



## MALAYSIAN GRAND PRIX RACE

### ONE-STOP SUPERSOFT-SOFT STRATEGY AS EXPECTED FOR ALL THE FRONTRUNNERS ON THE GRID

### FERRARI DRIVER SEBASTIAN VETTEL USES ALTERNATIVE SOFT-SUPERSOFT STRATEGY TO FINISH FOURTH FROM THE BACK

### SOME VERY LONG STINTS SEEN AT THE LAST SEPANG RACE: FORCE INDIA'S ESTEBAN OCON STOPS JUST ONCE ON LAP THREE

*Sepang, October 1, 2017* – The final Malaysian Grand Prix was won by Red Bull's Max Verstappen from the second row of the grid, after stopping just once to change from supersoft to soft tyres. This was the strategy that was adopted by all the frontrunners, with the notable exception of Ferrari driver Sebastian Vettel, who staged a brilliant fightback to fourth from last.

The German chose to start the race on the soft tyres to try and gain track position, switching to the faster supersoft tyres on the same lap that Verstappen pitted from the lead to change from supersoft to soft.

Vettel was then able to use the extra speed of the supersoft to make his way into the top four places.

#### MARIO ISOLA - HEAD OF CAR RACING

*"After practice was interrupted by weather and a red flag, the teams still had to fully calculate degradation rates over long runs, which was the main challenge today. In the end, track temperatures were relatively cool by Malaysia standards – around 40 degrees centigrade – and degradation was low on both compounds, so the stints were able to be stretched out. With all the frontrunners selecting similar one-stop supersoft-soft strategies, one of the highlights of the race was Vettel's charge up the field from last, helped by an alternative strategy by starting on the soft. Force India's Esteban Ocon was forced into an early stop following a puncture caused by contact with another car: he then ran all the way to the end on the soft tyre after pitting on lap three."*

#### BEST TIME BY COMPOUND

		
-	Hamilton 1m34.452s	Vettel 1m34.080s
-	Verstappen 1m34.467s	Hulkenberg 1m34.266s
-	Ricciardo 1m34.770s	Grosjean 1m35.796s

#### LONGEST STINT OF THE RACE

COMPOUND	DRIVER	LAPS
MEDIUM	-	-



<b>SOFT</b>	Ocon	53
<b>SUPERSOFT</b>	Perez	30

### **TRUTHOMETER**

Verstappen was the winner of the 56-lap race with a one-stop strategy as we expected, going from supersoft to soft on lap 28 – later than we had anticipated owing to lower levels of tyre degradation. This was incidentally the same lap that Vettel switched from soft to supersoft.



## SEPANG PIT STOP SUMMARY

Car	Driver	Start	Pit 1	Pit 2
33	VER	SSu	Sn (27)	
44	HAM	SSu	Sn (26)	
3	RIC	SSu	Sn (29)	
5	VET	Sn	SSn (27)	
77	BOT	SSu	Sn (28)	
11	PER	SSu	Sn (30)	
2	VAN	SSu	Sn (13)	
18	STR	SSn	Sn (12)	
19	MAS	SSn	Sn (11)	
31	OCO	SSu	Sn (2)	
14	ALO	SSu	Sn (26)	
20	MAG	SSn	Sn (10)	
8	GRO	SSn	Sn (11)	SSn (33)
10	GAS	SSn	Sn (12)	
30	PAL	SSn	Sn (13)	
27	HUL	SSu	Sn (9)	SSu (50)
94	WEH	Sn	SSn (37)	
9	ERI	Sn	SSn (38)	
55	SAI	SSn		

S=Soft

SS= Supersoft

n=new

u=used

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