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Liqui Moly Grand Prix of Germany **MICHELIN Power Slick ranges designed to measure to tackle an unusual circuit**

- The 11th round of the FIM MotoGP™ World Championship will take place this weekend at the Sachsenring, in northern Germany.
- With 10 left-hand turns and only 3 right-hand turns, this circuit requires tyres with a specific tread pattern.
- Short and slow, the track gives the tyres no respite, demanding stable performance while undergoing a variety of stresses.

This year, the German round of the FIM MotoGP World Championship is the 11th of the season, whereas it was the 9th on the 2024 calendar. However, it has only been moved back by one week in the summer, which should theoretically avoid any major surprises in terms of weather conditions. Located in Hohenstein-Ernstthal, in the Saxony region, the Sachsenring circuit is the shortest in the championship, with a length of only 3.671 km. It is also one of the slowest, as in addition to its 13 corners, its longest straight is no more than 700 metres. Nevertheless, it offers thrills for the riders, with a topography that features a series of elevation changes. All these characteristics create a series of challenges for the tyres, which are constantly under strain.

*"Along with Phillip Island in Australia, I consider the Sachsenring to be one of the two most difficult circuits of the season for tyres," explains **Piero Taramasso**, Michelin Two-Wheel Motorsport Manager. "Apart from the fact that the riders drive it in an anti-clockwise direction, it is mainly the layout of the track that presents a challenge. Between turns 4 and 10, the Grand Prix bikes only turn to the left, which means that the right side of the tyre loses temperature before entering turn 11, which is a sharp right-hand turn on a downhill section! This is a particularly tricky spot, where only tyres designed for this specific task can deliver the required level of performance. We have a good knowledge of the track, which has enabled us to come up with a relevant technical solution for this type of situation, because it is precisely at this point that riders need to have a lot of confidence. As we do three times a season, the front tyres will be asymmetrical, with reinforced rubber on the left side to compensate for the higher number of corners on that side. Conversely, the right side of the tyre will feature a softer compound, capable of warming up quickly and maintaining stable performance over time. This consistency, and this 'à la carte' compound between the left and right sides, is the signature of Michelin Motorsport, which has always been able to provide our partners with the best tyres in all circumstances."*



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The Clermont-Ferrand-based manufacturer's teams have also taken into account two key aspects of the Sachsenring. On the one hand, this track, which is rarely used during the year, will first have to be "cleaned" by the bikes during Friday's practice sessions before it can show its full potential. On the other hand, the weather, which can vary from cool to very hot at this time of year, will also need to be monitored. To cope with all these factors, Michelin will provide its partners with three asymmetrical tyre compounds (Soft, Medium, Hard) for the front wheel and two asymmetrical compounds (Soft and Medium) for the rear wheel.

In case of rain, Michelin will provide its MICHELIN Power Rain range in Soft and Medium compounds for both front and rear tyres, with the same profile as the MICHELIN Power Slick range.

Records to beat

In 2024, all track records were broken.

The absolute lap record was set by Jorge Martin (Prima Pramac Racing) in the second qualifying session with a time of 1:19.423.

Jorge Martin also holds the record for the fastest lap in the race, with a time of 1:20.667.

Proof of the consistent performance of Michelin tyres, the duration of the Grand Prix was reduced to 40'0.063 in 2024.

The track is short, but the speeds are high: Pedro Acosta (Red Bull Gas Gas Tech 3) reached 306.8 km/h in 2024.

The weekend programme

For the 2025 edition of the Liqui Moly Motorrad Grand Prix of Germany, the action on the track will begin on Friday 11 July with a practice session in the morning, followed by a second session in the afternoon, which will allow the 10 fastest riders to go straight through to the second qualifying session (Q2) the following day. After the free practice session on Saturday morning, Q1 will allow two additional riders to qualify, with the starting grid for the weekend being determined at the end of Q2. The Sprint race (15 laps) will take place on Saturday at 3pm, and the Grand Prix (30 laps) the following day at 2pm. On Sunday, the Grand Prix is scheduled for 26 laps, starting at 14:00.



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