

**FIA Formula E Championship 2018/2019
Round 7: Geox Rome E-Prix**

The new MICHELIN Pilot Sport tyres set performance and energy efficiency records in Rome

The 2019 Rome E-Prix (Saturday, April 13) took place in relatively cool but globally dry conditions after rain swept over the Italian capital during both the pole position shoot-out and the build-up to the start of the race itself. The 2.85-kilometre, 21-turn circuit, which visits the city's EUR business district, is a big favourite with the drivers who enjoy its hilly course and technical challenge.

In spite of the poor weather, the teams and drivers succeeded in showcasing the potential of not only their latest-generation 'Gen2' cars but also their specifically-developed Michelin tyres which have contributed significantly to the performance gain seen in the championship this season.

This improvement was roundly illustrated in Rome by the fastest race lap which was posted by Jean-Eric Vergne (DS Techeetah) whose effort of 1m29.370s amply beat the 1m35.467s clocked by Félix Rosenqvist (Mahindra) in 2018. That's the biggest improvement ever seen at the same circuit since the championship's launch in September 2014 and adds to the numerous records already established by the MICHELIN Pilot Sport in the frequently extreme conditions encountered since the beginning of the 2018/2019 campaign.

"This season, the new MICHELIN Pilot Sport has lapped in temperatures as low as 3°C in Marrakech [Morocco] and with track temperatures standing as high as 62°C in Santiago [Chile], not to mention the wet conditions we had early in the races in Hong Kong and here in Rome. Yet our tyre is exactly the same whatever the weather," underlines **Serge Grisin**, the manager of Michelin's Formula E programme. "No other racing tyre available today is capable of delivering such high performance across such a broad spectrum of conditions. This was the current MICHELIN Pilot Sport's first time in Rome but we were quietly confident before the start. In line with what we have seen since the debut of the latest, more powerful cars, it clearly fulfilled its mission again here in Italy."

The 2019 Rome E-Prix was won by Mitch Evans (Jaguar Racing), ahead of André Lotterer (DS Techeetah) and Stoffel Vandoorne (HWA Racelab).

The next round of the ABB FIA Formula E Championship will take teams to the Circuit des Invalides in Paris, France, on April 27.



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