



## AUSTRIAN GRAND PRIX *PREVIEW*

Round 9 of 20  
Spielberg, 07-09 July 2017

*Milan, July 03, 2017* – The Red Bull Ring has some characteristics in common with the succession of low-grip circuits that have come immediately before it, with a slippery surface and relatively contained lateral forces. As opposed to Azerbaijan, Canada and Monaco, it's an entirely permanent venue: a chopped down version of the mythical Osterreichring. This gives the track an old-school feel, and a lot of it is visible from any vantage point; it's one of the shortest laps of the year. The three softest tyres in Pirelli's Formula 1 range will be used in Austria: P Zero Yellow soft, P Zero Red supersoft and P Zero Purple ultrasoft. These should be well-suited to the rollercoaster Spielberg layout, providing the right compromise between warm-up, performance and durability.

### THE THREE NOMINATED COMPOUNDS



PURPLE **ULTRASOFT**

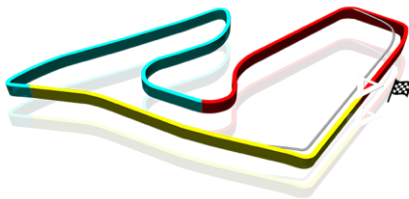


RED **SUPERSOFT**



YELLOW **SOFT**

### THE CIRCUIT FROM A TYRE POINT OF VIEW



**RED BULL RING**

- *Track was entirely resurfaced in 2016: it's one of the smoothest surfaces of the year.*
- *Tyre nominations are the same as last year: both one and two stops could be possible.*
- *The local geography means there's a high risk of uncertain weather all weekend.*
- *Some graining was seen last year on ultrasoft but this is very unlikely with the new generation 2017 tyres, with almost zero graining so far this season.*
- *The first two sectors are fast and flowing, the final sector is slower and more technical.*
- *There's plenty of elevation, including some tricky uphill braking that is easy to get wrong.*

### MARIO ISOLA - HEAD OF CAR RACING

*"The natural selection for this type of circuit is the three softest compounds in the range. Having said that, we've seen in the past that Austria also has the capability to spring a few surprises. When we get there we'll see if one stops or two are more likely, but it will be important for teams to build some flexibility into the strategies as well. Longitudinal forces – so traction and braking – are the key aspects in Austria, rather than cornering.*



*In spite of that, there's still a good chance of the lap record coming down, as we saw in Baku".*

**WHAT'S NEW?**

- There are no major alterations to the Red Bull Ring compared to last year.
- Pirelli has been working in another famous mountain location recently: a new all-electric Acura has tackled the famous Pikes Peak hill climb on P Zero slick tyres.

**AUSTRIA MINIMUM STARTING PRESSURES (SLICKS)**



**21.5** psi (front) – **19.5** psi (rear)

**EOS CAMBER LIMIT**








**-3.50°** (front) | **-2.00°** (rear)

**THE TYRES NOMINATED THIS SEASON**

GRAND PRIX					
Australia	✓	✓	✓		
China		✓	✓	✓	
Bahrain		✓	✓	✓	
Russia	✓	✓	✓		
Spain			✓	✓	✓
Monaco	✓	✓	✓		
Canada	✓	✓	✓		
Azerbaijan		✓	✓	✓	
Austria	✓	✓	✓		
Great Britain		✓	✓	✓	
Hungary		✓	✓	✓	
Belgium	✓	✓	✓		



GRAND PRIX					
Italy		✓	✓	✓	
Singapore	✓	✓	✓		
Malaysia		✓	✓	✓	
Japan		✓	✓	✓	

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