

**2017/2018 FIA Formula E Championship
Rounds 11 and 12: E-Prix of New York**

An emotional end to Season 4 in New York

- Jean-Eric Vergne (Techeetah) wins 2017/2018 Drivers' crown
- Audi Sport ABT Schaeffler claims Teams' title
- A mixture of wet and dry conditions see the MICHELIN Pilot Sport EV2 conclude its career in style

Techeetah's Jean-Eric Vergne secured the 2017/2018 ABB FIA Formula E Drivers' crown after Race 1 (Saturday) following a spirited fightback from 18th to fifth position at the flag. Victory went to Lucas di Grassi, while Daniel Abt secured Audi Sport ABT Schaeffler's second one-two finish of the season. The result promoted the German squad to within five points of Techeetah in the Teams' standings.

The chief talking point ahead on Sunday was consequently the battle for supremacy between Techeetah and Audi Sport ABT Schaeffler. The exciting second race was won by Techeetah's Jean-Eric Vergne but his victory was insufficient to keep his team at the top of the table. By finishing second and third, Audi Sport ABT Schaeffler's pair scored enough points to clinch the 2017/2018 Teams' crown.

"What a finale to the championship," enthused **Serge Grisin**, the manager of Michelin Motorsport's Formula E programme. "A big bravo to all of our partners, but especially to Techeetah and Audi Sport ABT Schaeffler and their respective drivers. They provided a fantastic show and proved just how competitive the ABB FIA Formula E Championship has become. This series is proof that it is possible to combine cutting-edge technology with extremely exciting racing."

The New York City E-Prix marked the end of the MICHELIN Pilot Sport EV2's career after two seasons, but not before it had delivered yet another demonstration of its exceptional versatility. Even when the track temperature soared to 50°C during Saturday's sweltering weather, it was both safe and fast, and it performed faultlessly once more during Sunday morning's wet free practice session. It will now pass the baton to the next-generation MICHELIN Pilot Sport which was developed specifically for Formula E's Gen2 cars that will make their debut in Season 5. In the space of just four seasons, Michelin's Formula E tyre has become considerably lighter and consequently more efficient. The raw material savings achieved for the next-generation MICHELIN Pilot Sport will shave 10kg off the weight of each car compared with the original MICHELIN Pilot Sport EV which appeared in 2014. This improvement is the result of ongoing work by Michelin Motorsport's engineers on materials and the tyre's construction. Michelin's new Formula E tyre will feature a revised sidewall design in tune with the futuristic styling of the Gen2 cars themselves.

"The end of Season 4 marks a fitting conclusion to what can be considered as the first era of Formula E," says Michelin Motorsport Director **Pascal Couasnon**.



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“The ABB FIA Formula E Championship is now ready to move up a gear as new, more powerful cars capable of going the whole distance of each e-prix take centre stage next season. Michelin will also have new partners in the series as BMW steps up its involvement in association with Andretti, while Porsche and Mercedes are preparing to join the fray from Season 6. As a founding partner of Formula E, Michelin is delighted to see the championship’s growth which has in turn led to more and more media coverage. Lastly, I would like to underline the importance of the ABB FIA Formula E Championship as a laboratory for improving mobility in the future. The entire automobile industry is today investing in electric vehicles and Formula E is playing a fundamental role by speeding up the innovation process”, concludes **Pascal Couasnon**.

