

# News Release

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## Team Penske's Car, Sponsored by the Hitachi Group, Takes Second Place in the Twelfth Event of the U.S. IndyCar Series

Tokyo, July 14, 2015 --- Hitachi Automotive Systems, Ltd. today announced that Helio Castroneves, a Penske Racing Driver contracted and sponsored by the Hitachi Group, including Hitachi Automotive Systems, took second place in the twelfth event of the IndyCar series held in West Allis, Wisconsin, on July 12. This is his third podium finish of the season.

In this race, a total of 24 cars battled over 250 laps in the traditional short overall course called The Milwaukee Mile. Castroneves started last as the 24th driver. However, in the tough race in which seven cars retired and 17 cars completed the race, he caught-up well with steady driving and ultimately finished in second place, 2.2 seconds behind the first place driver.

Penske Racing teammate Juan Pablo Montoya in fourth, Simon Pagenaud in ninth place and Will Power finished 22nd.

As a result, Castroneves holds on third in the 2015 championship standings, behind teammates Montoya in first place and Power in fifth place, with Team Penske drivers dominating the top spots ongoingly.

Looking ahead, Hitachi Automotive Systems will use its sponsorship of motor sports, including IndyCar racing, to further grow the Hitachi brand and make a contribution to motor sports.



Helio Castroneves jumps ahead another spot



Helio Castroneves (left) on the podium  
after the race

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