs 797 horsepower from the supercharged 6.2-liter HEMI® high-output V-8
- Speed Trap concept features exclusive Durango Pursuit Law Enforcement livery, Whelen's innovative light and siren package, and bolt-on high-performance modifications from Mopar
- One Lap of America competition covers nearly 4,000 miles and eight tracks in seven states over seven days
- Annual on-road rally and on-track race challenges the specially-modified, concept version of America's fastest, most powerful and most capable three-row SUV
- Defending Durango SRT's 2018 Truck/SUV class title are SRT vehicle dynamics performance engineer David Carr and automotive photojournalist and [dodgegarage.com](http://dodgegarage.com) contributor David Hakim
- Fans can follow Durango SRT Pursuit Speed Trap concept on its One Lap adventure at [www.dodgegarage.com](http://www.dodgegarage.com)

May 2, 2019, Auburn Hills, Mich. - Be on alert for the Speed Trap across America.

This year's 2019 Tire Rack One Lap of America Presented by Grassroots Motorsports Magazine kicks off May 4 in South Bend, Indiana, and Dodge//SRT is defending the Dodge Durango SRT's 2018 One Lap truck/SUV class title, upping its game with a new Durango SRT Pursuit concept called "Speed Trap." This purpose-built concept packs 797 horsepower from the supercharged 6.2-liter HEMI® high-output V-8 that also powers the 2019 Dodge Challenger SRT Hellcat Redeye.

Dodge//SRT tapped the in-house group of performance gurus at SRT Engineering for some proven high-performance SRT production parts in a bid to repeat as class champions.

Returning drivers SRT vehicle dynamics performance engineer David Carr and automotive photojournalist and [dodgegarage.com](http://dodgegarage.com) contributor David Hakim are racing a one-off, specially-modified Durango SRT Pursuit concept, nicknamed "Speed Trap," in this year's One Lap. In addition to exclusive Durango Pursuit Law Enforcement livery, Whelen's innovative light and siren package and bolt-on high-performance modifications from Mopar, Speed Trap is powered by something extra powerful under its high-performance hood: the supercharged 6.2-liter HEMI high-output V-8 from the 2019 Dodge Challenger SRT Hellcat Redeye.

"Winning the truck/SUV class last year proved just how fast and durable the stock Dodge Durango SRT is during extreme competitive conditions," said Steve Beahm, Head of Passenger Car Brands - Dodge, SRT, Chrysler and FIAT, FCA - North America. "The class is expected to be even tougher this year, so we're leveraging the highest-performing engine in our tool box – the Challenger SRT Hellcat Redeye's 797-horsepower supercharged 6.2-liter HEMI high-output V-8 – to power the Dodge Durango SRT Pursuit for this year's One Lap. It will be exciting to follow the Durango SRT Pursuit Speed Trap on its One Lap adventure to see how this concept vehicle performs."

Fans can follow the One Lap adventure at [www.dodgegarage.com](http://www.dodgegarage.com), and via social media posts on the Dodge and Mopar Twitter and Facebook pages.

### **Specially modified and purpose-built**

In addition to the 797-horsepower supercharged HEMI high-output V-8 power under the hood, the Durango SRT Pursuit Speed Trap concept is tailored for the intense, weeklong competition with high-performance bolt-on modifications from Mopar. A free-flow, stainless steel, Cat-Back exhaust system provides a more aggressive and distinctive sound. Concept lowering springs drop the ride height an average of 15 mm (0.6 inches) closer to the pavement.

The stock, crisp-shifting TorqueFlite eight-speed automatic transmission and full-time all-wheel drive with SRT-engineered drive mode system equip the Durango SRT Pursuit Speed Trap concept for the wide variety of timed track events, ranging from wet and dry skid pads to private road courses to race tracks.

Custom 20 x 11-inch wheels ride on 305/35ZR20 Pirelli P-Zero tires from the record-setting Dodge Challenger SRT Hellcat Widebody. Per the One Lap competition rules, competitors cannot change tires for the duration of the event and are only allowed one spare for emergency use only, challenging drivers to manage tire wear on and off the track.

Braking power comes from 15.75-inch Brembo two-piece vented rotors with six-piston calipers painted with a distinctive red finish and 13.78-inch Brembo vented rotors with four-piston red calipers in the rear for outstanding stopping performance, heat management and durability.

On the outside, the exclusive Durango Pursuit Law Enforcement livery sets "Speed Trap" apart. The competition will also certainly notice Whelen's most innovative Ceridian Series lightbar, which features an all-new low-profile design with Durango inlaid light and compact low-profile speaker designed for powerful traffic-clearing capability.

