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THE MICHELIN PILOT SPORT EV'S VERSATILITY *delivers in rainy Rome*

Moving on from the 2021 campaign's opening clashes in Saudi Arabia at the end of February, Formula E's third visit to Rome this weekend was the championship's first double-header meeting to be hosted by the Italian capital, with races on Saturday and Sunday.

The teams and drivers discovered a new circuit layout in the Eternal City that was longer than the loop which hosted the Rome E-Prix in 2019 (3.380km compared with 2.860km), despite having 19 instead of 21 corners.

As a venue, Rome proved an immediate hit **with the championship's protagonists**, but this year they were greeted by showery weather which affected the track action on both days. The acclaimed versatility of the MICHELIN Pilot Sport EV tyres **developed specifically for Formula E's all-electric cars** enabled them to take the mixed conditions in their stride, however, leaving the drivers to concentrate on their racing.

Ever since the beginning of the FIA Formula E Championship in 2014, the MICHELIN Pilot Sport EV has effectively made a name for itself through its capacity to deliver top performance in dry and wet conditions alike thanks to its tread pattern which continues to stand out as a ground-breaking innovation in world-class single-seater racing.

Modifications to the regulations for 2021 mean that fewer tyres are available this season, with the allowance down to just six covers per car (three fronts and three rears) for single-race meetings and only two sets for double-header weekends. **That's a saving of 25 and 50 percent respectively compared with the 2019/2020 rules and Michelin Motorsport's ability to take such changes onboard was showcased once again in the streets of Rome.**

"Our Formula E tyre is designed to cover complete race days, whether the conditions are dry or wet. You don't see that in any other world championship," observes Jérôme Mondain, the manager of Michelin's Formula E programme. **"The fact that the new regulations have halved the number of tyres available for double-header meetings makes the MICHELIN Pilot Sport EV's ability to deliver top performance even more remarkable, and the rain that swept over Rome this weekend pushed that point home particularly strongly. The drivers were able to put the question of tyres to the back of their mind and focus on the job of driving. This versatility has been a hallmark of our involvement in Formula E from the outset and has contributed to the championship's excellent level, as well as to making it such an open competition."**



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Since the inaugural series in 2014/2015, Michelin's successive Formula E tyres have had to contend with a staggering variety of weather types, circuit profiles and track surfaces, not to mention added difficulties like drain covers, tramlines and painted road markings. In Rome, the hazards included slippery grates and wide pedestrian crossings, including some in the middle of corners, but the drivers' confidence in their tyres played a big part in ensuring yet another exciting show.

Saturday's Rome E-Prix was won by Jean-Eric Vergne (DS Techeetah), ahead of Jaguar Racing's **Sam Bird and Mitch Evans**, while **Sunday's race was won by Stoffel Vandoorne** (Mercedes-EQ) who shared the podium with Alexander Sims (Mahindra Racing) and Pascal Wehrlein (TAG Heuer Porsche).

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