



UNITED STATES GRAND PRIX *PRACTICE SESSIONS*

**DAMP CONDITIONS IN THE MORNING, FOLLOWED BY DRY WEATHER
IN THE AFTERNOON AT THE CIRCUIT OF THE AMERICAS**

**MERCEDES DRIVER LEWIS HAMILTON SETS FASTEST-EVER LAP OF AUSTIN
ON ULTRASOFT, COLOURED PINK TO SUPPORT BREAST CANCER CARE**

TEAMS ALSO TEST PROTOTYPE INTERMEDIATE COMPOUND IN THE MORNING

Austin, October 20, 2017 – Mercedes driver Lewis Hamilton has gone fastest in the second free practice session at Austin using the ultrasoft tyre, ahead of Red Bull's Max Verstappen, following a morning FP1 session that started in damp conditions. This meant that all the drivers began the day's action using the intermediates (with just one car selecting the wets) before moving onto the slicks for the second half of FP1 and the whole of FP2.

The drivers were able to test a prototype softer intermediate compound in the morning. Data has now to be analysed. These tyres used an unaltered construction.

Hamilton's fastest lap on the ultrasofts in FP2 was also the fastest-ever lap of the Circuit of the Americas, beating the previous benchmark, which was his own pole from last year.

MARIO ISOLA - HEAD OF CAR RACING

"It was very much a day of contrasts in Austin, with damp weather in FP1 followed by warmer weather in the afternoon. And of course, one of the biggest contrasts was our pink ultrasoft tyres, compared to their usual purple colour, which certainly attracted a lot of attention! The varying conditions today meant that it was quite hard to obtain consistent data, but we saw the fastest-ever lap of Austin set in FP2 using the ultrasoft despite a tricky FP1. This morning we tried out a prototype intermediate compound, which was softer than the current compound, but with the same construction. There are still some questions to be answered about how all the compounds interact with the track this weekend."

FREE PRACTICE 1 – TOP 3 TIMES

DRIVER	TIME	COMPOUND
Hamilton	1m 36.335s	SUPERSOFT NEW
Vettel	1m 36.928s	SUPERSOFT NEW
Bottas	1m 36.979s	SUPERSOFT NEW

FREE PRACTICE 2 – TOP 3 TIMES

DRIVER	TIME	COMPOUND
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Hamilton	1m 34.668s	ULTRASOFT NEW
Verstappen	1m 35.065s	ULTRASOFT NEW
Vettel	1m 35.192s	ULTRASOFT NEW

FP1 - BEST TIME BY COMPOUND

COMPOUND	DRIVER	TIME
SOFT	Ocon	1m 37.808s
SUPERSOFT	Hamilton	1m 36.335s
ULTRASOFT	Vandoorne	1m 37.352s
INTERMEDIATE	Massa	1m 47.692s

FP2 - BEST TIME BY COMPOUND






COMPOUND	DRIVER	TIME
SOFT	Verstappen	1m 36.328s
SUPERSOFT	Ricciardo	1m 36.116s
ULTRASOFT	Hamilton	1m 34.668s

MOST LAPS BY COMPOUND SO FAR

COMPOUND	DRIVER	LAPS
SOFT	Kvyat	21
SUPERSOFT	Sainz	25
ULTRASOFT	Hartley	20
INTERMEDIATE	Sainz	9
WET	Stroll	1



TYRE STATISTICS OF THE DAY

					
Kms driven*	726	1890	1895	369	5
Sets used overall**	11	26	26	15	1

* 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



22 psi (fronts) – 19 psi (rears)

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