



## AZERBAIJAN GRAND PRIX *PRACTICE SESSIONS*

**SLIPPERY SURFACES IN FP1 AND LOWER TEMPERATURES IN THE LATE AFTERNOON FP2 CHARACTERISE THE DAY**

**AROUND A SECOND BETWEEN THE SOFT AND SUPERSOFT COMPOUNDS SO FAR ON A RAPIDLY EVOLVING SURFACE**

**FINDING THE RIGHT BALANCE BETWEEN FRONT AND REAR TYRE WARM-UP THE KEY TO FAST TIMES IN BAKU**

*Baku, June 23, 2017* – Ambient and track temperatures were obviously lower in the late afternoon FP2 session than they were in FP1 on the Baku street circuit today. Allied to a smooth and slippery asphalt surface, this provided the biggest challenge during free practice. As drivers looked for the limits, there were a few brushes with the wall, as well as visits to the escape road.

As always, grip is expected to improve as more rubber is laid down on the track over the rest of the weekend. The current gap between the soft and supersoft compounds of about a second is likely to come down as well tomorrow.

### MARIO ISOLA - HEAD OF CAR RACING

*“As expected on any temporary circuit, it was a particularly slippery start in Baku with a very green track and smooth surface. The layout of this track is a test of traction in particular, with the rear tyres doing all of the work. On top of that, there are only short corners in Baku, which means that the fronts are less stressed, and they also cool down a bit on the long straights between those corners. Consequently, finding the right set-up to ensure the correct balance between front and rear tyre temperature is essential to a strong performance here – as we saw in Russia, Monaco and Canada as well – and this is what a lot of the work concentrated on today. When analysing today’s data, we have to bear in mind as well that the track will evolve further as the weekend goes on.”*

### FREE PRACTICE 1 – TOP 3 TIMES

DRIVER	TIME	COMPOUND
Verstappen	1m44.410s	<b>SUPERSOFT NEW</b>
Ricciardo	1m44.880s	<b>SUPERSOFT NEW</b>
Vettel	1m44.967s	<b>SOFT NEW</b>

### FREE PRACTICE 2 – TOP 3 TIMES

DRIVER	TIME	COMPOUND
Verstappen	1m 43.362s	<b>SUPERSOFT NEW</b>
Bottas	1m 43.462s	<b>SUPERSOFT NEW</b>
Ricciardo	1m 43.473s	<b>SUPERSOFT USED</b>



## FP1 - BEST TIME BY COMPOUND

COMPOUND	DRIVER	TIME
MEDIUM	Verstappen	1m 46.454s
SOFT	Vettel	1m 44.967s
SUPERSOFT	Verstappen	1m 44.410s

## FP2 - BEST TIME BY COMPOUND

COMPOUND	DRIVER	TIME
MEDIUM	Massa	1m 46.343s
SOFT	Verstappen	1m 43.894s
SUPERSOFT	Verstappen	1m 43.362s

## MOST LAPS BY COMPOUND SO FAR

COMPOUND	DRIVER	LAPS
MEDIUM	Ricciardo, Verstappen	11
SOFT	Ocon, Raikkonen	22
SUPERSOFT	Bottas, Massa	25

## TYRE STATISTICS OF THE DAY

			
Kms driven*	336	2628	2868
Sets used overall**	15	41	35

\* 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



**22 psi (fronts) - 21 psi (rears)**

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