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Michelin all set for the 2021/2022 ABB FIA Formula E World Championship's trip to Mexico

- The MICHELIN Pilot Sport EV returns to Mexico City
- A multi-challenge venue that places the emphasis on versatile tyres
- An enthusiastic crowd

After the first two e-prix of the new season, in Diriyah, Saudi Arabia, Round 3 of the 2021/2022 ABB FIA Formula E World Championship takes teams to Mexico City's Autodrómo Hermanos Rodríguez on Saturday, February 12.

The circuit sits at an altitude of 2,250 metres above sea level, making it the highest venue of the campaign. It is also the only permanent race facility on Season 8's calendar, albeit one that is encircled by Mexico's sprawling capital. Although the high altitude has little impact on tyres, it does have an effect on battery cooling, as well as on the drivers who must acclimatise themselves to the thinner air.

This year sees Formula E travel to Mexico City for the sixth time, so it's a race that holds few secrets for Michelin's experts whose tyres have matched the increasingly higher performance of the championship's all-electric single-seaters since the first trip there in 2016.

"Mexico City is unique in that it is a permanent facility and also because of the different types of surface it throws at the drivers," observes **Mirko Pirracchio**, the manager of Michelin's Formula E programme. "It's a fast track, with several long corners, including the final turn which takes the form of 'Parabolica' through which the cars accelerate hard. In addition to the usual track layout, the Formula E race also incorporates a more technical portion with chicanes and an infield through a baseball stadium. It has become something of a family outing for Mexican fans who guarantee an extraordinary atmosphere, including in the paddock and E-Village. The racing tends to be particularly entertaining because the wide track provides several overtaking opportunities, despite being bumpy in places. As usual, the drivers will be able to count on the traction performance and longevity of their MICHELIN Pilot Sport EV tyres which are also exceptionally versatile and energy-efficient. Along with Berlin, Mexico City is one of the championship's hardest-wearing circuits, so the teams will need to think hard about their tyre strategies to make sure they make the very most of their allocation for the day which is just two sets."



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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 170 countries, employs 123,600 people and operates 71 tyre factories which together produced around 170 million tyres in 2020 (www.michelin.com).

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