



## SPANISH GRAND PRIX RACE

**DIFFERENT TYRE STRATEGIES AT A VERY CLOSELY-FOUGHT RACE  
WON BY MERCEDES DRIVER LEWIS HAMILTON**

**TWO STOPS FOR MOST COMPETITORS: SAUBER'S PASCAL WEHRLEIN  
FINISHES IN THE POINTS WITH JUST ONE STOP**

**CONTAINED WEAR AND DEGRADATION, WITH A VERY FAST MEDIUM TYRE,  
THE KEY TO AN EXTREMELY FAST RACE IN HIGH TEMPERATURES**

*Montmelo, May 14, 2017* – Mercedes driver Lewis Hamilton won the Spanish Grand Prix after a battle that was so close with Ferrari's Sebastian Vettel that the two even touched after the final pit stops. Both stopped twice after starting on the soft tyre, but Hamilton did a middle stint on the medium compound then finished on the soft, whereas Vettel did a middle stint on soft to finish the race on the medium.

Both fought hard on the track as well as in the pits with their different strategies, but eventually finished the race in the order in which they started it on the grid. Conditions remained dry and warm, ending in track temperatures of 43 degrees centigrade.

Only three drivers started the race on the medium tyre, with Toro Rosso's Daniil Kvyat running a medium-soft-soft race to finish in the points from the last row of the grid. Pascal Wehrlein was another points finisher for Sauber, ending up eighth (following a five-second penalty) after stopping just once, completing two roughly equal stints on the soft and the medium.

### MARIO ISOLA - HEAD OF CAR RACING

*"Hamilton sealed victory thanks also to the low degradation and strong performance of the medium tyre that he ran in the second stint; the same strategy adopted by Daniel Ricciardo in third. Degradation and wear was low despite the high track temperatures; demonstrated by the fact that Hamilton set the fastest lap of the race very close two laps from the end with a time more than 3.4 seconds faster than the equivalent last year".*

### BEST TIME BY COMPOUND

		
-	Vettel 1m 23.674s	Hamilton 1m 23.593s
-	Bottas 1m 24.696s	Ricciardo 1m 23.686s
-	Hamilton 1m 25.286s	Alonso 1m 23.894s



## LONGEST STINT OF THE RACE

COMPOUND	DRIVER	LAPS
MEDIUM	Ericsson, Hulkenberg, Wehrlein	32
SOFT	Wehrlein	33

## TRUTHOMETER

Lewis Hamilton won the race using two pit stops: starting on soft, changing to medium on lap 22, and then going back to soft on lap 37. This was the most likely, but not theoretically fastest scenario, which was predicted to be a three-stopper. The highest-placed three-stopper was local hero Fernando Alonso, in 12<sup>th</sup>.



### SPAIN GP –PIT STOP SUMMARY

Car	Driver	Start	Pit 1	Pit 2	Pit 3
44	HAM	Su	Mn (21)	Sn (36)	
5	VET	Su	Sn (14)	Mn (37)	
3	RIC	Su	Mn (21)	Sn (38)	
11	PER	Su	Sn (18)	Mn (34)	
31	OCO	Su	Su (16)	Mn (34)	
27	HUL	Sn	Su (15)	Mn (33)	
55	SAI	Sn	Su (13)	Mn (34)	
94	WEH	Sn	Mn (33)		
26	KVY	Mn	Sn (1)	Sn (33)	
8	GRO	Sn	Su (19)	Mn (34)	
9	ERI	Sn	Sn (18)	Mn (32)	
14	ALO	Su	Su (12)	Mn (31)	Su (51)
19	MAS	Su	Su (1)	Su (13)	Mn (33)
20	MAG	Su	Sn (13)	Mn (33)	Su (63)
30	PAL	Mn	Sn (2)	Sn (21)	Sn (42)
18	STR	Sn	Sn (12)	Mn (33)	
77	BOT	Su	Mn (26)		
2	VAN	Mn	Sn (12)		
33	VER	Su			
7	RAI	Su			

M= Medium

S= Soft

n= new

u= used



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