



## SINGAPORE GRAND PRIX QUALIFYING

### FERRARI'S SEBASTIAN VETTEL SEALS POLE ON THE ULTRASOFT WITH FASTEST-EVER LAP OF SINGAPORE

### P ZERO PURPLE ONLY USED FROM START TO FINISH OF QUALIFYING IN SINGAPORE, WITH SIGNIFICANT TRACK EVOLUTION

### ONE STOP IS THE MOST LIKELY RACE STRATEGY, BUT SAFETY CARS CAN BE A FACTOR AS USUAL ON THIS CIRCUIT

*Singapore, September 16, 2017* – Ferrari driver Sebastian Vettel claimed pole position under the lights of Singapore on the P Zero Purple ultrasoft tyre, which was used by all the drivers from start to finish of qualifying.

Vettel's time of 1m39.491s – 3.1 seconds faster than last year's pole – is the quickest lap ever seen at the Marina Bay circuit, with the 2016 pole time already beaten in Q1. Track temperature was around 34 degrees centigrade during qualifying.

There was high track evolution during Q1 in particular; also because of some oil dropped from a previous support race. Tyre wear and degradation as measured during FP2 yesterday remained quite low even on the ultrasoft tyre, opening up the possibility of a one-stop strategy tomorrow even if tyre degradation should increase.

#### MARIO ISOLA - HEAD OF CAR RACING

*"The track got progressively faster quite quickly, once the oil on the track had cleared. This allowed an incredibly fast and closely-fought qualifying session, with plenty of drivers beating the previous all-time record at Singapore. On a circuit which favours the mechanical grip like this one, the wider 2017 tyres offered an important contribution to this result. As tyre wear and degradation is low on all three compounds, one-stop should be the favoured strategy; however, with a 100% safety car record in Singapore and unpredictable track conditions, teams will need to remain versatile and adapt their strategies to the circumstances of the race."*

#### HOW THE TYRES BEHAVED TODAY



PURPLE **ULTRASOFT**

Used in qualifying and FP3 today: around a second faster than supersoft.



RED **SUPERSOFT**

Only used for some installation laps in FP3 today, important tomorrow.



YELLOW **SOFT**

Could become a key ingredient of a one-stopper tomorrow.

#### FREE PRACTICE 3 – TOP 3 TIMES



DRIVER	TIME	COMPOUND
Verstappen	1m 41.829s	ULTRASOFT NEW
Vettel	1m 41.901s	ULTRASOFT NEW
Hamilton	1m 41.971s	ULTRASOFT NEW

### QUALIFYING TOP 10

DRIVER	TIME	COMPOUND
Vettel	1m 39.491s	ULTRASOFT NEW
Verstappen	1m 39.814s	ULTRASOFT NEW
Ricciardo	1m 39.840s	ULTRASOFT NEW
Raikkonen	1m 40.069s	ULTRASOFT NEW
Hamilton	1m 40.126s	ULTRASOFT NEW
Bottas	1m 40.810s	ULTRASOFT NEW
Hulkenberg	1m 41.013s	ULTRASOFT NEW
Alonso	1m 41.179s	ULTRASOFT NEW
Vandoorne	1m 41.398s	ULTRASOFT NEW
Sainz	1m 42.056s	ULTRASOFT NEW

### MOST LAPS BY COMPOUND SO FAR

COMPOUND	DRIVER	LAPS
SOFT	Vettel	23
SUPERSOFT	Grosjean, Perez, Verstappen	23
ULTRASOFT	Ricciardo	26

### BEST TIME BY COMPOUND SO FAR

COMPOUND	DRIVER	TIME
SOFT	Hamilton	1m 42.505s



<b>SUPERSOFT</b>	Verstappen	1m 42.077s
<b>ULTRASOFT</b>	Vettel	1m 39.491s

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