



## CHINESE GRAND PRIX QUALIFYING

### HAMILTON CLAIMS POLE ON SUPERSOFT TYRES WITH FASTEST EVER LAP OF SHANGHAI

**DRY WEATHER FOR THE FIRST TIME TODAY BUT RAIN EXPECTED TOMORROW**

**IF IT STAYS DRY, ONE-STOP SUPERSOFT-SOFT STRATEGY IS LIKELY**

*Shanghai, April 8, 2017* – The teams finally got to use Pirelli’s slick tyres today, with Lewis Hamilton claiming pole on P Zero Red supersoft: topping qualifying after Michael Schumacher’s all-time lap record from 2004 was already beaten in Q2. Sebastian Vettel qualified second, with both Ferrari drivers the only people to use just the soft tyre to get through Q1. With no significant running yesterday, the teams headed into qualifying with little data and not much rubber on track, leading to a high degree of track evolution. Qualifying got underway with track temperatures of 32 degrees centigrade but rain is expected tomorrow.

#### MARIO ISOLA - HEAD OF CAR RACING

*“This morning’s FP3 session was particularly important with many teams splitting their strategies to capitalise on data collection. They still headed into qualifying with limited information, but maximised all the possibilities of the 2017 tyres: pole position was a record-breaking lap, more than 3.7 seconds faster than last year. If it stays dry, a one-stop strategy seems optimal, starting on the SS and then doing a longer stint on soft.”*

#### HOW THE TYRES BEHAVED TODAY



**WHITE MEDIUM**

Not seen at the Chinese Grand Prix so far; unlikely to be used tomorrow.



**YELLOW SOFT**

If it stays dry, this is set to be the main race tyre. Used by Ferrari in Q1.



**RED SUPERSOFT**

Expected to be around 0.8s faster than the soft; used for nearly all of qualifying.

#### FREE PRACTICE 3 – TOP 3 TIMES

DRIVER	TIME	COMPOUND
Vettel	1m 33.336s	<b>SUPERSOFT NEW</b>
Raikkonen	1m 33.389s	<b>SUPERSOFT NEW</b>



Bottas	1m 33.707s	<b>SUPERSOFT NEW</b>
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## QUALIFYING TOP 10

DRIVER	TIME	COMPOUND
Hamilton	1m 31.678s	<b>SUPERSOFT NEW</b>
Vettel	1m 31.864s	<b>SUPERSOFT NEW</b>
Bottas	1m 31.865s	<b>SUPERSOFT NEW</b>
Raikkonen	1m 32.140s	<b>SUPERSOFT NEW</b>
Ricciardo	1m 33.033s	<b>SUPERSOFT NEW</b>
Massa	1m 33.507s	<b>SUPERSOFT NEW</b>
Hulkenberg	1m 33.580s	<b>SUPERSOFT NEW</b>
Perez	1m 33.706s	<b>SUPERSOFT NEW</b>
Kvyat	1m 33.719s	<b>SUPERSOFT NEW</b>
Stroll	1m 34.220s	<b>SUPERSOFT NEW</b>

## MOST LAPS BY COMPOUND SO FAR

COMPOUND	DRIVER	LAPS
MEDIUM	-	-
<b>SOFT</b>	Bottas	16
<b>SUPERSOFT</b>	Hamilton	16

## BEST TIME BY COMPOUND SO FAR

COMPOUND	DRIVER	TIME
MEDIUM	-	-
<b>SOFT</b>	Vettel	1m 33.078s
<b>SUPERSOFT</b>	Hamilton	1m 31.678s



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