



AUSTRIAN GRAND PRIX RACE

VALTTERI BOTTAS WINS FROM POLE USING A ONE-STOP ULTRASOFT-SUPERSOFT STRATEGY

ALL THREE TYRE COMPOUNDS SEEN ON THE STARTING GRID: HAMILTON MAKES UP FOUR PLACES AFTER STARTING ON SUPERSOFT

SOME BLISTERING SEEN DURING THE RACE BUT THIS DID NOT AFFECT PERFORMANCE

Spielberg, 9 July 2017 – Mercedes driver Valtteri Bottas won his second race of the season with a one-stop strategy at the Red Bull Ring, having started from pole on the ultrasoft and then switching to the supersoft.

A number of different one-stop strategies were tried, with all three nominated compounds (soft, supersoft and ultrasoft) seen on the starting grid. In particular, Mercedes driver Lewis Hamilton started from P8 due to a grid penalty and moved from the supersoft to the ultrasoft to make up four places by the end of the race. Both Felipe Massa, driving for Williams, and Renault's Jolyon Palmer adopted an alternative strategy by starting on soft and going onto ultrasoft, to also make up a few places from their grid positions.

With a short lap featuring very few corners and none of the expected rain, the fastest average lap speeds of the entire season so far were seen in Austria this weekend. This was one of the factors that led to some visible blistering in some moments of the race; however, this did not impact on performance as it was seen by their lap times.

MARIO ISOLA - HEAD OF CAR RACING

"With some very fast average speeds and no rain, there was a bit of blistering but this did not affect performance – with the fastest laps being set at the end of the race. Although one stop was the standard choice, there were many different variations on the one-stop strategy, with a few drivers trying something different to make up places. On the whole, the strategy options were quite aggressive throughout the field, with some long runs even on the ultrasoft. This underlines the confidence that the teams have both in the speed and durability of the tyre range."

BEST TIME BY COMPOUND

		
Hulkenberg 1m 09.043s	Ricciardo 1m07.442s	Hamilton 1m 07.411s
Massa 1m09.394s	Raikkonen 1m07.486s	Kvyat 1m08.061s
Kvyat 1m09.749s	Vettel 1m07.496s	Massa 1m08.419s



LONGEST STINT OF THE RACE

COMPOUND	DRIVER	LAPS
SOFT	Hulkenberg	56
SUPERSOFT	Vandoorne	39
ULTRASOFT	Raikkonen	44

TRUTHOMETER

Valtteri Bottas won the race using one pit stop, going from ultrasoft to supersoft on lap 42. The theoretically fastest strategy was adopted by Lewis Hamilton, who started on supersoft then moved to ultrasoft.



SPIELBERG PIT STOP SUMMARY

Car	Driver	Start	Pit 1	Pit 2	Pit 3
77	BOT	USu	SSn (41)		
5	VET	USu	SSn (34)		
3	RIC	USu	SSn (33)		
44	HAM	SSu	USn (31)		
7	RAI	USu	SSn (44)		
8	GRO	USu	SSn (36)		
11	PER	USu	SSn (35)		
31	OCO	USu	SSn (42)		
19	MAS	Sn	USn (47)		
18	STR	SSn	USn (35)		
30	PAL	Sn	USn (34)		
2	VAN	USn	SSn (31)	SSu (44)DT	
27	HUL	SSn	Sn (14)		
94	WEH	SSn	USn (35)		
9	ERI	USn	SSn (34)		
26	KVY	USn	Sn (1)	Su (9)DT	USu (55)
55	SAI	USu	SSn (40)		
20	MAG	SSn			
14	ALO	USn			
33	VER	Usu			

S= Soft

SS= Supersoft

US= Ultrasoft

n= new

u= used

DT=Drive through



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