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The MICHELIN Pilot Spot EV's versatility earns the drivers' trust in Monaco

- A breath-taking race with frequent passing and numerous leader changes
- The versatile MICHELIN Pilot Sport EV combined performance, consistency and safety in the Principality, from lights-out to the chequered flag
- The energy-efficiency of Michelin's Formula E tyre took the extended Monaco E-Prix in its stride despite the race's fast pace

Coming after the extremely varied venues visited by the 2022 ABB FIA Formula E World Championship since the start of the season, the competition's sixth round in the world-renowned streets of Monaco was eagerly awaited by all concerned.

The track configuration proposed for Formula E's fifth trip to Monaco was identical to the layout that will be used by the Principality's Grand Prix Historique and Formula 1 Grand Prix in two and four weeks' time respectively. At 3.320 kilometres in length, it is one of the longest of the all-electric championship's calendar and many of its 19 turns are perfectly familiar to motor racing fans, including Sainte Dévote, Casino Square, the Grand Hôtel hairpin, the Tunnel and La Rascasse.

A tyre for all conditions

The busy e-prix day began at the early hour of 7:30am with the first free practice session which took place in somewhat chilly conditions for the time of year. The thermometer soon started to climb, however, and the track temperature was practically ideal for the late-morning's qualifying shootout, especially for the cars' batteries which can be affected by heat and cold, while Michelin's Formula E tyre is designed to cover an exceptionally wide range of temperatures with no need for warmer blankets.

The performance of the MICHELIN Pilot Sport EV during free practice, qualifying and the e-prix itself was praised by the drivers who benefited from its strength, first-class stability under hard braking and flawless traction out of the many corners. It also allowed them to overtake with complete peace of mind.

"Today was particularly intense, with an early start and constantly evolving track conditions," reports **Mirko Pirracchio**, the manager of Michelin's Formula E programme. "From the start of Free Practice 1 to the race itself, not only did grip levels increase significantly as the cars put in the laps, but the track temperature kept changing all the time. The MICHELIN Pilot Sport EV has a very wide operating window, though, and, by adjusting their tyre pressures and thinking carefully about how to make maximum use of the two sets of covers they were allocated



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for Monaco, the drivers were able to have total confidence in their tyres throughout.”

“The Circuit de Monaco has been resurfaced practically entirely, so it was very smooth and not very hard-wearing, but the pace was fast and all the drivers know that there can be a high price to pay for even the slightest error here. That’s why it was essential to provide them with tyres with fast warm-up performance, without the need for warmers, so that they could have total confidence from the very start. The energy parameter was also important and we saw how the pace didn’t slow even when the race was extended by three minutes after a Safety Car intervention. That’s a clear sign of how the Michelin Pilot Sport EV’s efficiency was able to provide long range while allowing the drivers to push with confidence, even when the race continued for longer than normal.”

The 2022 Monaco E-Prix was won by Stoffel Vandoorne (Mercedes EQ Formula E Team), ahead of Mitch Evans (Jaguar TCS Racing) and Jean-Eric Vergne (DS Techeetah).

This year’s ABB FIA Formula E World Championship will continue with two races in Berlin, Germany, on May 14 and 15.

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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