



## CANADA GRAND PRIX QUALIFYING

**MERCEDES DRIVER LEWIS HAMILTON TAKES POLE POSITION ON ULTRASOFT  
SETTING THE FASTEST EVER LAP OF MONTREAL**

**FERRARI THE ONLY TEAM TO GET THROUGH Q1  
USING THE SUPERSOFT TYRES ONLY**

**ONE PIT STOP EXPECTED AS FASTEST STRATEGY FOR THE RACE**

*Montreal, June 10, 2017* – Mercedes driver Lewis Hamilton claimed pole position for the Canadian Grand Prix, setting the fastest time ever seen around the Montreal circuit, using the P Zero Purple ultrasoft tyres. Ferrari driver Sebastian Vettel and his team mate Kimi Raikkonen (who qualified second and fourth) were the only drivers to get through Q1 using the supersoft tyre only, which is reckoned to be just under a second slower than the ultrasoft.

Conditions remained warm and dry for qualifying, with the ultrasoft used by all drivers from Q2 onwards. A one-stop strategy is expected for the majority of competitors tomorrow: however, a two-stopper is also possible. Track evolution continued throughout the qualifying sessions.

### MARIO ISOLA - HEAD OF CAR RACING

*"Today, we saw the fastest lap ever of Montreal that improved on the 2016 pole by more than 1.3 seconds: a remarkable difference given that this has been gained purely from traction, as there aren't many big corners here. The times were extremely close in a thrilling session, just as we saw in FP3. The challenge in Montreal consisted of getting the front and rear tyres working in harmony: as the rears are normally working harder than the fronts. Hooking them up together was key to a fast time in qualifying. Montreal isn't one of the races where pole position means everything, so the prospects for the grand prix remain wide open."*

### HOW THE TYRES BEHAVED TODAY



YELLOW **SOFT**

Not seen in qualifying but race performance quite close to supersoft.



RED **SUPERSOFT**

Only used by Ferrari in Q1: just under a second slower than ultrasoft.



PURPLE **ULTRASOFT**

The key choice for qualifying: all the top 10 will start on this tyre.



### FREE PRACTICE 3 – TOP 3 TIMES

DRIVER	TIME	COMPOUND
Vettel	1m12.572s	ULTRASOFT NEW
Raikkonen	1m12.864s	ULTRASOFT NEW
Hamilton	1m12.926s	ULTRASOFT NEW

### QUALIFYING TOP 10

DRIVER	TIME	COMPOUND
Hamilton	1m11.459s	ULTRASOFT NEW
Vettel	1m11.789s	ULTRASOFT NEW
Bottas	1m12.177s	ULTRASOFT NEW
Raikkonen	1m12.252s	ULTRASOFT NEW
Verstappen	1m12.403s	ULTRASOFT NEW
Ricciardo	1m12.557s	ULTRASOFT NEW
Massa	1m12.858s	ULTRASOFT NEW
Perez	1m13.018s	ULTRASOFT NEW
Ocon	1m13.135s	ULTRASOFT NEW
Hulkenberg	1m13.271s	ULTRASOFT NEW

### MOST LAPS BY COMPOUND SO FAR

COMPOUND	DRIVER	LAPS
SOFT	Wehrlein	20
SUPERSOFT	Vettel	29
ULTRASOFT	Massa	29



## BEST TIME BY COMPOUND SO FAR

COMPOUND	DRIVER	TIME
SOFT	Bottas	1m14.079s
SUPERSOFT	Vettel	1m13.046s
ULTRASOFT	Hamilton	1m11.459s

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