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Lone Star Le Mans

MICHELIN Pilot Sport Endurance ranges: performance, consistency and trust in all weather conditions

- Laurens Vanthoor, Matt Campbell and Kevin Estre (Porsche Penske Motorsport) won the 2025 edition of Lone Star Le Mans after a race that took place mostly on a wet track, which only began to dry out during the last hour.
- For six hours, the eighteen cars in the Hypercar category were able to count on the exceptional performance of MICHELIN Pilot Sport WET tyres, designed for wet surfaces and containing more than 45% renewable and recycled materials.
- During the three days of track activity, Michelin's Endurance ranges responded perfectly to the varying weather conditions with their impressive consistency and exceptional performance on both dry and wet surfaces.

The organisers of the FIA World Endurance Championship feared a weekend of unpredictable weather conditions, and their fears were confirmed. After a first day of testing dominated by heat (but which took place on dry ground), rain arrived the next day for qualifying, before becoming very intense on Sunday afternoon for the race. The race started behind the safety car, but visibility quickly deteriorated and the race directors waved the red flag after an hour. The race resumed 45 minutes later in still precarious conditions, but the battle was back on.

Michelin's partners then took full advantage of the versatility of the wet-weather tyres, which contain more than 45% renewable or recycled materials. At the Circuit of The Americas, a demanding and unusual track because it is run anti-clockwise, car set-ups are particularly complex to fine-tune. With a variety of corners and one of the most demanding braking zones of the season, where cars go from over 300 km/h to around 60 km/h at turn 12, the tyres are subjected to extreme stresses and play a key role.

*"For this Texan weekend, we provided our partners with two types of tyres for dry conditions, Medium and Hard, as well as our WET tyre, which has already been extensively tested in a variety of conditions," said **Pierre Alves**, Michelin Motorsport's Endurance Programme Manager. "Last year, we were surprised by the consistency and wide operating window of the Medium compound, and this year the first two days on track confirmed these qualities. Whether the track temperature was below 30°C or above 45°, the Medium compound proved to be exceptional. It was even chosen by several of our partners during qualifying in light rain, demonstrating its consistency in these unexpected circumstances."*



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"In the race, the scenario changed with a wet track. Our MICHELIN Pilot Sport WET tyres proved to be a formidable weapon on a surface with precarious grip, while offering valuable confidence to the drivers. At the end of the race, despite the drying asphalt, they lost none of their effectiveness, finishing less than ten seconds per lap off the benchmark times in dry conditions. In the end, the weekend went off without a hitch. We were able to highlight the consistent performance of our tyres over time, in perfect harmony with Michelin's DNA."

The 2025 edition of Lone Star Le Mans was won by the #6 Porsche 963 driven by Laurens Vanthoor, Matt Campbell and Kevin Estre (Porsche Penske Motorsport). They finished ahead of the #50 Ferrari 499P (AF Corse) driven by Niklas Nielsen, Antonio Fuoco and Miguel Molina. Third place went to the #94 Peugeot 9X8 driven by Stoffel Vandoorne, Loïc Duval and Malthe Jacobsen.

The next round of the FIA World Endurance Championship (WEC) will be the 100th since the series was created in 2012. It will be the 6 Hours of Fuji (Japan), which will take place from 26 to 28 September.

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