

ABB FIA Formula E Championship 2017/2018
Round 5: E-Prix of Mexico

***The MICHELIN Pilot Sport EV2 ready to shake off
Autódromo Hermanos Rodríguez dust***

This weekend sees the all-electric ABB FIA Formula E Championship visit Mexico City's Autódromo Hermanos Rodríguez for the third year running.

In keeping with the country's longstanding passion for motorsport, the Mexican clash attracts one of the biggest turnouts of the season, with a packed house of almost 40,000 spectators. Profits from this year's ticket sales will be handed to the local authorities to help rebuild the damage caused by the earthquake that shook the country's capital last September.

The 18-turn, 2.092km circuit takes in the venue's entire oval section before switching to a twistier portion through the baseball stadium's grandstands, a feature which guarantees a buzzing atmosphere and a great show for spectators.

Last year, the drivers had to cope with repeated changes in grip due to the fact that some parts of the track are only used by Formula E, while the portions that are more exposed to wind tend to be dustier and it takes time for the racing line to clear. On top of that, the 2017 race was marked by exceptionally hot weather for the time of year. Indeed, Michelin's technical staff noted air and track temperatures of 27°C and 47°C respectively when the race got underway at 4pm local time, despite the fact that the circuit sits at an altitude of 2,400 metres.

"The Mexico City E-Prix stands apart in the calendar," says **Serge Grisin**, manager of Michelin's FIA Formula E programme, "for not only does it take place around a permanent circuit but the track itself is seldom used! There are a few tight chicanes, and the section through the baseball stadium is extremely bumpy, with several changes in surface and some concrete-based portions. The more recent asphalt parts help the tyres to climb to their working temperature, however, and grip and wear rates are low, as is often the case in the course of the championship."



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