



## RUSSIAN GRAND PRIX QUALIFYING

**FERRARI CLAIMS FIRST AND SECOND IN QUALIFYING ON ULTRASOFT WITH A POLE TIME MORE THAN TWO SECONDS FASTER THAN LAST YEAR**

**ONLY FERRARI USES THE SUPERSOFT IN Q1  
ULTRASOFT FOR EVERYONE ELSE FROM START TO FINISH IN QUALIFYING**

**ONE PIT STOP CONFIRMED AS MOST LIKELY RACE STRATEGY**

*Sochi, April 29, 2017* – Qualifying took place in dry and warm conditions in Sochi, with the final session getting away with 26 degrees ambient and 40 on track. Ferrari was the only team to use the supersoft in qualifying, with both Sebastian Vettel and Kimi Raikkonen getting through to Q2 with the red tyre. From then on, only the purple ultrasoft was used, with Ferrari claiming first and second on the grid, having also gone quickest with Vettel in the similar conditions of FP3 this morning.

### MARIO ISOLA - HEAD OF CAR RACING

*“The key to qualifying was the preparation of the tyres on the warm-up lap, with some drivers choosing one, and others preferring two, in order to extract the maximum performance. On the final run, Vettel did two warm-up laps, while Raikkonen chose one. This precise tyre management was a highlight of an exciting and closely-fought session with some very close margins at the finish. Apart from that, it was a straightforward qualifying session today, with the tyres behaving exactly as we expected. As we’ve seen from the past the surface remains quite slippery here, despite some natural ageing of the asphalt.”*

### HOW THE TYRES BEHAVED TODAY



YELLOW **SOFT**

Not used today; might form part of an alternative one-stop strategy tomorrow



RED **SUPERSOFT**

Only used by Ferrari in Q1. Some drivers out of top 10 may start the race on them



PURPLE **ULTRASOFT**

The key qualifying tyre, around a second faster than supersoft.

### FREE PRACTICE 3 – TOP 3 TIMES

DRIVER	TIME	COMPOUND
Vettel	1m34.001s	ULTRASOFT NEW



Raikkonen	1m34.338s	ULTRASOFT NEW
Bottas	1m34.364s	ULTRASOFT NEW

### QUALIFYING TOP 10

DRIVER	TIME	COMPOUND
Vettel	1m 33.194s	ULTRASOFT NEW
Raikkonen	1m33.253s	ULTRASOFT NEW
Bottas	1m33.289s	ULTRASOFT NEW
Hamilton	1m33.767s	ULTRASOFT NEW
Ricciardo	1m34.905s	ULTRASOFT NEW
Massa	1m35.110s	ULTRASOFT NEW
Verstappen	1m35.161s	ULTRASOFT NEW
Hulkenberg	1m35.285s	ULTRASOFT NEW
Perez	1m35.337s	ULTRASOFT USED
Ocon	1m35.430s	ULTRASOFT USED

### MOST LAPS BY COMPOUND SO FAR

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

### BEST TIME BY COMPOUND SO FAR

COMPOUND	DRIVER	TIME
SOFT	Vettel	1m37.726s
SUPERSOFT	Vettel	1m34.493s
ULTRASOFT	Vettel	1m33.194s



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