



UNITED STATES GRAND PRIX RACE

**MERCEDES DRIVER LEWIS HAMILTON WINS WITH A ONE-STOP STRATEGY.
FERRARI'S SEBASTIAN VETTEL FINISHES SECOND WITH A TWO STOPPER**

**ALTERNATIVE TWO-STOP STRATEGY BOOSTS RED BULL'S MAX VERSTAPPEN,
WHO FINISHES FOURTH AFTER STARTING NEAR THE BACK OF THE GRID**

**SOFT TYRE – THE HARDEST COMPOUND NOMINATED – IS A CRUCIAL
INGREDIENT FOR THE RACE, AND ALLOWS MANY DIFFERENT STRATEGIES**

Austin, October 22, 2017 – Mercedes driver Lewis Hamilton won the United States Grand Prix on a one-stop strategy, while Ferrari's Sebastian Vettel used a two-stop strategy and kept the championship battle alive after finishing second. Despite higher degradation than yesterday and warm track temperatures close to 40 degrees, most drivers finished the race with a one-stop ultrasoft-soft strategy. However, some drivers chose alternative strategies: notably Vettel, and Red Bull's Max Verstappen, who started from 16th on the grid with the supersoft tyre. The Dutchman also stopped twice, switching to the soft compound and then the supersoft, to finally claim a podium place on the final lap, before losing it due to a penalty.

MARIO ISOLA - HEAD OF CAR RACING

"With quite warm track and air temperatures during the race, this was another set of parameters for the drivers to get used to after an inconsistent weekend in terms of track conditions. Nonetheless, the one-stop strategy came into play with the soft tyre, even though there wasn't a lot of running on this compound in free practice. Strategy was crucial to this grand prix, with the teams having to react to changing circumstances and read the track as well as rivals' tactics as they saw them, adapting their strategies appropriately. This was exemplified by Max Verstappen and Sebastian Vettel, who were both extremely quick in the closing stages of the race after a bold call on final pit stops. Finally, on behalf of all of us, congratulations to Mercedes for another constructors' title."

BEST TIME BY COMPOUND

		
Verstappen 1m 38.523s	Vettel 1m 37.766s	Bottas 1m 37.767s
Hamilton 1m 38.776s	Verstappen 1m 38.060s	Magnussen 1m 37.893s
Raikkonen 1m 38.809s	Hartley 1m 39.979s	Stroll 1m 39.666s

LONGEST STINT OF THE RACE

COMPOUND	DRIVER	LAPS
SOFT	Magnussen	48
SUPERSOFT	Massa	29



ULTRASOFT	Vandoorne	30
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While two stops were predicted as theoretically the quickest strategy, we also said that a one-stopper could be interesting. Hamilton made his sole stop on lap 19 (after Vettel's first stop), adopting the same tyre choice, and emerged effectively in the lead of the race, having started from pole.



AUSTIN PIT STOP SUMMARY

Car	Driver	Start	Pit 1	Pit 2
44	HAM	USu	Sn (19)	
5	VET	USu	Sn (16)	SSu (38)
7	RAI	USu	Sn (20)	
33	VER	SSu	Sn (24)	SSn (37)
77	BOT	USu	Sn (18)	USu (52)
31	OCO	USu	Sn (14)	
55	SAI	USu	Sn (19)	
11	PER	USu	Sn (12)	
19	MAS	SSn	USn (29)	
26	KVY	USn	Sn (17)	
18	STR	SSn	Su (10)	USn (36)
2	VAN	SSn	USn (25)	
39	HAR	USn	SSn (8)	SSn (35)
8	GRO	USn	Sn (16)	
9	ERI	SSn	Sn (21)	
20	MAG	SSn	Sn (1)	USn (49)
14	ALO	USu	Sn (14)	
3	RIC	USu	SSn (12)	
94	WEH	Sn	Su (3)	
27	HUL	USn		

S= Soft SS= Supersoft US= Ultrasoft n= new u= used

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