

MERCEDES DRIVER LEWIS HAMILTON WINS THE FASTEST-EVER SPANISH GRAND PRIX WITH A SOFT-MEDIUM ONE-STOPPER IN VARIABLE CONDITIONS

SEBASTIAN VETTEL USES AN ALTERNATIVE TWO-STOP STRATEGY. BOTH ONE AND TWO STOPS SEEN IN THE GRAND PRIX

FIRST IN-SEASON TEST TAKES PLACE ON TUESDAY AND WEDNESDAY WITH MCLAREN AND FORCE INDIA ALSO TESTING 2019 TYRES

Barcelona, May 13, 2018 – Most drivers went for a one-stop soft-medium strategy in Spain, including the top three, but two and even three stops were also seen during the 66-lap race.

Conditions were variable, with sunshine, a few drops of rain and wind making the track hard to predict, with changeable grip levels. The race ended with temperatures that were 17 degrees ambient and 26 degrees on track.

The new surface has made the track considerably quicker, with the frontrunners lapping up to four seconds faster than they did last year. The race lap record was also broken by a similar margin; making this the fastest-ever race on the current Barcelona circuit.

Nearly all the drivers started on the soft tyre, with an early safety car from lap one helping to reduce wear and degradation rates.

MARIO ISOLA - HEAD OF CAR RACING

“We saw different thinking from the top teams about whether or not this was a one or a two stop race, with the track conditions having been extremely hard to predict from the beginning of the weekend, not helped by the overnight rain. The laps under the safety car also affected race strategy, reducing wear and degradation at a crucial point in the race. Tyre-wise, we encountered no issues at all and no signs of blistering, with lap records and fastest laps set even when drivers were running on older medium compound tyres. This applied to the whole field, which was very evenly matched in terms of pace. Now we remain in Barcelona for the first in-season test of the year, which will include development testing of the 2019 tyres, with McLaren and Force India.”

BEST TIME BY COMPOUND

		
Ricciardo 1m18.441s	Verstappen 1m20.603s	Sirotkin 1m22.680s
Vettel 1m19.128s	Hamilton 1m20.849s	Alonso 1m23.553s
Hamilton 1m19.133s	Perez 1m21.128s	-

LONGEST STINT OF THE RACE

COMPOUND	DRIVER	LAPS
MEDIUM	Bottas	47
SOFT	Vandoorne, Verstappen	34
SUPERSOFT	Sirotkin	22

TRUTHOMETER

Lewis Hamilton won the race using a one-stopper, going from soft to medium on lap 26. His team mate Valtteri Bottas followed an identical strategy but pitted six laps earlier.

Car	Driver	Start	Pit 1	Pit 2	Pit3
44	HAM	Su	Mn (25)		
77	BOT	Su	Mn (19)		
33	VER	Su	Mn (34)		
5	VET	Su	Mn (17)	Mn (41)	
3	RIC	Su	Mn (33)		
20	MAG	Su	Mn (32)		
55	SAI	Su	Mn (25)		
14	ALO	SSu	Mn (21)		
11	PER	Sn	Mn (26)	Su (40)	
16	LEC	Sn	Mn (20)		
18	STR	Sn	Mn (20)		
28	HAR	Sn	Mn (1)	Mn (33)	
9	ERI	Mn	Sn (35)		
35	SIR	Sn	Mn (1)	Mu (24)	SSn (41)
2	VAN	Su	Mn (34)		
31	OCO	Sn	Mn (29)		
7	RAI	Su			
27	HUL	Sn			
9	GAS	Sn			
8	GRO	Su			

SS= Supersoft

S= Soft

M= Medium

n= new

u= used

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