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## **MICHELIN Power Slick ranges ready for the tortuous circuit of the Gran Premio Red Bull di San Marino e della Riviera di Rimini**

- The 12th round of the 2023 MotoGP™ World Championship takes place this weekend on the Misano circuit (Italy) - well known to the teams and Michelin Motorsport.
- Symmetrical tyres at the front and asymmetrical at the rear to suit the configuration of the track.
- Eighth and final round of the FIM MotoE™ World Championship, with electric motorcycles equipped with Michelin tyres made from 52% sustainable materials at the rear, and 34% at the front.

The Misano circuit has a long history with motorcycling. Its construction began in 1969, and the first races took place there in 1972. Since then, it regularly hosted events in multiple categories until 1993, before beginning a program of modernisation. For its part, MotoGP has organised an annual Grand Prix there since 2007, which was also the year when the direction of the circuit was reversed to clockwise.

Last year, new records were set: Enea Bastianini (Gresini Racing MotoGP) set the all-time circuit lap record in 1'31.868, and the shortest race duration in the history of the discipline was recorded in 41'23.199. Benchmarks that will no doubt challenge the MotoGP riders to better them this weekend, on a circuit they know very well.

*"We all know Misano well because we visit the circuit with our partners not only in races but also in tests," says **Piero Taramasso**, manager of Michelin two-wheel competition. "The circuit is flat, rather technical, and alternates between slow turns and fast curves. It is quite demanding on the front tyres, particularly from the Curva Tramonto, which is a long hairpin leading on to a high speed straight, to Curvone. This section generates a lot of stress on the tyres because it is very fast. We are expecting rather warm weather, as always here in September, but our MICHELIN Power Slick ranges are adapted to these seasonal temperatures. Of course, as we are close to the Adriatic Sea the weather can change and rain can make an appearance. In this case, we will offer our MICHELIN Power Rain range, which demonstrate great versatility and excellent grip on wet surfaces."*



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On the Misano circuit, Michelin partners will have at their disposal three front rubber compounds (Soft, Medium and Hard), and two rears (**Soft** and **Medium**). The front tyres will be symmetrical, while at the rear they will be asymmetrical, with a reinforced right side. This allocation aims to respond to the configuration of the circuit, which has ten right turns and six left turns, over a total length of 4.226 km.

Action on the track will begin on Friday 8 September with a first 45-minute Free Practice session in the morning. Then a second Practice session, this time lasting one hour and qualifying for Q2 places the next day, will take place in the afternoon - allowing the 10 fastest riders to progress directly into Q2. The format of Saturday and Sunday does not change, with a Free Practice session on Saturday morning, the two qualifying sessions (Q1 and Q2) and the Sprint Race on Saturday afternoon, and the Grand Prix on Sunday.

### **Eighth and final round of the FIM ENEL MotoE™ World Championship**

Like last season, the World Champion MotoE rider will be crowned during the final weekend. He will be the first champion in this discipline, which started in 2019, riding the new generation electric motorcycles which made their debut this season. Manufactured by Ducati and fitted with dedicated Michelin tyres, these high-performance machines have improved the benchmark times on all the circuits where they have raced this season, sometimes showing themselves to be faster than their internal combustion engined cousins in the Moto 3 category.

*"It's true that with these electric Ducatis the series has reached a milestone," said **Piero Taramasso**. "We have been privileged witnesses to the progress made in terms of performance, with tyres specially adapted to these motorcycles which deliver 100% of their torque and almost all their power from the first twist of the throttle. This requires tyres capable not only of providing grip when cornering, but also of withstanding significant longitudinal forces during acceleration and braking. This 2023 season has been very competitive and I have no doubt that its finale, with the title at stake, will be just as intense."*

The electric motorcycles in the FIM Enel MotoE World Championship are all equipped with Michelin tyres containing 52% sustainable materials at the rear, and 34% at the front. Michelin considers biosourced or recycled elements that are neutral for the environment to be 'sustainable' materials. Like all the championships in which it is involved, Michelin uses MotoE as a test laboratory for its future technologies. The objective is to be able to integrate these technologies partially or entirely into the next generations of competition or mass-produced tyres. Michelin therefore intends to develop increasingly sustainable tyres for everyone, and to be carbon neutral across all of its activities from 2050.



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In MotoE, testing and qualifying - two sessions of each - take place on Friday, and the two races on Saturday, one at lunchtime and the other in the middle of the afternoon, after the MotoGP Sprint race.

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