

FERRARI DRIVER SEBASTIAN VETTEL WINS PIRELLI'S 350TH GRAND PRIX AFTER A TENSE BATTLE IN GREAT BRITAIN

BOTH ONE AND TWO STOP STRATEGIES USED AT A HOT AND RAPID SILVERSTONE, FEATURING TWO SAFETY CARS

PIRELLI'S 2019 DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME CONTINUES ON TUESDAY AND WEDNESDAY WITH THREE TEAMS

Silverstone, July 8, 2018 – The British Grand Prix came down to a tense strategic battle between Ferrari and Mercedes, after two safety cars in the closing stages of the race turned it into a pair of final sprints.

Ferrari and Mercedes made different strategic choices under the first safety car, with Ferrari opting for a second stop to put their drivers onto soft tyres: the softest compound available.

Meanwhile, the Mercedes drivers stayed out on their medium tyres to maintain track position, making only one stop.




With extremely warm track temperatures close to 50 degrees centigrade, on one of the fastest and most demanding circuits of the year in terms of energy loadings, all the compounds demonstrated both performance and reliability at Pirelli's 350th grand prix.

Pirelli now remains at Silverstone for the latest two-day test in the 2019 tyre development programme, with Haas, Red Bull and Williams.

MARIO ISOLA - HEAD OF CAR RACING

"We saw a thrilling and unpredictable grand prix featuring a variety of different strategies and all three compounds being used. As well as the very different strategies based on soft and medium tyres that made up the first five places, Renault's Nico Hulkenberg made up six places by stopping once, from medium to hard. The race was obviously affected by safety cars that put many of the pre-planned strategies into question, but all the drivers were able to fight hard from start to finish on every compound at one of the season's most demanding circuits. This culminated in a thrilling finale that perfectly showcased the spectacular nature of Formula 1, at Pirelli's 350th grand prix."

BEST TIME BY COMPOUND

		
Hulkenberg 1m33.405s	Hamilton 1m31.245s	Vettel 1m30.696s
Sainz 1m34.602s	Bottas 1m31.377s	Raikkonen 1m30.795s
-	Raikkonen 1m32.135s	Ricciardo 1m31.589s

LONGEST STINT OF THE RACE

COMPOUND	DRIVER	LAPS
SOFT	Grosjean	26
MEDIUM	Ocon	33
HARD	Hulkenberg	32

PIT STOP STRATEGY

The safety cars made the strategy hard to predict, but in the end Sebastian Vettel won with a two-stop strategy, starting on soft and then changing to medium on lap 20 (under green flag conditions) and then to soft on lap 33 under the safety car: a move that helped him to win the race.

Car	Driver	Start	Pit 1	Pit 2
5	VET	Su	Mn (20)	Sn (33)
44	HAM	Su	Mn (25)	
7	RAI	Su	Mn (13)	Sn (33)
77	BOT	Su	Mn (21)	
3	RIC	Su	Mn (18)	Sn (30)
27	HUL	Mn	Hn (20)	
31	OCO	Su	Mn (19)	
14	ALO	Sn	Mn (13)	Su (32)
20	MAG	Su	Mn (25)	
10	GAS	Sn	Mn (20)	Su (32)
11	PER	Sn	Mn (13)	Su (32)
2	VAN	Sn	Mn (21)	Sn (33)
18	STR	Mn	Sn (30)	
35	SIR	Sn	Mn (21)	
33	VER	Su	Mn (17)	Sn (33)
55	SAI	Mn	Hn (17)	Sn (32)
8	GRO	Su	Mn (26)	
9	ERI	Sn	Mn (24)	
16	LEC	Su	Mn (18)	
28	HAR	Mn		

S = Soft

M = Medium

H = Hard

n = new

u = used

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