

DANIEL RICCIARDO GOES FASTEST FOR RED BULL IN FREE PRACTICE ON HYPERSOFT DEBUT, SETTING A NEW TRACK RECORD

MORE DEGRADATION ON THE NEW HYPERSOFT BUT A ONE-STOP RACE IS STILL LIKELY

AROUND ONE SECOND SO FAR BETWEEN HYPERSOFT AND ULTRASOFT, THEN AROUND 0.5 SECONDS BETWEEN ULTRASOFT AND SUPERSOFT

Monaco, May 24, 2018 – Daniel Ricciardo completed a Red Bull monopoly of the free practice sessions in Monaco, setting a new track record in FP2, with last year's pole time already beaten in FP1 thanks to the brand new P Zero Pink hypersoft. On its debut, the new tyre has resulted in times that are nearly one second per lap quicker than last year in FP2.

The street circuit has additionally been extensively resurfaced since last year, giving it more grip and a smoother surface, which has also helped to deliver faster lap times.

MARIO ISOLA - HEAD OF CAR RACING

"We've seen a lot more degradation on the softest compound here – the new Pink hypersoft making its debut here – than we have in previous years, exactly as expected with our new compound. Having said that, you really can't compare Monaco to anywhere else, which is why it was particularly important to collect as much relevant data as possible on the hypersoft today. We also saw some front-left graining, especially in the morning, which is also normal in Monaco. While the extra pace this year was clear with the track record broken today, a one-stop race on Sunday is still the most likely option due to the huge importance of track position at this race. Although Red Bull has been very strong today, again we've seen the top teams very closely matched."

FREE PRACTICE 1 – TOP 3 TIMES

DRIVER	TIME	COMPOUND
Ricciardo	1m12.126s	HYPERSOFT NEW
Verstappen	1m12.280s	HYPERSOFT NEW
Hamilton	1m12.480s	HYPERSOFT NEW

FREE PRACTICE 2 – TOP 3 TIMES

DRIVER	TIME	COMPOUND
Ricciardo	1m11.841s	HYPERSOFT NEW
Verstappen	1m12.035s	HYPERSOFT NEW
Vettel	1m12.413s	HYPERSOFT USED

FP1 - BEST TIME BY COMPOUND

COMPOUND	DRIVER	TIME
SUPERSOFT	Alonso	1m19.170s
ULTRASOFT	Hartley	1m14.034s
HYPERSOFT	Ricciardo	1m12.126s

FP2 - BEST TIME BY COMPOUND

COMPOUND	DRIVER	TIME
SUPERSOFT	Hamilton	1m13.720s
ULTRASOFT	Vettel	1m13.180s
HYPERSOFT	Ricciardo	1m11.841s

MOST LAPS BY COMPOUND SO FAR

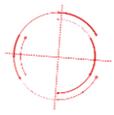
COMPOUND	DRIVER	LAPS
SUPERSOFT	Ericsson	32
ULTRASOFT	Gasly, Hartley, Ocon	25
HYPERSOFT	Sirotkin	30

TYRE STATISTICS OF THE DAY

			
Kms driven*	276	948	3713
Sets used overall**	5	15	60

* 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	
	17.5 psi (front) 17.5 psi (rear)	-4.00° (front) -2.75° (rear)	

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