



## BAHRAIN GRAND PRIX *PREVIEW*

Round 3 of 20  
Sakhir, 14-16 April 2017

*Milan, April 10, 2017* – Bahrain uses the same three compounds selected for China: the first back to back races of the season. Sakhir is a circuit that above all tests traction, and it's also the first night race of the year, starting and finishing in the evening under the floodlights. As a result, the pattern of tyre behaviour and track evolution isn't exactly the same as it would be during a conventional afternoon race. Last year, the winning strategy was a three-stopper, with the same three compounds nominated as this year.

### THE THREE NOMINATED COMPOUNDS



RED **SUPERSOFT**

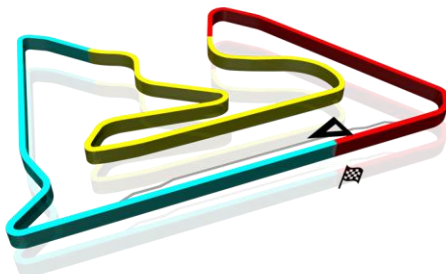


YELLOW **SOFT**



WHITE **MEDIUM**

### THE CIRCUIT FROM A TYRE POINT OF VIEW



BAHRAIN INTERNATIONAL CIRCUIT

- *Pirelli knows Sakhir well, as a favoured year-round test venue for different series.*
- *Tactics can be varied: there were nine different strategies in the top 10 last year.*
- *Surface is granite but not very abrasive: thermal degradation is a bigger factor.*
- *Falling track temperatures in each session mean that the surface tends to get faster.*
- *Rear-limited, due to traction demands.*
- *One of three night races scheduled for this year, along with Singapore and Abu Dhabi.*

### MARIO ISOLA - HEAD OF CAR RACING

*"The biggest gains at Sakhir are all to be found in traction: it is quite a stop-start circuit, so getting the power down properly and keeping the rear tyres in good condition is very important. Last year we found quite a high degree of wear and degradation, so it will be interesting to see how this has changed with the introduction of our 2017-specification tyres. The second free practice session will be particularly important, as it is the only one held in representative conditions of qualifying and the race."*

### WHAT'S NEW?

- For the first five races the teams all have seven sets of the softest compound available, four sets of the middle compound, and two of the hardest compound.
- Bahrain is also the first round of this year's inaugural FIA Formula 2 Championship, which is the new name for the GP2 Series: supplied by Pirelli.



## BAHRAIN MINIMUM STARTING PRESSURES (SLICKS)



**21.5 psi (front) | 20.5 psi (rear)**

## EOS CAMBER LIMIT



**-3.75° (front) | -2.00° (rear)**

## THE TYRES NOMINATED THIS SEASON

GRAND PRIX					
Australia	✓	✓	✓		
China		✓	✓	✓	
Bahrain		✓	✓	✓	
Russia	✓	✓	✓		
Spain			✓	✓	✓
Monaco	✓	✓	✓		
Canada	✓	✓	✓		
Azerbaijan		✓	✓	✓	

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