

**FERRARI DRIVER KIMI RAIKKONEN FASTEST ON SUPERSOFT IN FP2:  
REPRESENTATIVE OF QUALIFYING AND RACE WITH FALLING TEMPERATURES**

**AROUND 0.7 SECONDS SEPARATE MEDIUM FROM SOFT, WITH A GAP  
OF APPROXIMATELY 0.6 SECONDS FROM SOFT TO SUPERSOFT**

**ALL THREE COMPOUNDS LIKELY TO PLAY A ROLE IN RACE STRATEGY,  
WITH A WIDE VARIETY OF TACTICS POSSIBLE**

*Sakhir, April 6, 2018* – The supersoft tyre, around 0.6 seconds faster than the soft, was quickest in FP2 today; with Ferrari driver Kimi Raikkonen just ahead of his team mate Sebastian Vettel.

The soft was fastest in FP1 courtesy of Red Bull's Daniel Ricciardo but the FP2 session was the crucial one: with track temperatures falling in the evening, as they will during qualifying and the race, which is run at the same time.

All three compounds performed strongly today, making each one a viable option as part of a race strategy.

**MARIO ISOLA - HEAD OF CAR RACING**

*"We're satisfied with the performance of all three compounds so far, on a track that distinguishes itself by having the roughest surface of the year, with an unusual situation in qualifying and the race as track temperatures fall in the evening. This makes wear, degradation, and consequently strategy quite hard to predict, with all the key work having to be condensed into the 90 minutes of FP2. There's a reasonable gap between medium and soft as we expected, but the gap between supersoft and soft is slightly bigger than we initially predicted, so this could lead to some interesting tactics during qualifying tomorrow as teams start to commit towards a race strategy. From what we can see so far, there are a number of different strategic possibilities on the table for qualifying and the race."*

**FREE PRACTICE 1 – TOP 3 TIMES**

DRIVER	TIME	COMPOUND
Ricciardo	1m31.060s	<b>SOFT NEW</b>
Bottas	1m31.364s	<b>SOFT NEW</b>
Raikkonen	1m31.458s	<b>SOFT NEW</b>

**FREE PRACTICE 2 – TOP 3 TIMES**

DRIVER	TIME	COMPOUND
Raikkonen	1m29.817s	<b>SUPERSOFT NEW</b>
Vettel	1m29.828s	<b>SUPERSOFT NEW</b>
Bottas	1m30.380s	<b>SUPERSOFT NEW</b>

## FP1 - BEST TIME BY COMPOUND

COMPOUND	DRIVER	TIME
MEDIUM	Perez	1m33.662s
SOFT	Ricciardo	1m31.060s
SUPERSOFT	Grosjean	1m32.516s

## FP2 - BEST TIME BY COMPOUND

COMPOUND	DRIVER	TIME
MEDIUM	Hamilton	1m31.259s
SOFT	Vettel	1m30.041s
SUPERSOFT	Raikkonen	1m29.817s

## MOST LAPS BY COMPOUND SO FAR

COMPOUND	DRIVER	LAPS
MEDIUM	Sirotkin	25
SOFT	Leclerc	30
SUPERSOFT	Ericsson	28

## TYRE STATISTICS OF THE DAY

			
Kms driven*	936	2588	2393
Sets used overall**	15	35	29

\* The above number gives the total amount of kilometres driven in FP1 and FP2 today, all drivers combined.

\*\* Per compound, all drivers combined.

MIN. STARTING PRESSURES (slicks)		EOS CAMBER LIMIT	
	21.0 psi (front)   19.0 psi (rear)	-3.75° (front)   -2.00° (rear)	

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