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Michelin® Grand Prix de France
A double MotoGP™ and MotoE™ weekend on home turf for Michelin, in front of the largest crowd of the season

- Michelin will take its 510th MotoGP victory in Le Mans, in front of a crowd whose attendance is expected to break records again.
- The season's 3rd and 4th MotoE races will take place on Saturday 11 May. With tyres containing more than 50% renewable and recycled materials, Michelin demonstrates that technological innovation makes it possible to combine performance with respect for the environment.
- Michelin Motorsport brings a tyre allocation to Le Mans that is adapted to thermal variations and sometimes unpredictable spring weather.

The French Grand Prix is an unmissable event for enthusiasts, and it has set attendance records for several seasons, with 115,000 spectators in 2023 on Sunday alone! Michelin attaches great importance to its connection with the public, to whom it wishes to show that technological innovation makes it possible to combine performance with respect for the environment. From 2024 and for at least three years, Michelin will sponsor its home Grand Prix, and this year the event features two FIM World Championships for which Michelin is the exclusive tyre supplier: MotoGP and ENEL MotoE.

Le Mans is a historic venue for Michelin, which has been a long-standing partner of the Automobile Club de l'Ouest. On the Le Mans circuits, Michelin has contributed to some of the most memorable and thrilling car and motorcycle races.

Committed for 50 years to the highest level of world motorcycling, Michelin has more than 500 victories to its credit. The 2024 Michelin Grand Prix de France will bring the 510th victory on Michelin's list, and will position the FIM MotoGP World Championship at the top of its sporting history, and Dorna Sports among its priority partners.

Throughout its history, Michelin has launched innovations in motorcycle racing that have revolutionised the discipline, including radial tyres and multi-compound treads. The next stage of innovation in MotoGP will be the integration of renewable and recycled materials into tyres, without compromising either the performance of the tyres or their entire life cycle.



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Faithful to its principle of sporting competition used as an accelerator of innovation, and driven by its pioneering spirit, Michelin is already supplying the FIM Enel MotoE World Championship. This second round of the season (3rd and 4th races) will take place on Saturday 11 May at Le Mans, and the riders will use tyres containing more than 50% renewable and recycled materials (49% at the front, 53% at the rear). Michelin's technological advances in MotoE, in addition to MotoGP and all of Michelin Motorsport's activities, will also benefit Michelin tyres for consumers.

The Michelin® Grand Prix de France 2024

The Bugatti Circuit of Le Mans is narrow in places, relatively hilly, and extends to 4.185 km. Made up of nine right turns and five left turns, it is characterised by two straights: one passing the pits, with a length of 674 metres, and a shorter second one 'Chemin aux Bœufs', before turns 7 and 8. To meet the needs of its partners, Michelin has selected front tyres with a symmetrical tread in three different rubber compounds (Soft, Medium and Hard) and asymmetrical Soft and Medium compound tyres for the rear, with a harder right side.

*"Like Jerez, the Bugatti Circuit places medium-intensity stress on the tyres. Its layout is technical and the surface offers a good level of grip.", says **Piero Taramasso**, manager of Michelin Two-Wheel competition. "One of the main challenges at Le Mans concerns the weather, in particular due to the significant temperature variations in spring, when the morning can be cool and the air temperature does not exceed 10°C. However, in the afternoon, if the sun is shining, the track surface can see temperatures between 30°C and 40°C. The range of temperatures to be covered is therefore wide, and this adaptability can be found in an allocation of tyres with specific characteristics. Overall, the centering of the range leans towards Soft or Medium/Soft compared to other circuits. We have just experienced two spectacular races, in Austin and Jerez, during which several riders of different motorcycle brands distinguished themselves, and Le Mans will surely once again be the scene of some great sporting fights, as our team is particularly focused for our national Grand Prix."*

In the event of rain, Michelin will have the MICHELIN Power Rain range available to its partners in Soft and Medium compounds for the front and rear, with an asymmetrical profile and a harder right side for the rear, as for their counterparts in the MICHELIN Power Slick range.

The action will begin on Friday 10 May with two practice sessions, the second of which will allow the 10 fastest riders to move directly into the second phase of qualifying (Q2).



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After the free practice session on Saturday morning, Q1 will allow two additional riders to progress to Q2, with a view to determining, at the end of Q2, the starting grid for the weekend. The 13-lap Sprint race will take place on Saturday at 3:00 p.m., and the 27-lap Michelin® Grand Prix de France will start on Sunday 12 May at 2:00 p.m.

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).

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