

2017/2018 FIA Formula E Championship
Round 6: Punta Del Este E-Prix

***The MICHELIN Pilot Sport EV2
sweeps to success in Uruguay***

The Punta Del Este E-Prix saw victory go to Techeetah's Jean-Eric Vergne who was joined on the Uruguayan podium by Lucas Di Grassi (Audi Sport Abt Schaeffler) and Sam Bird (DS Virgin Racing). The practice sessions were hampered by sand blown onto the track from the neighbouring beach, while the race kicked off with the air and ground temperatures standing at 30°C and 42°C respectively, making the going particularly punishing for the drivers and their cars. Once again, however, their tyres took the harsh conditions in their stride.

The 2018 Punta Del Este E-Prix featured 37 laps of the 2.785km, 20-turn track, which compares with 34 in Season 2 and 31 the year before that. However, it was the MICHELIN Pilot Sport EV2's first visit to the popular South American coastal resort since the Uruguayan round wasn't part of the 2016/2017 calendar.

As expected, given the specific nature of the track, with sand blown onto the asphalt between each practice session, as well as between qualifying and the race, the day turned out to be a complex exercise. Once the racing line had cleared, however, the all-electric single-seaters were able to turn on the speed to improve on the lap times posted during the December 2015 E-Prix by more than 1.7 seconds.

"We felt confident before the start," said **Serge Grisin**, the manager of Michelin's Formula E programme. "We knew the conditions were going to be hard but the MICHELIN Pilot Sport EV2 succeeded in providing yet another example of its versatility, despite the sand and the combination of two different types of track surface. Its ability to deliver across the extremely broad spectrum of conditions and constraints encountered in Formula E is unique in single-seater racing and speaks volumes for the work accomplished by Michelin's engineers."

The next round of the 2017/2018 ABB FIA Formula E Championship will take teams to Italy for the inaugural Rome E-Prix on April 14.

The MICHELIN Pilot Sport EV2 is Michelin's second-generation Formula E tyre and was designed specifically for the championship's latest-specification single-seater cars which were introduced at the beginning of Season 3. Although it resembles a road tyre, the MICHELIN Pilot Sport EV2 is not only a genuine high-performance racing tyre but it is also capable of delivering in dry and wet conditions alike. Its longevity means it is able to cover the entire race day, from the first free practice session to the e-prix itself. In addition to boasting the best environmental footprint to be found in motor racing, its size – 18 inches, a choice unprecedented in world class single-seater racing – permits Michelin to collect valuable data for the development of its road tyres.



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