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## **SOFRONAS SCORES FIRST WORLD CHALLENGE WIN, CLINCHES SCCA SPEED GT CHAMPIONSHIP FOR PORSCHE ON STOPTECH BRAKES**

*Los Angeles (October 03, 2008)* – James Sofronas captured his first-career SCCA Pro Racing SPEED World Challenge win, leading every lap in his Porsche equipped with StopTech brakes during the GT Championship Round Nine race at Thunderbolt Raceway in New Jersey last weekend. With this win on September 27, Porsche clinched the SCCA SPEED GT Manufacturers' Championship with one race remaining in the season. StopTech, the ultra-performance division of Centric Parts, is a leading manufacturer, supplier and innovator of world class brake components and brake systems for production-based race cars and high performance vehicles on the street and track.

“I like high-speed tracks and the first two-thirds are third, fourth, fifth gear corners, which suits my driving style,” Sofronas said. “Any high-speed track with a lot of high-speed sweepers, I’m in favor of. I’ve got StopTech brakes on the car and brakes are so important.”

Sofronas earned a second place start in his No. 14 Global Motorsports Group Porsche 911 GT3 for the Saturday race. He took the lead in Turn One, his first-ever in an SCCA SPEED GT race, and held onto it for the entirety of the event, averaging 87 mph and at one point having a 3.5 second gap ahead of his followers.

The victory, which will be broadcast October 15 at noon (Eastern) on SPEED, gives Porsche an 18-point advantage over Cadillac in the series. With one race left that offers only 10 points, the team has clinched their seventh Manufacturers' Championship, which is their second in three years.

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