



BAHRAIN GRAND PRIX RACE

FERRARI'S SEBASTIAN VETTEL WINS A STRATEGIC GRAND PRIX WITH A TWO-STOP STRATEGY

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SEVERAL VARIATIONS ON THE TWO-STOP STRATEGY, USING SOFT AND SUPERSOFT, WITH CONTAINED DEGRADATION

Sakhir, April 16, 2017 – Ferrari's Sebastian Vettel won the Bahrain Grand Prix with a two-stop strategy, from the second row of the grid. All the drivers apart from Sauber's Pascal Wehrlein stopped twice, while his team mate Marcus Ericsson was the only driver to begin the race on the soft tyre. In the warm conditions of the evening, degradation was contained on both compounds, enabling the drivers to push hard throughout every stint.

MARIO ISOLA - HEAD OF CAR RACING

"Strategy was at the heart of this race, which was influenced also by an early safety car. In any case, a two-stop strategy was clearly the way forward in these conditions, but we saw different variations of this strategy, depending on the order in which the drivers used the supersoft and soft. Cooler conditions compared to previous days resulted in lower degradation for the supersoft and very good consistency for the soft".

BEST TIME BY COMPOUND

		
-	Hamilton 1m 32.798s	Ricciardo 1m 33.495s
-	Raikkonen 1m 33.720s	Vettel 1m 34.503s
-	Vettel 1m 33.826s	Bottas 1m 34.942s

LONGEST STINT OF THE RACE

COMPOUND	DRIVER	LAPS
SOFT	Wehrlein	45
SUPERSOFT	Ocon	26

TRUTHOMETER

Sebastian Vettel won the race with a two-stop strategy, as expected (depending on levels of degradation on the supersoft). The degradation level turned out to be medium, which meant that a two stop strategy with two initial stints on supersoft of 19 laps each, followed by a final run on the soft to the flag, was theoretically fastest (the arrival of the



safety car caused many drivers to bring forward their first pit stops, to lap 13). This was the strategy adopted by both Vettel and Bottas, with Vettel stopping on laps 10 and 33.

BAHRAIN GP – PIT STOP SUMMARY

Car	Driver	Start	Pit 1	Pit 2	Pit 3
5	VET	SSu	SSn (10)	Sn (33)	
44	HAM	SSu	Sn (13)	Su (41)	
77	BOT	SSu	SSn (13)	Sn (30)	
7	RAI	SSu	SSu (12)	Sn (37)	
3	RIC	SSu	Sn (13)	SSn (39)	
19	MAS	SSu	Sn (13)	Sn (37)	
11	PER	SSn	SSn (13)	Sn (36)	
8	GRO	SSu	SSu (12)	Sn (31)	
27	HUL	SSu	Sn (13)	SSu (36)	
31	OCO	SSn	SSn (11)	Sn (37)	
94	WEH	SSn	Sn (11)		
26	KVY	SSn	Sn (13)	SSu (41)	
30	PAL	SSu	Sn (13)	SSu (37)	
14	ALO	SSn	Sn (13)	SSn (36)	
9	ERI	Sn	SSn (33)		
55	SAI	SSn	SSn (12)		
18	STR	SSn	Sn (8)		
33	VER	SSu			
20	MAG	SSn			
	VAN	didn't start			

S= Soft

SS= Supersoft

n= new

u= used



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