

News Release

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Penske Racing driver Helio Castroneves, contracted by the Hitachi Group, finishes in second place in the U.S. IndyCar Series championship for the second year in a row

Tokyo, September 5, 2014 --- Hitachi Automotive Systems, Ltd. today announced that Helio Castroneves, a Hitachi contract driver in the Penske Racing team, sponsored by the Hitachi Group, came fourteenth in the final race of the 2014 IndyCar Series held at Fontana, California, on August 30, clinching second place in the season's championship standings for the second year in a row.

In the season opener held at St. Petersburg, Florida, on March 30, Castroneves had a solid race that gained him third place in the season standings. Then in the seventh race, held in Detroit, Michigan, on June 1, Castroneves scored his first win with Hitachi as Primary Race, moving him up to second place in the standings. Following the eleventh race in Newton, Iowa, on July 12, he took over the lead in the standings. Although teammate Will Power took over first place in August, Castroneves had a strong 2014 season, with podium finishes in six of the 18 races.

Hitachi wishes to thank everyone for their warm support throughout the year for Helio Castroneves, sponsored by the Hitachi Group.

■2014 IndyCar Series Schedule and Results

●: Hitachi Primary Races



Helio Castroneves

Date	Location	Finish	Rank
March 30	●St. Petersburg, Florida	3	3
April 13	Long Beach, California	11	4
April 27	Birmingham, Alabama	19	8
May 10	Indianapolis, Indiana	3	4
May 25	Indianapolis, Indiana	2	3
May 31	●Detroit, Michigan	5	3
June 1	●Detroit, Michigan	1	2
June 7	Forth Worth, Texas	8	2
June 28	Houston, Texas	9	2
June 29	Houston, Texas	21	2
July 6	●Long Pond, Pennsylvania	2	2
July 12	●Newton, Iowa	8	1
July 20	Toronto, Ontario, Canada	2	1
July 20	Toronto, Ontario, Canada	12	1
August 3	●Lexington, Ohio	19	2
August 17	●West Allis, Wisconsin	11	2
August 24	●Sonoma, California	18	2
August 30	Fontana, California	14	2

■About Hitachi Automotive Systems, Ltd

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