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## The MICHELIN Pilot Sport EV earns drivers' trust once more in Rome's two Formula E E-Prix

- Michelin's Formula E tyre gives drivers valuable confidence in mixed race-conditions
- The MICHELIN Pilot Sport EV's longevity plays key role around the longest circuit of the calendar
- Sustainable-thinking and high performance mesh well at the two fiercely-contested Rome E-Prix

After earlier rounds in Ad Diriyah (Saudi Arabia) and Mexico City, the 2022 ABB FIA Formula E World Championship moved on to Rome this weekend for two races in the Italian capital's historic EUR district to the south of the city.

The 3.380-kilometre, 19-turn loop twists between monumental buildings erected in the 1930s and is one of the drivers' favourites of the season. This is due not only to its setting and but also to the fact that it is the longest track on the calendar, with a technical blend of fast, hilly portions and appreciably tighter sections.

The weekend produced a mixed-bag of overcast and sunny weather, while gusty wind added to the difficulty faced by the drivers. On top of that, near-constantly evolving track temperatures meant that grip levels varied significantly. The MICHELIN Pilot Sport EV rose to the occasion in style, however, with numerous drivers citing the confidence it gave them in the shifting conditions in their post-race declarations.

The tyre's longevity, too, was praised after both e-prix and many of the drivers posted their fastest race laps in the closing stages despite taking the start on part-worn covers.

"We were spared rain this year in Rome but we saw some exceptionally big fluctuations in ground temperatures," reports **Mirko Pirracchio**, the manager of Michelin's Formula E programme. "They were the sort of differences you might expect between free practice and the race which take place hours apart, but they are not such a familiar phenomenon in the course of a single E-Prix. In Rome, our engineers noted a drop in track temperature of some 8°C over a period of less than half-an-hour! Yet the MICHELIN Pilot Sport EV's versatility and wide operating-window provided the drivers with the performance and confidence they needed to push hard throughout both days."



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“Street racing is a very exacting form of motorsport, but while the allocation for the entire weekend was just 12 tyres per car, the MICHELIN Pilot Sport EV’s durability and consistency were key contributors to the spectacle fans were able to enjoy in Rome.

“Last but by no means least, the track was littered with debris at times due to different tangles and offs. Here again, though, our Formula E tyre’s strength enabled it to take this added challenge in its stride, since not a single pressure-loss was reported over the whole weekend.”

Both Rome E-Prix were won by Mitch Evans (Jaguar TCS Racing), while Robin Frijns (Envision Racing) combined second place on Saturday with third spot on Sunday to harvest valuable championship points. Stoffel Vandoorne (Mercedes EQ Formula E Team) was third and fourth in Races 1 and 2 respectively, and Jean-Eric Vergne (DS TECHEETAH) came away with fourth, then second places. The Frenchman also qualified on pole position for Sunday’s contest and leaves Italy at the top of the provisional Drivers’ standings.

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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