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## **Gran Premio Estrella Galicia 0,0 de España A winding track and a new front tyre for the MotoGP™ World Championship**

- After the trip to Texas (United States), the Gran Premio Estrella Galicia 0,0 de España opens a series of five races in Europe.
- Between acceleration, braking and sustained lateral forces, the very winding layout gives no respite for the tyres.
- Michelin Motorsport is bringing a front tyre with a new compound to this race for the first time, which is harder than the one used last year.

Located in Andalusia in the south of Spain, the Jerez circuit is a historic MotoGP venue that Michelin Motorsport knows very well, as do the teams involved. The championship has visited every year since 1987 - just one year after its opening - and Michelin partner teams regularly organize private tests here. It is a mecca for world-class two-wheel competition, where crowds of enthusiasts flock every year.

A winding 4.423 km long, the Jerez circuit has five left turns and eight right turns, along with two short straights, the longest of which measures only 607 metres. This is a difficult configuration for the tyres, even on asphalt which is not considered very demanding on the rubber.

*"The Jerez circuit is not aggressive for our tyres, but it puts sustained stresses on them," says **Piero Taramasso**, manager of Michelin Two-Wheel competition. "As soon as a motorcycle enters the track, the various stresses are continuous, and the two small straights are not long enough to allow the tyres to rest. These relentless demands have led us to introduce a new rubber compound for the front tyre this year, which will be a little harder than before. This tyre, which provides additional stability and consistency, has already been tested by our partners in Malaysia and Qatar, but this is the first time we have used it in racing. However, the feedback having been excellent during testing, we are confident that it will also be good in Jerez."*

For the 2024 Gran Premio de España, Michelin will offer its partners a MICHELIN Power Slick range composed of three compounds (Soft, Medium and Hard) for the front, and two compounds (Soft and Medium) for the rear. The front tyres are all symmetrical, and the rears are asymmetrical, with a harder right side to cope with the greater number of turns on this side.



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In the event of rain, the MICHELIN Power Rain range will be offered in Soft and Medium compounds for the front and rear. The latter are also asymmetrical, with a harder right side, like their slick counterparts.

In Jerez, the on-track action will begin on Friday 26 April at 10:45 a.m. (local time) with Practice 1 (45 min). A second session, this time counting towards qualifying (the fastest 10 will go directly to Q2) will then be held at 3:00 p.m. The next day, following Free Practice, two sessions of qualifying will take place between 10:50 a.m. and 11:30 a.m. The fastest two riders from Q1 will progress to Q2 (12 riders in total). The Sprint race over 12 laps is scheduled for 3:00 p.m., while the start of the 2024 Gran Premio de España will be at 3:00 p.m. on Sunday 28 April, this time over 25 laps.

As always, the technical teams and engineers from Michelin Motorsport will be there to support the partners of the Clermont-Ferrand-based manufacturer. The new rubber compounds launched at the start of the season have already broken numerous lap records, and this tally could be increased at Jerez.

### **About Michelin**

Michelin's ambition is to sustainably improve its customers' mobility. The leader in the mobility sector, Michelin designs, manufactures, and distributes the tires best suited to their requirements and uses as well as services and solutions to improve transport efficacy. Michelin also puts forward offers that allow its customers to enjoy unique moments when traveling. Michelin also develops high-technology equipment intended for multiple fields. Based in Clermont-Ferrand, Michelin is present in 175 countries, employs 132,200 people and operates 67 tire factories that, together, produced approximately 167 million tires in 2022. ([www.michelin.com](http://www.michelin.com)).

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