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## The MICHELIN Pilot Spot EV returns to historic Rome

- Formula E and Michelin take to the Italian city's streets for the fourth time
- A long, undulating street circuit in one of Rome's historic districts
- The world's most high-tech tyres racing in one of its most ancient cities

All roads lead to Rome, they say, and this weekend sees the world of Formula E head for the Italian capital for the fourth time in the competition's history. After two e-prix in Ad Diriyah, Saudi Arabia, and a third at Mexico City's Autodrómo Hermanos Rodríguez, the ABB FIA Formula E World Championship features a brace of races in the Eternal City's EUR district to the south of its historic centre, on Saturday, April 9, and Sunday, April 10.

The 3.380-kilometre, anticlockwise track comprises 19 turns (8 right / 11 left) and is identical to the layout visited in 2021 when modifications to its original configuration made it faster, while its pleasant setting made it a hit with the drivers from the outset.

"Rome is a typical street circuit," says **Mirko Pirracchio**, the manager of Michelin's Formula E programme. "Its surface is mostly polished but can differ in places and grip levels tend to be low. As is the case at all tracks of this type, the drivers will need to cope with the sort of soiling produced by everyday traffic, as well as painted road markings and drain covers on the racing line. That said, the MICHELIN Pilot Sport EV was developed for exactly this sort of situation and its versatility is again likely to be a key asset. As always in Rome, the action will no doubt be spectacular due to the combination of wide and narrow portions, and more especially through the tighter parts and 90-degree turns. We had rain here last year, which gave our Formula E tyre a chance to show its extraordinary all-round qualities in wet weather. This time around, the forecast is for overcast but dry conditions which will allow the MICHELIN Pilot Sport EV to demonstrate its fast warm-up performance, energy efficiency and outstanding traction. There is a new qualifying process this season but the tire allocation for the two days in Rome is just 12 covers per driver. That obviously adds to the challenge, but we are confident our tire is capable of taking all this in its stride."



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### **Michelin in Italy**

Michelin Italy was founded in Turin in 1906 and its headquarters are still based in the northern city.

It has two production facilities in the country, one in Cuneo (established in 1963) and the other in Alessandria (1971). The former is Italy's biggest tyre factory in terms of production capacity and also Michelin's biggest passenger car and light commercial vehicle tyre plant in western Europe.

Alessandria specialises in truck tyres and is the largest site of its kind in the country, as well as an international benchmark amongst Michelin factories of its type.

Michelin has a staff of 3,800 in Italy and manufactures more than 14 million tyres annually.

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](http://www.michelin.com)).

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