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Breen tested 207 S2000 and loved its handling

Craig Breen lauded the handling ability of the Peugeot 207 Super 2000 that he will drive on next week's Circuit of Ireland after testing the car in southern France last week.

The WRC Academy champion has been signed to drive in at least four Intercontinental Rally Challenge events this year in a Saintéloc-run car, with backing from Peugeot Sport. While the 22-year-old was happy with his two days of running, he played down expectations that he may win the Circuit of Ireland, which begins in Belfast next Friday.

"I ran last Tuesday with the Saintéloc boys and then again with Peugeot Sport on Thursday, mainly to get used to the car and the team ahead of the Circuit," said Breen. "It was really

positive and I was very impressed with the handling of the car - I got a great feeling out of it. It's hard to spot any big differences compared to the Fiesta, but I am sure that the 207 is a strong package.

"The machinery is definitely there for me to win - it's just up to me and whether I can pull out all the stops to be up there. It'll be difficult to jump into a new car and win first time out. If I can get on the podium or be around the top three then I'll be pleased."

Breen returns to Super 2000 WRC action on Rally Portugal this weekend, where he leads P-G Andersson by 18 points. Andersson is not competing in Portugal, as his Proton team nominated the Algarve event as its one to skip this season.