

# News Release

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## Penske Racing driver Helio Castroneves, sponsored by the Hitachi Group, finishes in fifth place in the 2015 U.S. IndyCar Series championship

**Tokyo, August 31, 2015** ---Hitachi Automotive Systems, Ltd. today announced that Helio Castroneves, a Hitachi contract driver in the Penske Racing team, sponsored by the Hitachi Group, came fifteenth in the final race of the 2015 IndyCar Series held at Sonoma, California, on August 30, resulting in a fifth place finish in the season's championship standings.

In the season opener held at St. Petersburg, Florida, on March 29, Castroneves had a strong race that gained him fourth place in the season standings. Then in the second race, held in Avondale, Louisiana, on April 12, and the third race, in Long Beach, California, Castroneves came second, moving him up to second place in the season standings, a position he held until the fourth race. In the ninth race, held in Fort Worth, Texas, on June 6, and the tenth race held the following week in Toronto, Ontario, Canada, he came third, and took second place in the twelfth race, held in West Allis, Wisconsin, on July 12. So in all, Castroneves had podium finishes in five races.

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



Helio Castroneves

### ■ Results for the IndyCar Series 2015

●: Hitachi primary sponsor race

Date	Place	Finish	Rank
March 29	●St. Petersburg, Florida	4	4
April 12	●Avondale, Louisiana	2	2
April 19	Long Beach, California	2	2
April 26	Birmingham, Alabama	15	2
May 9	Indianapolis, Indiana	6	3
May 24	Indianapolis, Indiana	7	4
May 30	●Detroit, Michigan	6	4
May 31	●Detroit, Michigan	19	5
June 6	Fort Worth, Texas	3	4
June 14	Toronto, Canada	3	4
June 27	Fontana, Texas	23	5
July 12	●West Allis, Wisconsin	2	3
July 18	●Newton, Iowa	11	4
August 2	●Lexington, Ohio	15	4
August 23	Long Pond, Pennsylvania	16	5
August 30	●Sonoma, California	15	5

**■About Hitachi Automotive Systems, Ltd.**

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