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Stoffel Vandoorne and Mercedes EQ Formula E Team claim Formula E's 2021/2022 world titles with Michelin

- The 2021/2022 ABB FIA Formula E World Championship concluded today in Seoul, South Korea, where Stoffel Vandoorne and Mercedes EQ Formula E Team respectively sealed the season's Drivers' and Constructors' titles.
- The drivers have trust in the energy-efficient MICHELIN Pilot Sport EV which Formula E's all-electric single-seaters.
- In the course of the championship's first eight seasons, Michelin has fielded three generations of its bespoke Formula E tyre.

The ABB FIA Formula E World Championship's maiden visit to Seoul this weekend marked the completion of the competition's eighth season, as well as the end of the career of its second-generation car.

South Korea became the 20th country to have hosted Formula E action since the inaugural championship started in 2014. This season's calendar included a total of 16 rounds in the Middle East, Africa, Europe, North America and Asia where 10 major cities provided street circuits featuring a unique variety of profiles that brought out the very best in the MICHELIN Pilot Sport EV.

The drivers essentially faced two unknowns in Seoul, namely the all-new venue itself and the weather.

The 2.618-kilometre, 22-turn track included a section inside the city's Olympic stadium where a thick layer of asphalt had been laid over the athletics track. Meanwhile, big storms during the preceding week caused bad flooding near the city centre, leading to the temporary closure of several motorways that feed the Korean capital.

Although the drivers had been able to familiarise themselves with the circuit on simulators before flying to Seoul, the weekend provided Michelin with a further opportunity to demonstrate the qualities and outstanding versatility of its Formula E tyre.

"First of all, I would like to congratulate Stoffel Vandoorne and Mercedes EQ Formula E Team on winning this season's Formula E Drivers' and Constructors' titles," said Michelin Motorsport Director **Matthieu Bonardel**. "The consistency and all-round capabilities of the MICHELIN Pilot Sport EV helped the German team to figure consistently at the front of the field and on the podium, while its remarkable energy efficiency allowed our partners to fine-tune the management of their energy allowances.



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“The weekend in Seoul brought Michelin’s involvement in Formula E to an end. Over the past eight seasons, the performance and safety characteristics of the three generations of the tyre we developed for the series enabled our partners to optimise their competitive potential. Thanks to our adventure in this championship, we have acquired unique expertise in the field of electric-vehicle tyres and this has given us a real technological edge in the EV road-tyre market. Not only has Michelin provided strong solutions for the different evolutions of the championship’s cars and sparked a revolution in world-class single-seater racing, but the motoring public is also benefiting from our innovations already.

“Last but not least, I would like to thank all the men and women at Michelin Motorsport for their untiring efforts, not only on the technical side, but also those who worked in manufacturing and at the races. Thanks to them, we are leaving Formula E with the impression of having fulfilled our mission.”

“The championship’s first weekend in South Korea lived up every bit to its promise,” added **Mirko Pirracchio**, the manager of Michelin’s Formula E programme. “We celebrated our 100th e-prix and both title fights were settled by the result of the season’s very last race to ensure a finale worthy of the series’ world championship status. The new circuit added extra spice, while the different weather we got on Saturday and Sunday highlighted the drivers’ ability to adapt, aided by the trust they have in the MICHELIN Pilot Sport EV, world-class motor racing’s most versatile tyre which delivered in the rain, heat and humidity! As always, we worked closely with our partners to help them make the very most of their allocation of just 12 tyres for the two days in Seoul. That’s a very low number in comparison with other world championships, but also a significant step along the path towards sustainable motorsport, an area where Michelin is showing the way forward.”

The technologically-sophisticated MICHELIN Pilot Sport EV is the first-ever connected tyre to be used in world-class motor racing. It is equipped with a sensor which relays pressure-related information to Michelin Motorsport, Race Control and the FIA in real time with a view to optimising performance and ensuring that the regulations are adhered to. Outside of motorsport, this technology is employed to provide ordinary motorists with enhanced safety and peace of mind, while connected tyres are an integral part of the Smart City projects the planet’s biggest cities are working on.

The first of the two Seoul E-Prix, on Saturday, was won by Mitch Evans (Jaguar TCR Racing), ahead of Oliver Rowland (Mahindra Racing) and Lucas Di Grassi (Rokit Venturi Racing).

Winner of the weekend’s second race (Sunday) was Edoardo Mortara (Rokit Venturi Racing). He was joined on the podium by Stoffel Vandoorne (Mercedes EQ Formula E Team) and Jake Dennis (Avalanche Andretti).



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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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