



## AUSTRIAN GRAND PRIX *PRACTICE SESSIONS*

### LEWIS HAMILTON BEATS LAST YEAR'S FASTEST TIME OF THE WEEKEND AT THE RED BULL RING, IN FP2

**LOW WEAR AND DEGRADATION, AS WELL AS SMALL GAPS OVER THE SHORT  
LAP IN AUSTRIA: SOFT COMPOUND COULD BE CHOSEN FOR THE RACE**

**UNCERTAIN WEATHER CONDITIONS PREVAIL:  
THIS COULD BE THE CASE FOR THE REST OF THE WEEKEND**

*Spielberg, 7 July 2017* – Mercedes driver Lewis Hamilton set the fastest time in FP2 today of 1m05.483s on ultrasoft, comfortably beating the fastest time seen during qualifying last year (which was set in Q2).

Just as was the case in 2016, the weather was changeable at the Red Bull Ring, with a few drops of rain between the sessions that did not however affect track conditions significantly. FP2 started in track temperatures of 40 degrees centigrade; by the end of the session these had dropped to 36 degrees, under a cloudy sky.

With smooth asphalt and a low-grip surface, wear and degradation were minimal, with practically zero graining, meaning that a one-stop strategy is likely to be considered.

#### MARIO ISOLA - HEAD OF CAR RACING

*"There were no real surprises during free practice in Austria, with the soft, supersoft and ultrasoft compounds – all of which were seen on track today – providing performance in line with our expectations. With such a short lap in terms of time and relatively few corners at the Red Bull Ring, the lap time gap between compounds seems smaller compared to what we expected from simulation data. This brings the soft into play as a viable race tyre, particularly for those thinking about a one-stop strategy. However, most drivers have only chosen a small number of soft sets, meaning that some have already been looking to save those soft tyres for possible use during the race. As ever, the weather has been a question mark and we expect that uncertainty to continue for the rest of the weekend, which will obviously have a profound additional effect on strategy."*

#### FREE PRACTICE 1 – TOP 3 TIMES

DRIVER	TIME	COMPOUND
Hamilton	1m05.975s	SOFT USED
Verstappen	1m06.165s	SUPERSOFT NEW
Bottas	1m06.345s	SUPERSOFT NEW

#### FREE PRACTICE 2 – TOP 3 TIMES

DRIVER	TIME	COMPOUND
Hamilton	1m05.483s	ULTRASOFT NEW



Vettel	1m05.630s	<b>ULTRASOFT NEW</b>
Bottas	1m05.699s	<b>ULTRASOFT NEW</b>

### FP1 - BEST TIME BY COMPOUND

COMPOUND	DRIVER	TIME
<b>SOFT</b>	Hamilton	1m 05.975s
<b>SUPERSOFT</b>	Verstappen	1m 06.165s
<b>ULTRASOFT</b>	Hamilton	1m 06.526s




### FP2 - BEST TIME BY COMPOUND

COMPOUND	DRIVER	TIME
<b>SOFT</b>	Raikkonen	1m 06.344s
<b>SUPERSOFT</b>	Bottas	1m 05.700s
<b>ULTRASOFT</b>	Hamilton	1m 05.483s

### MOST LAPS BY COMPOUND SO FAR

COMPOUND	DRIVER	LAPS
<b>SOFT</b>	Raikkonen	28
<b>SUPERSOFT</b>	Grosjean, Vettel	29
<b>ULTRASOFT</b>	Ericsson	37

### TYRE STATISTICS OF THE DAY

			
Kms driven*	829	2547	2482
Sets used overall**	14	35	30

\* 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) – 19.5 psi (rears)**

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