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The MICHELIN Pilot Sport EV heads for Monaco's streets and the highest-profile E-Prix of the Formula E calendar

- The world's most high-tech tyre poised to contribute to more spectacular Formula E action at one of motor racing's oldest venues
- For the Principality loop's smooth, hilly asphalt, Formula E's drivers will be able to place their trust in Michelin's bespoke patterned tyre which was designed for racing in dry and wet conditions alike
- Durability and performance take front stage in Monaco where Michelin's connected tyre stands out as perfectly suited for both motor racing and the Principality's Smart City philosophy

After the brace of E-Prix in Rome, Italy, three weeks ago, the 2022 ABB FIA Formula E World Championship continues its mid-season European tour with a trip to Monaco, one of the most eagerly-awaited venues of the campaign. It's a fixture that the spectators and drivers cherish particularly and it kicks off a sequence of three high-profile events in the Principality. Indeed, shortly after the all-electric race which symbolises the future of racing, its streets will effectively host the Grand Prix Historique and Formula 1 grand prix.

The 3.320-kilometre Circuit de Monaco is 60 metres shorter than the track in Rome but features the same number of turns (19, 11 right/8 left), including some of the sport's most famous corners, like Sainte-Dévote, Casino Square, the Swimming Pool Esses and La Rascasse.

"The track surface in Monaco is essentially smooth and flat, since the majority was laid relatively recently," reports **Mirko Pirracchio**, the manager of Michelin's Formula E programme. "It provides reasonably good grip but is not particularly hard-wearing, so the drivers will be able to make maximum use of their allocation of eight tyres for this E-Prix. They will effectively be free to fit either completely-fresh or part-worn tyres for the various sessions and run different air pressures depending on the time of day. Monaco is a Formula E venue where there can be plenty of overtaking, but the drivers will need to be cautious because they know very well that the slightest mistake can be very costly here. That said, they will be able to count on the performance and versatility of the MICHELIN Pilot Sport EV which was developed especially for street racing, while at the same time contributing to the energy-efficiency of Formula E's all-electric single-seaters."



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Michelin, connected racing tyre leader

The connected technology it incorporates means Michelin's Formula E tyre was the first and is still the only high added-value racing tyre. It is equipped with a connected sensor which, in the interest of performance, transmits tyre pressure-related data to Michelin Motorsport, Race Control and the FIA in real time. Away from motor racing, the same technology contributes to the enhanced peace of mind and safety of motorists, both core aspects of Smart City projects such as that championed by Monaco.

The weather this weekend is expected to be mild, with the thermometer climbing to just 20°C during the day, but as low as 14°C first thing in the morning when rain cannot be ruled out. In the sunshine, the track temperature could well reach as high as 30°C. However the conditions turn out to be on the day, though, they will be sure to suit the exceptionally versatile MICHELIN Pilot Sport EV which was designed to race in both dry and wet conditions, across a very broad spectrum of temperatures.

The 5th Monaco E-Prix starts at 3:04pm local time on Saturday, April 30, and tyre longevity, efficiency and consistency all promise to play a key role in enabling the 22 drivers to target the win they all dream of adding to their personal record.

During the 2021/2022 season, there is actually a 23rd car involved in the action, namely the specially-prepared Porsche Taycan Turbo S that serves as the ABB FIA Formula E World Championship's Safety Car. This impressive 761-horsepower machine accelerates from standstill to 100kph in just 2.8 seconds on MICHELIN Pilot Sport EV road tyres that benefit from the French firm's unique and extensive experience of the all-electric series. Michelin is the number one manufacturer of electric-vehicle tyres and the eco-designed, low-noise MICHELIN Pilot Sport EV has paved the way for a new market segment for high-performance zero-emissions vehicles.

Michelin's ambition is to improve the mobility of its customers over the long-term. As a leader in the mobility domain, Michelin designs, manufactures and distributes tyres best-suited to customers' needs and uses, as well as services and solutions to enhance vehicle efficiency. Michelin also offers its customers ways to enjoy unique experiences during their journeys and when travelling. In addition, Michelin develops high-tech materials for many sectors of activity. Based in Clermont-Ferrand, Michelin has offices in 177 countries, employs 124,760 people and operates 68 tyre factories which together produced around 173 million tyres in 2021 (www.michelin.com).



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