



RUSSIAN GRAND PRIX *PRACTICE SESSIONS*

**FASTEST-EVER LAP OF SOCHI SET IN FREE PRACTICE TWO,
USING THE ULTRASOFT ON ITS RUSSIAN DEBUT**

**ABOUT A SECOND SEPARATES SUPERSOFT
FROM ULTRASOFT, AS WELL AS SUPERSOFT FROM SOFT**

**TRACK SURFACE HAS EVOLVED COMPARED TO LAST YEAR,
BUT STILL OFFERS LOW DEGRADATION**

Sochi, April 28, 2017 – The ultrasoft tyre set a new record on its debut at the Sochi circuit, with Ferrari driver Sebastian Vettel setting a best time in FP2 of 1m34.120s, eclipsing the previous benchmark set by reigning world champion Nico Rosberg in Q2 last year of 1m35.337s. These times are expected to get even quicker as the weekend goes on, with the track constantly evolving. Although the surface offers more grip compared to last year, it is still very slippery with low degradation. Temperatures remained warm all day, with 27 degrees centigrade ambient and 42 degrees on track in the afternoon session.

MARIO ISOLA - HEAD OF CAR RACING

“There’s a gap of around a second between each compound, which is about the target we established at the beginning of the year. Supersoft and ultrasoft are the tyres that we expect to feature in qualifying and the race here. Although the track is slightly rougher than it was last year, as a result of normal asphalt evolution, it’s still very smooth and slippery, which keeps degradation low. Consequently we can expect a relatively straightforward one-stop race on Sunday, starting on ultrasoft and moving onto supersoft.”

FREE PRACTICE 1 – TOP 3 TIMES

DRIVER	TIME	COMPOUND
Raikkonen	1m36.074s	SUPERSOFT NEW
Bottas	1m36.119s	SUPERSOFT NEW
Hamilton	1m36.681s	SUPERSOFT NEW

FREE PRACTICE 2 – TOP 3 TIMES

DRIVER	TIME	COMPOUND
Vettel	1m34.120s	ULTRASOFT NEW
Raikkonen	1m34.383s	ULTRASOFT NEW
Bottas	1m34.790s	ULTRASOFT NEW



FP1 - BEST TIME BY COMPOUND

COMPOUND	DRIVER	TIME
SOFT	Vettel	1m 37.726s
SUPERSOFT	Raikkonen	1m 36.074s




FP2 - BEST TIME BY COMPOUND

COMPOUND	DRIVER	TIME
SOFT	Sainz	1m 38.214s
SUPERSOFT	Hamilton	1m 35.710s
ULTRASOFT	Vettel	1m 34.120s

MOST LAPS BY COMPOUND SO FAR

COMPOUND	DRIVER	LAPS
SOFT	Bottas	16
SUPERSOFT	Kvyat	25
ULTRASOFT	Bottas	32

TYRE STATISTICS OF THE DAY

			
Kms driven*	1146	2878	2071
Sets used overall**	22	40	19

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

** Per compound, all drivers combined.



MINIMUM PRESCRIBED TYRE PRESSURES



21.5 psi (fronts) - 21 psi (rears)

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