



MEXICAN GRAND PRIX RACE

**RED BULL DRIVER MAX VERSTAPPEN WINS MEXICAN GRAND PRIX
WITH A ONE-STOP ULTRASOFT-SUPERSOFT STRATEGY**

**CONTACT BETWEEN LEWIS HAMILTON AND SEBASTIAN VETTEL PUTS
BOTH ONTO AN ALTERNATIVE TWO-STOPPER**

**ALL THREE COMPOUNDS USED DURING THE RACE IN A P ZERO RANGE
THAT WAS ONE STEP SOFTER THAN A YEAR AGO**

Mexico City, October 29, 2017 – A thrilling Mexican Grand Prix was won by Red Bull's Max Verstappen with an expected one-stop strategy, but an early collision between title protagonists Lewis Hamilton (Mercedes) and Sebastian Vettel (Ferrari) forced them both onto different two-stop strategies.



After pitting for soft tyres at the end of the opening lap, they both used a virtual safety car halfway through the race to switch on to supersoft (for Hamilton) and ultrasoft (for Vettel). But as Vettel did not finish in the top two, Hamilton could claim his fourth drivers' title – and his third with Pirelli.

Along with Renault's Carlos Sainz and Force India's Sergio Perez, Hamilton and Vettel were the only drivers to stop twice. All the other drivers stopped just once, with Ferrari's Kimi Raikkonen the highest-placed competitor to use the soft (rather than the supersoft) for his second stint.

MARIO ISOLA - HEAD OF CAR RACING

"The collision on the opening lap and the virtual safety car meant that Hamilton and Vettel both had to diverge from the expected one-stop strategy, adding an extra tactical element to this race. Keeping the tyres within the correct operating window was essential, with low degradation, minimal downforce in the thin air, and a slippery surface in Mexico, but Verstappen managed this perfectly to seal a textbook victory. We saw all three compounds used during the race, with teams implementing different strategies to react to the changing circumstances of this fascinating grand prix, and no issues whatsoever from the tyres. Congratulations to Lewis Hamilton for a well-deserved fourth driver's title, following a stunning season."

BEST TIME BY COMPOUND

		
Raikkonen 1m 20.054s	Verstappen 1m 18.892s	Vettel 1m 18.785s
Vettel 1m 20.698s	Bottas 1m 19.374s	Perez 1m 19.929s
Ocon 1m 20.946s	Hamilton 1m 19.945s	Grosjean 1m 20.345s

LONGEST STINT OF THE RACE

COMPOUND	DRIVER	LAPS
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SOFT	Massa	67
SUPERSOFT	Vandoorne, Gasly, Verstappen, Hamilton, Bottas	39
ULTRASOFT	Vettel	39

TRUTHOMETER

Max Verstappen won the Mexican Grand Prix with a one-stop strategy as expected, making his sole pit stop from ultrasoft to supersoft on lap 32.



MEXICO CITY PIT STOP SUMMARY

Car	Driver	Start	Pit 1	Pit 2
33	VER	USu	SSn (32)	
77	BOT	USu	SSn (32)	
7	RAI	USu	Sn (32)	
5	VET	USu	Sn (1)	USn (32)
31	OCO	USu	Sn (20)	
18	STR	USn	SSn (32)	
11	PER	USu	Sn (18)	USu (50)
20	MAG	USn	Sn (31)	
44	HAM	USu	Sn (1)	SSn (31)
14	ALO	SSn	USn (32)	
19	MAS	USn	Sn (3)	
2	VAN	USn	SSn (31)	
10	GAS	USn	SSn (31)	
94	WEH	USn	Sn (4)	
8	GRO	SSn	Sn (31)	USn (62)
55	SAI	USu	Sn (2)	USu (31)
9	ERI	USn	SSn (28)	
28	HAR	USn		
27	HUL	USu	Sn (19)	
3	RIC	USu		

S= Soft

SS= Supersoft

US= Ultrasoft

n= new

u= used



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