

IN-SEASON TEST – BARCELONA, MAY 15-16



Barcelona, May 16

Mario Isola, Head of Car Racing – “The first in-season test of the year provided a valuable opportunity for teams to try out tyres, car evolutions, and drivers in a back-to-back context on the same circuit that the Spanish Grand Prix had just taken place on, in broadly similar conditions. This provided the chance to make some interesting direct comparisons. An in-depth comparison was also made between the shallower tread specification tyre used in the Spanish Grand Prix with the ‘standard’ tyre, underlining our view that the choice for the race was the correct one. We now have plenty of useful data to analyse for the future.

At the same time, we also continued our 2019 tyre development programme during the test, together with McLaren and Force India on both days. This allowed us to make progress in several areas as we prepare the product for next year, with two full days of running. There was a high level of reliability, with practically no red flags, which meant that the teams all managed to collect plenty of data in representative conditions – unlike our previous trip to Barcelona for testing, where we even saw some snow...

The fastest time in this test was set by Valtteri Bottas on the supersoft, but the hypersoft was also tested: which will make its competition debut shortly at the Monaco Grand Prix”.

BEST TIMES AND COMPOUNDS

OVERALL – May 15-16

DRIVER	TEAM	TIME	COMPOUND
Bottas	Mercedes	1m16.904s (Day 2)	SUPERSOFT
Giovinazzi	Ferrari	1m16.972s (Day 2)	HYPERSOFT
Verstappen	Red Bull	1m17.528s (Day 1)	HYPERSOFT
Sainz	Renault	1m17.562s (Day 1)	HYPERSOFT
Vettel	Ferrari	1m17.659s (Day 1)	SOFT
Norris	McLaren	1m18.039s (Day 2)	SOFT
Magnussen	Haas	1m18.274s (Day 2)	HYPERSOFT
Mazepin	Force India	1m18.344s (Day 2)	HYPERSOFT
Grosjean	Haas	1m18.449s (Day 1)	HYPERSOFT
Latifi	Force India	1m18.530s (Day 1)	HYPERSOFT

Hamilton	Mercedes	1m18.543s (Day 1)	MEDIUM
Aitken	Renault	1m18.942s (Day 2)	MEDIUM
Vandoorne	McLaren	1m18.981s (Day 1)	SUPERSOFT
Leclerc	Sauber	1m18.993s (Day 2)	HYPERSOFT
Kubica	Williams	1m19.253s (Day 2)	HYPERSOFT
Gasly	Toro Rosso	1m19.410s (Day 2)	MEDIUM
Giovinazzi	Sauber	1m19.693s (Day 1)	HYPERSOFT
Rowland	Williams	1m20.009s (Day 1)	HYPERSOFT
Dennis	Red Bull	1m20.440s (Day 2)	MEDIUM
Gelael	Toro Rosso	1m20.763s (Day 2)	SOFT

DAY 1 – May, 15

DRIVER	TEAM	TIME	COMPOUND
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Sainz	Renault	1m17.562s	HYPERSOFT
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Giovinazzi	Sauber	1m19.693s	HYPERSOFT
Rowland	Williams	1m20.009s	HYPERSOFT
Gelael	Toro Rosso	1m21.935s	SOFT

DAY 2 – May, 16

DRIVER	TEAM	TIME	COMPOUND
Bottas	Mercedes	1m16.904s	SUPERSOFT
Giovinazzi	Ferrari	1m16.972s	HYPERSOFT
Norris	McLaren	1m18.039s	SOFT
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