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## Michelin shatters records at the Gran Premio Estrella Galicia 0,0 de España

- The first European round of the MotoGP™ World Championship delivered a spectacular show at the Jerez circuit in Andalusia.
- Fabio Quartararo (Monster Energy Yamaha) made the most of the Michelin Motorsport tire package, setting a new absolute lap record of 1'35.610.
- All benchmark times were improved, underlining Michelin tires' ability to enhance the performance of modern Grand Prix motorcycles.

The Circuito de Jerez – Ángel Nieto provided the backdrop for a weekend of outstanding motorsport action under sweltering Andalusian skies. A staple on the MotoGP calendar since 1987, the Spanish round drew record crowds this year, with 224,420 spectators across the weekend, including more than 101,000 on Sunday alone.

Measuring 4.423 kilometers in length, the Jerez circuit is a technical and winding track featuring thirteen corners – five left-handers and eight right-handers – as well as two relatively short straights (just over 600 meters). It's a layout where tires are never pushed to their absolute limits but are constantly kept under pressure.

*« We experienced an exceptional weekend where all the ingredients were gathered to make this Grand Prix truly memorable, » said **Piero Taramasso**, Michelin Two-Wheel Motorsport Manager. « The record-breaking attendance, the electric atmosphere, the intensity of the races, and the performance of our tires all contributed to this collective success. From Fabio Quartararo's pole position on Saturday morning to Alex Marquez's maiden Grand Prix victory on Sunday afternoon, our tires demonstrated outstanding performance on a track heated to the extreme. The fact that every benchmark time dropped confirms that both the bikes and our tires have made significant progress. The package we brought to Jerez performed flawlessly, and I sincerely believe it couldn't have unfolded any better. The rest of the season promises to be thrilling, especially with the next round being the Michelin Grand Prix of France, where we are more determined than ever to raise the bar even higher. »*

For the 2025 Gran Premio Estrella Galicia 0,0 de España, Michelin provided its partners with a range of MICHELIN Power Slick tires: three symmetric compounds (Soft, Medium, Hard) for the front, and two asymmetric compounds (Soft and Medium) for the rear, featuring a reinforced right side.



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During Saturday's Tissot Sprint race, all riders opted for the versatile Medium front tire and most chose the Soft rear to maximize performance, except for Johan Zarco (LCR Honda) who went for a Medium at the rear as well.

The following day, during the Grand Prix, the Medium-Medium combination proved optimal, allowing riders to maintain a strong pace from start to finish while preserving tire performance and avoiding excessive wear, even in the closing stages.

The Tissot Sprint was won by Marc Marquez (Ducati Lenovo Team), ahead of his brother Alex Marquez (BK8 Gresini Racing) and Francesco Bagnaia (Ducati Lenovo Team).

The Grand Prix itself saw Alex Marquez take victory, finishing ahead of Fabio Quartararo (Monster Energy Yamaha) and Francesco Bagnaia.

### **New records set**

During Friday's practice sessions, Marc Marquez had already set a new benchmark with a lap time of 1'35.991. However, it was French rider Fabio Quartararo who ultimately had the final say, stopping the clock at an impressive 1'35.610 during Saturday's qualifying, erasing the previous record of 1'36.025 set by Francesco Bagnaia a year earlier.

On Saturday afternoon, the Tissot Sprint race duration was improved by more than 20 seconds, finishing in 19'32.107 compared to 19'52.862 in 2024. This improvement should be taken with some caution, as last year's race was impacted by wet patches from prior rainfall. Nevertheless, the higher pace was confirmed during the Grand Prix itself, which was completed in 40'56.374 compared to 40'58.053 in 2024, despite a notably hotter track surface (43°C at the start).

The fastest lap in the Tissot Sprint, recorded by Marc Marquez, stood at 1'36.665, compared to 1'37.812 in 2024 – also set by the Spaniard.

During the Grand Prix, the race lap record also fell: the new best lap, set by Alex Marquez, is now 1'37.339 (versus 1'37.449 by Francesco Bagnaia in 2024).

The next round of the MotoGP World Championship will take place at Le Mans for the Michelin® Grand Prix de France, from May 9 to 11.



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