



2017 Chinese Grand Prix - Practice Sessions

2017 INTERMEDIATE AND WET TYRES MAKE THEIR (BRIEF) DEBUT. IN FP1 MAX VERSTAPPEN SETS FASTEST TIME OF THE DAY ON INTERS

FP1 SHORTENED DUE TO MEDICAL HELICOPTER BEING UNABLE TO FLY. NO RUNNING IN FP2 FOR THE SAME REASON

2017 INTERMEDIATE TYRE SETS LAP TIMES SEVEN SECONDS FASTER THAN ITS 2016 EQUIVALENT AT THE SHANGHAI CIRCUIT

Shanghai, April 7, 2017 – The fastest time in Friday free practice was set by Red Bull driver Max Verstappen on intermediate tyres, in damp and cold conditions during FP1. So far there has been no dry running, and the foggy conditions also meant that the medical helicopter was unable to fly, leading to FP1 being shortened and no running at all in FP2. Nonetheless, the fastest time set by Verstappen on the 2017-specification intermediate tyre was seven seconds faster than last year's intermediate time in FP3 in China, when the equivalent tyre was used in similar conditions.

MARIO ISOLA - HEAD OF CAR RACING

"Today was the GP debut for our 2017-specification wet and intermediate tyres. We also have a wet weather tyre in a different compound with the target of providing more grip. Its test wasn't particularly significant due to the lack of running. However, we did see a fastest time from Max Verstappen that was seven seconds faster than the intermediate tyre in China last year. With both the wet and intermediate tyres being new this year, the crossover points are different and we saw the teams experimenting with those in FP1. The weather forecast still seems uncertain for the next few days so it's hard to know what to expect tomorrow and for the race."

FREE PRACTICE 1 – TOP 3 TIMES

DRIVER	TIME	COMPOUND
Verstappen	1m50.491s	INTERMEDIATE NEW
Massa	1m52.086s	INTERMEDIATE USED
Stroll	1m52.507s	INTERMEDIATE NEW

FP1 - BEST TIME BY COMPOUND

COMPOUND	DRIVER	TIME
INTERMEDIATE	Verstappen	1m 50.491s
WET	Bottas	1m 54.664s



MOST LAPS BY COMPOUND SO FAR

COMPOUND	DRIVER	LAPS
INTERMEDIATE	Magnussen/Ricciardo	7
WET	Vandoorne	4

TYRE STATISTICS OF THE DAY

		
Kms driven*	370	103
Sets used overall**	18	14

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

** Per compound, all drivers combined.

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