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Gran Premio Estrella Galicia 0,0 de España Michelin ready for the first European round of the MotoGP™ FIM World Championship

- After visiting Thailand, Argentina, the United States and Qatar, the MotoGP World Championship now arrives in Europe, at the Jerez – Ángel Nieto Circuit in Spain.
- With powerful acceleration, heavy braking and continuous lateral forces, this technical track puts tyres under constant stress.
- Michelin Motorsport has selected an optimized tyre package, building on last year's strong performance on this same circuit, despite challenging weather conditions.

Located in the heart of Andalusia in southern Spain, the Jerez Circuit is one of the most iconic venues on the MotoGP™ calendar. Inaugurated in 1986, it has hosted the championship every year since 1987. A well-known and regularly visited track for Michelin teams and partner outfits alike, it's a favourite site for private testing.

A true theatre for top-level motorcycle racing, Jerez attracts large and passionate crowds year after year, creating a uniquely vibrant atmosphere. Stretching over 4.423 kilometres, the track is both technical and winding, featuring thirteen turns – five to the left and eight to the right – along with two relatively short straights, the longest of which measures just over 600 meters.

Although the asphalt is not particularly abrasive, the sequence of corners and lack of extended straight sections place heavy demands on tyres, which must deliver consistent, reliable performance in all riding conditions.

*"It's true that the Jerez Circuit is not aggressive on our tyres, but it does place them under continuous stress," explains **Piero Taramasso**, Manager of Two-Wheel Motorsport at Michelin. "This ongoing intensity led us, last season, to introduce a new, slightly harder front compound – and we made the right choice. On Friday alone, three riders broke the lap record! Despite unpredictable weather conditions that weekend, the return of dry conditions on Sunday highlighted the excellence and durability of our tyres. In fact, the race lap record was broken just two laps before the chequered flag – a clear testament to the performance of our MotoGP tyres. This year, beyond our excitement to be back in Europe for what promises to be a thrilling season, we are also delighted to reconnect with the Spanish fans, who always bring such energy and emotion to the event."*



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For the 2025 Gran Premio Estrella Galicia 0,0 de España, Michelin will supply its partners with a selection of MICHELIN Power Slick tyres, featuring three front options (Soft, Medium, Hard) and two rear options (Soft and Medium). All front tyres are symmetrical, while the rears are asymmetrical, with a harder right side to account for the greater number of right-hand turns.

In case of rain, the MICHELIN Power Rain range will be available in both Soft and Medium compounds for front and rear tyres. These are also asymmetrical, with a reinforced right side, just like their slick counterparts.

2024 Lap Records

Despite uncharacteristically cold and unstable weather in Jerez de la Frontera – a city usually known for its mild climate – the riders were able to push the limits thanks to the confidence provided by Michelin tyres.

On Friday, Ducati Lenovo Team's Francesco Bagnaia shattered his own all-time circuit lap record, clocking a 1'36.025 around the 4.423-kilometer Andalusian track.

Bagnaia, who went on to win a thrilling 2024 Gran Premio Estrella Galicia 0,0 de España, also set the fastest race lap (1'37.449) just two laps before the finish line.

These are benchmarks that other riders will surely aim to challenge.

This year's on-track action kicks off on Friday, April 25 at 10:45 a.m. (local time) with Free Practice 1 (45 minutes). A second, timed session follows at 3:00 p.m., with the top 10 progressing directly to Q2. On Saturday, following Free Practice 2, the Qualifying sessions will run from 10:50 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. The top 2 from Q1 will also advance to Q2, for a 12-rider shootout. The 12-lap Tissot Sprint Race is scheduled for 3:00 p.m., while the Grand Prix race will start on Sunday, April 27 at 2:00 p.m., over 25 laps.

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