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## **Motorrad Grand Prix von Österreich Special MICHELIN Power Slick tyres for the Red Bull Ring are acclaimed by riders**

- Michelin provided the riders with a special Red Bull Ring allocation consisting of front tyres with increased stiffness and a specific rear tyre.
- Thrilling races took place during the weekend and all records were broken in MotoGP™.
- Fast times were also set by the MotoE™ riders, using Michelin tyres containing more than 50% renewable and recycled materials.

The Motorrad Grand Prix von Österreich, the 11th race of the season, has just taken place on the Red Bull Ring circuit, in Spielberg, Austria. Renowned for being a very demanding track, the Red Bull Ring is located in the Styrian mountains and has a length of just 4.318 km. Very technical, it has three left turns and seven right turns, which makes it noticeably asymmetric. Its complexity is also found in the impressive climbs and descents (65 m of elevation change), as well as the three straights that generate violent acceleration and braking forces. To compensate for this atypical situation in the season, Michelin Motorsport brought an allocation of adapted tyres, and in particular a special "Red Bull Ring" rear tyre with a reinforced structure. For their part, the front tyres have evolved towards an average rigidity level that has increased compared to 2023.

*"The riders particularly appreciated the special rear MICHELIN Power Slick tyres that we brought to Spielberg this weekend. Performance, consistency and resistance to high temperatures were the key elements to giving the public a great show and also achieving the new records recorded during the weekend", says **Piero Taramasso**, Michelin's two-wheel competition manager. "The Red Bull Ring is a stop and go circuit where the traction requirements on corner exits are very high, and also where braking is very violent, meaning the riders are constantly loading the front end when slowing down. This year, the average track temperatures were higher than usual, which presented an additional challenge for the tyres. I would also like to highlight the superb performance of the MICHELIN Power Slick tyres for MotoE. Two great races took place on Saturday and the lap times were consistently better than the record set in 2023. This is a great demonstration that Michelin has mastered the technology of renewable and recycled materials, and that their introduction combines perfectly with the safety and high performance required on track."*



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### Records set in 2024

In Q1, Lorenzo Savadori (Aprilia Racing) set the Red Bull Ring top speed record by reaching 317.1 km/h on the pit straight.

In Q2, Jorge Martin (Prima Pramac Racing) took pole position with an all-time circuit lap record time of 1'27.748, an improvement of more than eight-tenths of a second compared to the previous benchmark. In addition to the Spaniard, four other riders set laps faster than the 2023 record during Q2.

The Tissot Sprint (14 laps) was won on Saturday by Francesco Bagnaia (Ducati Lenovo Team), followed by Jorge Martin and Aleix Espargaro (Aprilia Racing). The reigning World Champion set very consistent lap times, allowing him to reduce the race duration by two seconds compared to last year.

Francesco Bagnaia also won the Motorrad Grand Prix von Österreich (28 laps) and set two records: the new fastest race lap in 1'29.519 (on lap 8) and the shortest grand prix duration of 42'11.173 - around 3 seconds less than in 2023. Jorge Martin again took second place and Enea Bastianini (Ducati Lenovo Team) completed the 2024 Red Bull Ring podium.

### 13th and 14th rounds of the FIM ENEL MotoE™ World Championship

Consistently faster than in 2023, the MotoE riders took full advantage of the potential of the new 2024 MICHELIN Power Slick tyres. Put to the test here in Spielberg on their penultimate race weekend of the season, the 18 riders (9 teams) took part in two races and set fast laps with tyres incorporating 49% renewable and recycled materials at the front, and 53% at the rear (compared to 34% and 52% respectively in 2023).

The first round (13th of the season) on Saturday was won by Oscar Gutierrez (Axxis-MSI), followed by Hector Garzo (Dynavolt Intact GP Moto) and Mattia Casadei (LCR E-Team). Hector Garzo won the second race later the same day ahead of Kevin Zannoni (Openbank Aspar Team) and Mattia Casadei, who again took third place.

The two final rounds of the ENEL MotoE World Championship will take place on Saturday 7 September, as part of the Gran Premio Red Bull di San Marino e della Riviera di Rimini, which runs from 6-8 September 2024.



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