



SINGAPORE GRAND PRIX *PRACTICE SESSIONS*

ALL-TIME TRACK RECORD ALREADY BROKEN IN FP1 USING THE ULTRASOFT AT THE MARINA BAY CIRCUIT

RED BULL DOMINATES BOTH SESSIONS, WITH DANIEL RICCIARDO GOING MORE THAN THREE SECONDS FASTER THAN LAST YEAR'S BEST FP2 TIME

AROUND A SECOND BETWEEN SUPERSOFT AND ULTRASOFT COMPOUNDS SO FAR

Singapore, September 15, 2017 – The fastest-ever laps of the Marina Bay circuit were run today, with Red Bull's Daniel Ricciardo smashing the previous all-time record of 1m42.584s by more than two and a half seconds. This was thanks to a time of 1m40.852s on the P Zero Purple ultrasoft in FP2: 3.3 seconds faster than last year's best FP2 time.

The ultrasoft compound has proved to be around a second faster than the supersoft so far, with a high degree of track evolution during FP1 after some mid-morning rain. Conditions for both sessions remained dry though with high humidity: typical of Singapore's tricky and bumpy asphalt, with all three compounds used today.

MARIO ISOLA - HEAD OF CAR RACING

"We've seen a very big increase in speed compared to last year, with the lap record already broken in FP1 and the fastest FP2 time more than three seconds quicker than last year's equivalent. In many ways, this isn't much of a surprise as the 2017 tyres and regulations enhance cornering speeds specifically, and at 23 corners Marina Bay has more corners than any other track. There's a gap of around a second between the supersoft and ultrasoft so far; it's a bit harder to assess the soft as there was less running on it today. However, if its pace is close enough to the supersoft, it could certainly come into play as a potential race tyre on Sunday."

FREE PRACTICE 1 – TOP 3 TIMES

DRIVER	TIME	COMPOUND
Ricciardo	1m 42.489s	ULTRASOFT NEW
Vettel	1m 42.598s	ULTRASOFT NEW
Verstappen	1m 42.610s	ULTRASOFT NEW

FREE PRACTICE 2 – TOP 3 TIMES

DRIVER	TIME	COMPOUND
Ricciardo	1m 40.852s	ULTRASOFT NEW
Verstappen	1m 41.408s	ULTRASOFT NEW
Hamilton	1m 41.555s	ULTRASOFT NEW

FP1 - BEST TIME BY COMPOUND



COMPOUND	DRIVER	TIME
SOFT	-	-
SUPERSOFT	Hamilton	1m 44.236s
ULTRASOFT	Ricciardo	1m 42.489s

FP2 - BEST TIME BY COMPOUND

COMPOUND	DRIVER	TIME
SOFT	Hamilton	1m 42.505s
SUPERSOFT	Verstappen	1m 42.077s
ULTRASOFT	Ricciardo	1m 40.852s

MOST LAPS BY COMPOUND SO FAR

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

TYRE STATISTICS OF THE DAY

			
Kms driven*	314	1856	3556
Sets used overall**	5	25	51

* 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



18.5 psi (fronts) – **17.0** psi (rears)



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