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Rolex 6 Hours of São Paulo Michelin ready for the start of the FIA-WEC overseas tour at the Interlagos circuit

- A track that the FIA-WEC teams and Michelin return to in the middle of winter, fully resurfaced since the 2024 edition.
- This year, Michelin Motorsport will start almost from scratch and will analyze every lap of every car, completed during Free Practice and Qualifying, to understand the behavior and optimize the performance of each tire compound.
- Michelin will provide its partners with the MICHELIN Pilot Sport Endurance ranges in Medium and Hard versions, to cover all race situations. We therefore expect to see very varied strategies.

World-famous, the Autódromo José Carlos Pace, better known as Interlagos, marks the kickoff of the overseas tour of the 2025 FIA World Endurance Championship. The 4.309 km Brazilian track, which is hosting this discipline for the fifth time in its history, has been completely resurfaced since the 2024 edition. It is therefore a circuit that the teams and Michelin will rediscover in the middle of the southern winter.

Interlagos is renowned for its spectacular races, offering great overtaking opportunities, especially during the high-speed braking into the first corner before the legendary Senna S sequence. This configuration once again promises decisive maneuvers, while severely testing the drivers' skills.

An analysis process almost starting from scratch for Michelin Motorsport

The 2024 edition had already highlighted how Interlagos could generate varied tire strategies, between the choice of Medium, Hard or even mixed compounds over the stints. This year, Michelin Motorsport is starting almost from scratch: the new surface indeed requires a detailed reassessment of tire behavior and performance.

*"After the complete resurfacing of the circuit, we have to restart our analysis almost from zero," explains **Pierre Alves**, manager of Michelin's Endurance programs. "During free practice and qualifying, we will analyze every lap of every car to properly understand how our tires interact with this new asphalt. This will allow us to optimize strategies and best support our partners."*



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Severe tire constraints that will shape stint management

The Interlagos circuit remains a demanding track, with particularly severe stresses on the right rear tire. The second sector largely highlights the mechanical grip of the tires, making their management crucial to hope for consistent multi-stint runs.

For this 2025 edition, Michelin will provide the Hypercar competitors with its MICHELIN Pilot Sport Endurance tires in two slick compounds:

- **Medium:** a versatile compound, perfectly suited to moderate track temperatures.
- **Hard:** intended for the hottest conditions, to preserve performance when the mercury rises despite the Brazilian winter.

*"As we saw last year, the diversity of strategies will once again be one of the key aspects of this race," continues **Pierre Alves**. "Between the need to protect the right rear tire and the importance of mechanical grip in the second sector, the teams will have to find the perfect balance. We will of course be alongside our partners to refine their data reading and guide them in their choices."*

A race promised a rich strategic scenario

With ground temperatures that could once again reach high values in the heart of the afternoon, tire warm-up after the Senna S will remain quick, allowing drivers to immediately get into a strong rhythm. Consistent driving and smart management of tire resources will more than ever be the keys to achieving long and competitive stints.

The crews will as always have a strictly regulated tire quota: 12 tires for all free practice sessions, then 18 tires for qualifying and the race. Drivers qualified for Hyperpole will additionally benefit from a set of Mediums specifically dedicated to this exercise, before reusing it during private sessions.

Schedule and start of the 2025 Rolex 6 Hours of São Paulo

Activities will begin on Friday, July 11, with a first free practice session scheduled at 11:00 local time (16:00 CET). A second session will take place in the afternoon to fine-tune setups. Qualifying and Hyperpole will be held on Saturday, before the start of the Rolex 6 Hours of São Paulo on Sunday, July 13 at 11:30 (16:30 CET).



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