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Gran Premio d'Italia Brembo **The MICHELIN Power Slick and Power Rain tyre ranges ready for the most technical track of the season**

- The impressive Mugello circuit hosts the seventh round of the MotoGP™ World Championship this weekend.
- The most technical track of the season, and also the one where the bikes reach the highest speeds.
- 7th and 8th rounds of the FIM ENEL MotoE™ World Championship with electric motorcycles and more sustainable tyres, featuring a distinctive tread design.

The Mugello circuit has hosted the MotoGP world championship for almost 50 years - since 1976 - and this year the venue will celebrate its half-century since its inauguration in 1974. Over time its layout has not changed, just like its rural setting in the heart of Tuscany. Located not far from Florence, and very popular with riders, the 5.245 km Mugello circuit has nine right turns and six left, along with the longest straight in the championship at 1.141 km.

While new records were established here in 2023, each rider will be keen to try to better these, which testifies to the constant performance improvement of their motorcycles. Performance which is made possible by the progress made to the Michelin tyre ranges, whose revised compounds for the 2024 season accompany the evolution of these cutting-edge machines.

*"Mugello is the most technical circuit of the season," says **Piero Taramasso**, head of Michelin two-wheel competition. "It's a very difficult track for the tyres because it mixes slow corners with high-speed curves and very hard braking. This configuration creates very strong constraints in certain sectors, while the very long straight allows the riders to exceed 360 km/h, and this means having tyres that are comfortable in all areas of the game. We also know that the weather can be changeable, even at this time of year, but we have everything planned. The location of the circuit in the Tuscan countryside will surely result in fairly cool temperatures at the start of the day, whereas on the other hand, if the sun is shining, it will be very hot in the afternoon. Last year, we recorded 44°C on the ground during the sprint race, and 42°C for the Grand Prix. We have therefore selected rubber compounds accordingly, to compensate for all situations and offer riders tyres that are very versatile and consistent in their performance."*



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To meet these challenges, Michelin will provide its partners with three front tyre options (Soft, Medium, Hard), and two rear compounds (Soft and Medium). Given the greater number of turns to the right, the rear tyres will be asymmetrical and reinforced on their right shoulder.

In the event of rain, Michelin will supply its MICHELIN Power Rain range in Soft and Medium compounds for the front and rear, using the same profile as the MICHELIN Power Slick range.

Records to break

In terms of pure speed, the record to beat is the one set last year by Brad Binder (Red Bull KTM Factory Racing), when the South African reached 366.1 km/h during the sprint race on Saturday afternoon.

The all time lap record was also broken last year, this time by Francesco Bagnaia (Ducati Lenovo Team) in 1min44.855. It was the first time in MotoGP history that a rider went under the 1min45 mark on the Mugello circuit.

7th and 8th rounds of the MotoE World Championship

After Portimão (Portugal), Le Mans (France) and Barcelona (Spain), it is now the turn of Mugello to host MotoE. Like the previous season, the electric motorcycle World Championship comprises 16 races, with two races being run at eight MotoGP weekends. This season, these motorcycles are equipped with new Michelin tyres incorporating 49% renewable and recycled materials at the front, and 53% at the rear (compared to 34% and 52% respectively in 2023).

There is also a new design of the rear tyres, whose tread features ephemeral patterns with a velvet appearance that is designed to fade during the first laps. These patterns are reminiscent of the design of the VISION Concept presented by Michelin in 2017, which is an illustration of Michelin's sustainable development targets in the tyre sector, by 2050.

Race weekend schedule

On Friday, MotoE will enter the track first for 15 minutes of testing. Then the first MotoGP free practice session will take place for 45 minutes at the end of the morning.



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A second session of MotoE testing will then precede an hour of MotoGP testing, during which the 10 fastest riders will qualify directly for the second phase of qualifying, taking place the next day.

At the end of the day, the two MotoE qualifying practice sessions will take place in two 10-minute periods, and these will round off the day's action on the track.

Saturday will start with 30 minutes of free practice for MotoGP, then the first qualifying session (15 min) will allow the two fastest riders to join the 10 riders already qualified in Q2. This final qualifying session (also 15 minutes) will determine the order on the starting grid for the entire weekend.

The races will then follow one another between 12:15 p.m. and 4:10 p.m.: first the MotoE (7 laps), then the MotoGP Sprint race (11 laps), and finally the second MotoE race.

The start of the 23 lap Grand Prix will be at 2p.m. local time on Sunday.

Following the race weekend a day of official tests will take place on Monday, in which all the teams will participate in preparation for the rest of the season.

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