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Rolex 6 Hours of São Paulo **MICHELIN Pilot Sport Endurance Medium tires acclaimed on the new Interlagos asphalt**

- A victory and a one-two finish for Cadillac ahead of Porsche in São Paulo, thanks to the performance and consistency of the MICHELIN Pilot Sport Endurance Medium.
- A new asphalt that presented teams and Michelin Motorsport with a very different challenge from the 2024 edition, requiring refined analysis to optimize tire management.
- A race punctuated by regular double stints, particularly on the left side.

The Interlagos circuit, known worldwide as Autódromo José Carlos Pace, hosted the fifth round of the 2025 FIA World Endurance Championship (FIA-WEC), marking the start of the championship's overseas leg. One year after an initial resurfacing, the Brazilian asphalt once again played a central role in the strategic reading of the race, offering Michelin's technical teams a particularly demanding study ground.

On Sunday, July 13, at 11:30 local time, the lights went out under a winter sky with nonetheless high temperatures for the season: 23°C in the air and nearly 31°C on the track. From the very first lap, the No. 5 Porsche 963 (Andlauer - Christensen) of Porsche Penske Motorsport, equipped with MICHELIN Pilot Sport Endurance Medium tires, took the lead thanks to a sharp Julien Andlauer, ahead of the two Cadillac V-Series.R of Cadillac Team Jota.

The gaps quickly began to form, allowing the No. 5 Porsche to build a slight cushion before Cadillac's strategy, combined with a perfect reading of the Michelin Medium tires' behavior on the new asphalt, enabled the No. 12 (Lynn - Nato - Stevens) and No. 38 (Bamber - Bourdais - Button) V-Series.R to reclaim the lead shortly before the two-hour mark.

*"We knew that with this new surface, the tires would behave differently than in 2024," explains **Pierre Alves**, Endurance Program Manager at Michelin Motorsport. "That's why we started from scratch during free practice, analyzing every lap to adjust pressures and anticipate wear evolution."*

Without any safety car interventions, the race was nonetheless neutralized several times by Full Course Yellows (FCY), pushing teams to make important strategic decisions regarding tire management.



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Consistency and management of MICHELIN Pilot Sport Endurance Medium tires crucial for doubling stints

On this track that is demanding on the right rear tire, the ability to extend stints was one of the key parameters for aiming at victory.

*"The new asphalt brought us a different challenge," details **Pierre Alves**. "This year, we mainly saw Medium strategies because, with careful management, our tires allowed teams to regularly double stints on the left side, which proved decisive. After each tire change, the warm-up was very quick, and the Senna S sequence allowed drivers to push hard right from the start of their stints, maintaining a strong pace while protecting their tire assets over the duration."*

The top four finishers at the checkered flag were in fact cars that made the most of the MICHELIN Pilot Sport Endurance Medium: Cadillac Team Jota, achieving a one-two with the No. 12 (driven at the finish by Norman Nato) winning ahead of the No. 38 (with Sébastien Bourdais), and Porsche Penske Motorsport securing the third step of the podium with the No. 5 Porsche 963 (Julien Andlauer), followed by the No. 6.

A collective effort that illustrates Michelin Motorsport's philosophy

Throughout the weekend, Michelin Technical Advisors worked hand in hand with teams to deepen understanding of the tires on this new asphalt, both in Medium and Hard compounds. *"Our analysis tools, which scrutinize every lap of every car, were essential to adapt our pressure and temperature window recommendations,"* continues **Pierre Alves**. *"This collaboration with our partners remains at the heart of our commitment: helping them get the best out of the performance and consistency offered by our tires."*

Continuation of the 2025 season

The Hypercar teams and Michelin will now regroup after the summer break to continue the FIA-WEC overseas tour at Circuit of The Americas (Texas – United States), where the Lone Star Le Mans will take place from September 5 to 7, 2025.

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