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## Gran Premio d'Italia Brembo Consistency and speed records thanks to MICHELIN Power Slick tyres

- The seventh round of the FIM MotoGP<sup>™</sup> World Championship has just ended with a one-two finish for Ducati Lenovo Team. Enea Bastianini completed the final lap in 1'46.277, snatching second place from Jorge Martin (Prima Pramac Racing) in the final turns.
- The most technical track of the season was mastered by the riders with the contribution of Michelin tyres. Due to exceptional consistency in lap times, Francesco Bagnaia completed 23 laps of Mugello in 40'51.770 more than 25 seconds faster than the previous duration record.
- The fourth weekend of the FIM ENEL MotoE<sup>™</sup> World Championship confirmed the improving performance of the electric motorcycles equipped with Michelin tyres, which are more sustainable and with a distinctive design.

As during every Grand Prix weekend since the start of the season, the MICHELIN Power Slick ranges have demonstrated the benefits of their 2024 compounds. The riders in the FIM MotoGP World Championship have once again been able to count on consistent and high-performance tyres, allowing them to plan the perfect strategy to try to achieve victory. Regardless of the moment in the race, everyone had the opportunity to push when needed, and to increase the pace to try to gain places, regardless of tyre wear. This last point was perfectly illustrated with the pass by Enea Bastianini on Jorge Martin (Prima Pramac Racing) in the last corners of the race, at a key moment when the tyres needed to provide performance and confidence.

"Tyres that last, and which allow riders to attack at any moment of the race and break records, that's the DNA of the MICHELIN Power Slick tyres," says **Piero Taramasso**, manager of Michelin two-wheel competition. "We leave Mugello with a light heart, with the feeling of having once again allowed our partners to give everything they could. We know that Mugello is a very difficult track for tyres, because beyond the high-speed corners the tyres need to be able to withstand very violent braking, including slowing from over 360 km/h to around 80 km/h at the end of the straight. This year the temperature was significantly higher than last year, but our tyres still demonstrated great versatility and consistent performance over time. The lap times we saw at the end of the race were comparable to those in the first half. Partly thanks to the tyres, the riders put on an exceptional show for the fans who came in large numbers (more than 156,000, including more than 80,000 on Sunday), and that makes us particularly proud."



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Located not far from Florence, in the heart of Tuscany, the 5.245km Autodromo del Mugello has nine right turns and six left handers. It is considered very technical by the teams and is one of the riders' favourites. It is also the circuit which contains the longest straight in the championship (1.141 km) where the bikes approach speeds of 370 km/h.

For this 2024 edition, Michelin provided its partners with three front compounds (Soft, Medium, Hard), and two for the rear (Soft and Medium). Given the greater number of turns to the right, the rear tyres were asymmetrical and reinforced on their right shoulder.

"From the start of testing on Friday, the riders determined that the Medium would be the optimum compound for the front, and that the Soft compound would be ideal for the rear - at least for the Sprint race," continues **Piero Taramasso**. "Then, the results obtained on Saturday were so good that the vast majority of our partners (with the exception of a single rider) repeated the same winning combination for Sunday."

On Saturday afternoon, the Sprint race was won by Francesco Bagnaia (Ducati Lenovo Team), ahead of Marc Marquez (Gresini Racing MotoGP), and Pedro Acosta (Red Bull GASGAS Tech 3).

On Sunday, the Grand Prix victory again went to Francesco Bagnaia (Ducati Lenovo Team), who dominated the race from the first lap, ahead of his teammate Enea Bastianini. The third step of the podium was occupied by Jorge Martin (Prima Pramac Racing).

#### **Records and figures from the 2024 Grand Prix**

While achieving pole position, Jorge Martin (Prima Pramac Racing) set a new alltime circuit lap record of 1'44.504, beating the previous benchmark of 1'44.855 set last year by Francesco Bagnaia (Ducati Lenovo Team).

During the Grand Prix, Francesco Bagnaia set the new race lap record of 1'45.770, beating his own record of 1'46.588, which he set in 2022.

Marc Marquez (Gresini Racing MotoGP) set a new lap time benchmark in the Sprint race of 1'45.198, compared to 1'46.187 in 2023.

With this consistently fast pace, the Sprint race lasted almost 11 seconds less than in 2023 (19'30.251 vs 19'41.183), while the Grand Prix improved by more than 25 seconds. The 2024 edition lasted 40,51,385, compared to 41,16,863 in 2023.



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In terms of top speed, the record set by Brad Binder (Red Bull KTM Factory Racing) during the 2023 Sprint race (366.1 km/h), was equalled this year by Pol Espargaro, again during the Sprint race.

### Fourth weekend for the FIM ENEL MotoE<sup>™</sup> World Championship

After the two races which have just taken place on the Mugello circuit, the MotoE championship has arrived at the halfway point in the 2024 season. Like last year, this series of 16 races, which features electric motorcycles, is run at the rate of two races during eight MotoGP weekends.

The electric motorcycles in the FIM ENEL MotoE World Championship, supplied by Ducati, 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. Also new this year is the design of the rear tyre, whose tread features ephemeral patterns with a velvet appearance, designed to fade during the first laps.

On the Mugello circuit, the 18 riders took to the track for their two races of 7 laps each.

During race 1, rescheduled for 6:40 p.m. on Saturday following the accident of Lukas Tulovic (Dynavolt Intact GP Moto E), it was Mattia Casadei (LCR E-Team) who crossed the finish line in first. He came home ahead of Alessandro Zaccone (Tech 3 E-Racing) and Hector Garzo (Dynavolt Intact GP MotoE).

In race 2, Kevin Zannoni (Open Bank Aspar Team) won, ahead of the two LCR E-Team riders, Mattia Casadei and Eric Granado.

On the 2nd lap of race 1, Alessandro Zaccone (Tech3 E-Racing) broke the MotoE race lap record with a time of 1'55.617, while the day before, during the second qualifying session, he set a new all-time circuit record for the class, of 1'55.466. Andrea Mantovani (Klint Forward Factory Team) set the record speed of 282.7 km/h on his electric Ducati.

"The competition is tight at the heart of this very innovative series," concludes **Piero Taramasso**. "Each race weekend, the championship shows significant progress, whether in performance or on-track spectacle. In this context, our new tyres make a significant contribution. On Saturday we could see that the lap record was broken in the first of the two races, and then improved again in the second, all on the same tyres! These facts demonstrate that our tyres, with a sustainable composition, deliver high-level performance that lasts over time. We are extremely proud of this result."



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The 8th round of the FIM MotoGP World Championship, as well as the 9th and 10th rounds of the FIM ENEL MotoE World Championship will take place from 28 to 30 June at the Motul TT Assen (Netherlands).

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