

SEBASTIAN VETTEL CLAIMS POLE FOR FERRARI: RED BULL'S MAX VERSTAPPEN THE HIGHEST-PLACED HYPERSOFT STARTER IN THIRD

MERCEDES AND FERRARI CHOOSE ULTRASOFT TO GET THROUGH Q2: THEY WILL START ON THIS COMPOUND TOMORROW

A WIDE VARIETY OF POTENTIAL STRATEGIES ARE POSSIBLE, ALSO INCLUDING A ONE-STOPPER

Montréal, June 9, 2018 – Strategy proved to be a key element of qualifying for the Canadian Grand Prix, with both Mercedes and Ferrari drivers using the ultrasoft rather than the hypersoft to set their fastest times in Q2. As a result, they will start the race on this compound, which should allow them to carry out a longer first stint than their rivals on the faster Pink hypersoft tyre – which is around a second quicker per lap.

The final top-10 qualifying shoot-out was run exclusively on the hypersoft, with Vettel beating Mercedes driver Valtteri Bottas to pole and setting a new lap record of the Montréal circuit. With the top two on the grid starting on the ultrasoft, the highest-placed hypersoft starter will be Red Bull's Max Verstappen in third. Temperatures remained dry and warm, with 25 degrees ambient and 36 degrees centigrade on track.

MARIO ISOLA - HEAD OF CAR RACING

"Qualifying went as we expected, with an important strategic element as Mercedes and Ferrari chose the ultrasoft to set their fastest times in Q2 and therefore start the race. This has the advantage of a longer life than the hypersoft, but it is theoretically slower off the line, so the start tomorrow will be very interesting. With a wide mix of possible tactics and a historically high chance of a safety car, it's particularly hard to make any predictions. This isn't a race where qualifying has the biggest influence on final results, so the most important thing during the grand prix will be to react efficiently to circumstances and opportunities as they happen."

HOW THE TYRES BEHAVED TODAY



PINK **HYPERSOFT**

Used by the majority of drivers in qualifying: the fastest tyre here.



PURPLE **ULTRASOFT**

The talking point in quali, with Mercedes and Ferrari using them in Q2.



RED **SUPERSOFT**

Not seen in qualifying but might form part of the strategy tomorrow.

FREE PRACTICE 3 – TOP 3 TIMES

DRIVER	TIME	COMPOUND
Verstappen	1m11.599s	HYPERSOFT NEW
Vettel	1m11.648s	HYPERSOFT NEW
Raikkonen	1m11.650s	HYPERSOFT NEW

QUALIFYING TOP 10

DRIVER	TIME	COMPOUND
Vettel	1m10.764s	HYPERSOFT NEW
Bottas	1m10.857s	HYPERSOFT NEW
Verstappen	1m10.937s	HYPERSOFT NEW
Hamilton	1m10.996s	HYPERSOFT NEW
Raikkonen	1m11.095s	HYPERSOFT NEW
Ricciardo	1m11.116s	HYPERSOFT NEW
Hulkenberg	1m11.973s	HYPERSOFT NEW
Ocon	1m12.084s	HYPERSOFT NEW
Sainz	1m12.168s	HYPERSOFT NEW
Perez	1m12.671s	HYPERSOFT NEW

MOST LAPS BY COMPOUND SO FAR

COMPOUND	DRIVER	LAPS
SUPERSOFT	Leclerc	33
ULTRASOFT	Ericsson	27
HYPERSOFT	Hartley	27

BEST TIME BY COMPOUND SO FAR

COMPOUND	DRIVER	TIME
SUPERSOFT	Hamilton	1m12.777s
ULTRASOFT	Bottas	1m11.514s
HYPERSOFT	Vettel	1m10.764s

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