

DRIVERS GET TO GRIPS WITH THE SLIPPERY AND ‘GREEN’ STREET CIRCUIT, SAMPLING THE HYPERSOFT FOR THE FIRST TIME IN SINGAPORE

FERRARI DRIVER KIMI RAIKKONEN USES IT TO GO FASTEST IN FP2: BEATING THE POLE LAP AND ALL-TIME CIRCUIT RECORD FROM LAST YEAR

1.6 SECONDS BETWEEN HYPERSOFT AND ULTRASOFT, 0.8 SECONDS BETWEEN ULTRASOFT AND SOFT

Singapore, September 14, 2018 – As usual, there was plenty of track evolution at the unique Singapore street circuit, with the drivers tackling the FP1 session in daylight before moving onto the cooler and more representative conditions of FP2 at night.

All three compounds were sampled, including the P Zero Pink hypersoft, which set the fastest time in the hands of Ferrari driver Kimi Raikkonen. The Friday benchmark he established was 0.8 seconds faster than the pole time last year, with plenty of improvement still expected to come at the 23-corner circuit. In FP1, the teams mostly used all three compounds, while in FP2 the work mainly concentrated on the hypersoft and ultrasoft.

So far, the hypersoft is 1.6 seconds per lap faster than the ultrasoft, with a total difference of roughly 2.4 seconds from hypersoft to soft: for the first time, there’s a ‘step’ in the Singapore nominations. The performance gap is likely to mean that all the drivers qualify on the hypersoft tomorrow, with the entire top 10 set to start on this compound.

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“This is probably the session where there’s the greatest contrast between FP1 and FP2 of the entire year, and that was reflected in the times. Obviously FP2, with the asphalt temperature 15 degrees lower, was much more representative and this is when the most useful tyre assessment took place with different compounds and fuel loads. However, the picture is still not entirely conclusive, as the track continues to evolve rapidly. In particular, the teams were all able to take a first look at the hypersoft, which is performing in line with expectations here and has already set the track record in FP2. So far, we’ve seen high degradation on the hypersoft – especially at the rear – while the ultrasoft has been very consistent.”

FREE PRACTICE 1 – TOP 3 TIMES

DRIVER	TIME	COMPOUND
Ricciardo	1m39.711s	HYPERSOFT NEW
Verstappen	1m39.912s	HYPERSOFT NEW
Vettel	1m39.997s	HYPERSOFT NEW

FREE PRACTICE 2 – TOP 3 TIMES

DRIVER	TIME	COMPOUND
Raikkonen	1m38.699s	HYPERSOFT NEW
Hamilton	1m38.710s	HYPERSOFT NEW
Verstappen	1m39.221s	HYPERSOFT NEW

FP1 - BEST TIME BY COMPOUND

COMPOUND	DRIVER	TIME
SOFT	Hamilton	1m41.232s
ULTRASOFT	Hamilton	1m42.072s
HYPERSOFT	Ricciardo	1m39.711s




FP2 - BEST TIME BY COMPOUND

COMPOUND	DRIVER	TIME
SOFT	Alonso	1m42.335s
ULTRASOFT	Raikkonen	1m40.510s
HYPERSOFT	Raikkonen	1m38.699s

MOST LAPS BY COMPOUND SO FAR


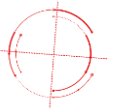
COMPOUND	DRIVER	LAPS
SOFT	Alonso	25
ULTRASOFT	Hartley	28
HYPERSOFT	Gasly	23

TYRE STATISTICS OF THE DAY

			
Kms driven*	1253	1988	2267
Sets used overall**	17	29	34

* 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	
	18.5 psi (front) 17.5 psi (rear)	-3.75° (front) -2.00° (rear)	

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