



Formula 1  
Pirelli 2018 United States  
Grand Prix  
Austin 19-21 October



## LEWIS HAMILTON COMFORTABLY FASTEST FOR MERCEDES ON FRIDAY IN FP1 USING INTERMEDIATE TYRES ON A RAINY DAY IN AUSTIN

### VERY LITTLE RUNNING IN FP2, USING THE FULL WET TYRE AND ALSO INTERMEDIATES

### NO DATA YET COLLECTED ON THE SLICK TYRES, WITH SUNDAY'S RACE EXPECTED TO BE DRY FOLLOWING A WET QUALIFYING TOMORROW

*Austin, October 19, 2018* – Rain was the main feature of free practice in Austin, with the intermediates mainly used in FP1 and also full wets in FP2. Although all 20 cars set a lap time in FP1, with more than 250 laps covered, there was less running in FP2, with only 15 drivers setting a time in the rain. In FP1, Mercedes driver Lewis Hamilton set the fastest time of the day, a full 1.3 seconds faster than his team mate Valtteri Bottas.

Similar conditions are expected tomorrow, with the teams mostly choosing to keep their allocation of full wet tyres in case they are needed throughout qualifying. However, Sunday's race is expected to be run in dry conditions – meaning that the teams will probably be lacking data for a grand prix on the slick compounds.

#### MARIO ISOLA - HEAD OF CAR RACING

*"There wasn't so much that could be done in today's conditions, although we did see quite a lot of running in the morning using the intermediate tyre. In wet conditions, the teams receive an extra set of intermediates, bringing their total allocation for the weekend up to five sets of intermediates and three sets of full wets. These full wets could be needed tomorrow, when more rain is expected for qualifying before a dry race on Sunday. This should obviously lead to an interesting situation in the race, with the teams lacking slick tyre data. Understandably, in today's slippery conditions the teams preferred not to take any risks with the cars, although they were able to understand more about the crossover point from wet to intermediate."*

#### FREE PRACTICE 1 – TOP 3 TIMES

DRIVER	TIME	COMPOUND
Hamilton	1m47.502s	INTERMEDIATE NEW
Bottas	1m48.806s	INTERMEDIATE NEW
Verstappen	1m48.847s	INTERMEDIATE USED

## FREE PRACTICE 2 – TOP 3 TIMES

DRIVER	TIME	COMPOUND
Hamilton	1m48.716s	INTERMEDIATE USED
Gasly	1m49.728s	INTERMEDIATE NEW
Verstappen	1m49.798s	INTERMEDIATE USED

## FP1 - BEST TIME BY COMPOUND

COMPOUND	DRIVER	TIME
INTERMEDIATE	Hamilton	1m47.502s






## FP2 - BEST TIME BY COMPOUND

COMPOUND	DRIVER	TIME
INTERMEDIATE	Hamilton	1m48.716s
WET	Gasly	1m52.751s

## MOST LAPS BY COMPOUND SO FAR

COMPOUND	DRIVER	LAPS
INTERMEDIATE	Vettel	25
WET	Hartley	12

## TYRE STATISTICS OF THE DAY

					
Kms driven*	-	-	-	1775	22
Sets used overall**	-	-	-	286	17

\* The above number gives the total amount of kilometres driven in FP1 and FP2 today, all drivers combined.

\*\* Per compound, all drivers combined.

MIN. STARTING PRESSURES (slicks)		EOS CAMBER LIMIT	
	<b>21.0</b> psi (front)   <b>20.0</b> psi (rear)	<b>-3.50°</b> (front)   <b>-2.00°</b> (rear)	

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