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Podium finish for ABT CUPRA XE after a hard-fought Extreme E battle at the Copper X Prix in Chile

- > **ABT CUPRA XE scores its best result of Extreme E Season 2 with a podium finish at the Copper X Prix in Chile**
- > **Team drivers Nasser Al-Attiyah and Klara Andersson – the World RX star stepping in to replace Jutta Kleinschmidt, who was forced to miss the event after suffering a heavy landing in Free Practice – set a fantastic pace over a tough course in the Atacama Desert**
- > **The CUPRA Tavascan XE proves fast and reliable as it races in one of the driest regions on Earth**

ABT CUPRA XE scored its best result in Extreme E Season 2 by finishing third in the final of the Autofagasta Minerals Copper X Prix in Chile – despite having to replace one of its drivers during the early part of the event.

Jutta Kleinschmidt had set a great pace in Free Practice 2, recording a first sector time that remained unbeaten for much of the session, before a heavy landing saw the German driver stop and get out of her CUPRA Tavascan XE clutching her back. She was taken to hospital for precautionary checks and kept in overnight for observation, and whilst she remained in good spirits it ruled her out for the remainder of the Copper X Prix.



In her place stepped in Extreme E reserve driver Klara Andersson, who had arrived in Chile fresh from her podium finish at the FIA World Rallycross Championship event in Portugal.

Thanks to a magnificent CUPRA welcome and outstanding teamwork, the 22-year-old Swedish driver was able to quickly acclimatise to the CUPRA Tavascan XE and was soon up to speed having established a good rapport with team-mate Nasser Al-Attiyah.

For the first time this year, CUPRA qualified straight through to the Final, with no need to participate in the Crazy Race.

Both Al-Attiyah and Andersson performed brilliantly to be classified third and score the first podium finish for ABT CUPRA XE in Extreme E Season 2.

Nasser Al-Attiyah said: **“It was an amazing weekend to finish on the Extreme E podium in Chile. It wasn’t easy but we learned a lot, so I am sure that for the last race it will be easier for us and we will try to repeat this podium result.”**

Klara Andersson said: **“It was such an intense and exciting Copper X Prix final. Nasser made a great start and we came out of the switch zone in fourth. I struggled a little with the view out of the windscreen, but despite this I feel that the whole weekend has been so positive. I am just so happy for the whole CUPRA team to finish on the podium – it’s been amazing.”**

In the same weekend, CUPRA clinched the FIA ETCR eTouring Car World Cup title for Manufacturers’ at the Sachsenring Circuit in Germany – while team pilot Adrien Tambay won



the ETCR Drivers' title ([CUPRA clean sweep as it wins the 2022 FIA ETCR Manufacturers' and Drivers' titles \(prezly.com\)](#)).

The final round of the Extreme E Season 2 is the Energy X Prix in Uruguay on 26-27 November.

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In 2021, CUPRA maintained its upward trend, tripling sales with 80,000 vehicles delivered, driven by success of the CUPRA Formentor. CUPRA proves that electrification and sportiness are a perfect match, and in 2022 the brand expanded the range of the CUPRA Born, the brand's first 100% electric vehicle, with models with different battery capacities, as well as a more powerful e-Boost version. An exclusive, limited edition version of the CUPRA Formentor VZ5 was also introduced. The CUPRA Tavascan, the brand's second all-electric model, as well as the CUPRA Terramar, the electrified sport SUV that pays homage to the Terramar racetrack where everything started for CUPRA, will reach the market in 2024, followed by the brand's first urban electric car, inspired by the CUPRA UrbanRebel concept, in 2025.

CUPRA is FC Barcelona's official automotive and mobility partner, the World Padel Tour's premium sponsor and the official sponsor of the eSports Club Finetwork KOI. Collaborating with brands such as Primavera Sound and De Antonio Yachts, it has created the CUPRA lifestyle universe. The CUPRA Tribe is made up of a team of ambassadors who want to be the driving force of change. Among its members are Street Artist TV Boy, Olympic gold medallists Adam Peaty, Melvin Richardson and Saúl Craviotto, the German goalkeeper Marc ter Stegen, and Ballon d'Or and Best FIFA Award-winning footballer Alexia Putellas.