Inside, the standard heated and ventilated front leather seats from the Durango SRT provide outstanding comfort while the second- and third-row seats are removed for weight savings. Safety equipment includes the addition of a four-point roll bar and a five-point driver safety harness. The Durango SRT's 119.8-inch wheelbase and voluminous interior space help transport equipment without having to tow a trailer between stops, as most other competitors. Drivers Carr and Hakim can also stretch and recover during the journey between timed events – they can even recline and take a nap if they choose.

### **One Lap of America details**

The Tire Rack One Lap of America Presented by Grassroots Motorsports Magazine - now in its 36th year - begins on Saturday, May 4, near South Bend, Indiana, and concludes there on Saturday, May 11. In between, about 80 two-person teams will cross through seven states, some of them more than once. Competition occurs as time trials (fastest time rather than wheel-to-wheel racing) at the various race tracks.

One Lap of America competitors drive from racetrack to racetrack, without the benefit of support crews. Divided into several different classes, competitors must observe all traffic regulations while traveling between stops.

Competitors will drive close to 4,000 miles of public roads and visit seven states (some twice) and eight tracks over seven days. The detailed schedule includes:

Date	Location	Event
Saturday, May 4	Tire Rack Corporate Headquarters, South Bend, Ind.	Wet Skid Pad
Saturday, May 4	Grissom Air Force Base, North Central, Ind.	Time trials
Sunday, May 5	Nelson Ledges Road Course, Garrettsville, Ohio	Time trials
Monday, May 6	Road America, Elkhart Lake, Wis.	Time trials
Tuesday, May 7	Brainerd International Raceway, Brainerd, Minn.	Road course main time tria
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Wednesday, May 8	Motorsports Park Hastings, Hastings, Neb.	Road course time trial
Thursday, May 9	Blackhawk Farms, South Beloit, Ill.	Time trials
Friday, May 10	NCM Motorsports Park East Course, Bowling Green, Ky	Time trials
Friday, May 10	NCM Motorsports Park West Course, Bowling Green, Ky	Time trials

Friday, May 10	NCM Motorsports Road Course, Bowling Green, Ky	Time trials
Saturday, May 11	Tire Rack Corporate Headquarters, South Bend, Ind.	Dry Skid Pad

For more information, visit <http://www.onelapofamerica.com>.

### **One Lap history**

Held annually in the United States since 1984, the One Lap of America is the successor to the Cannonball Run, an underground auto race of the 1970s where participants would drive cross country. Both events were created by legendary automotive journalist Brock Yates.

### **2019 Dodge Durango Pursuit**

Dodge has expanded its police vehicle lineup, entering the SUV segment, with a Pursuit version of the Dodge Durango. The 2019 Dodge Durango Pursuit – America’s high-performance police SUV – is equipped with world-class safety and security features, segment-first technology and tactical equipment. The Uconnect 7.0-inch display integrates law enforcement systems and innovative technology. The 2019 Durango Pursuit embodies the three qualities that every Dodge law enforcement vehicle is designed to maximize: safety, performance and efficiency.

Dodge recognizes that the heroic men and women who protect us must be equipped with the best-performing pursuit-rated vehicle. In addition to the legendary 5.7L V-8 HEMI engine that delivers a best-in-class 360 horsepower, Durango Pursuit offers the segment’s most advanced all-wheel-drive (AWD) system for maximum tactical performance, all-weather traction and fuel-efficiency. With input from law enforcement officials, the 2019 Durango Pursuit continues to add improvements to meet the high expectations and performance needs of the heroes who protect us.

### **About Dodge//SRT**

For more than 100 years, the Dodge brand has carried on the spirit of brothers John and Horace Dodge. Their influence continues today as Dodge proudly offers a complete lineup of performance vehicles that stand out in their own segments. For 2020, Dodge literally expands its high-performance Charger model lineup, adding a Widebody exterior to America’s only four-door muscle car. The 2020 Dodge Charger SRT Hellcat maintains its reign as the most powerful and fastest mass-produced sedan in the world.

The 2020 Dodge lineup also features the 2020 Dodge Challenger SRT Hellcat Redeye, 2020 Dodge Challenger SRT Hellcat, the Challenger R/T Scat Pack Widebody and the 2020 Challenger R/T Scat Pack 1320. The 2020 Dodge Durango SRT, the fastest, most powerful and most capable American three-row SUV, completes the brand’s performance lineup. These visceral performance models join a 2020 brand lineup that includes the Durango, Grand Caravan, Journey, Charger and Challenger. Dodge is part of the portfolio of brands offered by global automaker Fiat Chrysler Automobiles. For more information regarding FCA (NYSE: FCAU/ MTA: FCA), please visit [www.fcagroup.com](http://www.fcagroup.com).

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