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## ***6 Hours of Fuji*** **Michelin celebrates its 100<sup>th</sup> FIA WEC race with Alpine's strategic victory at the 2025 6 Hours of Fuji**

- The Alpine A424 #35 of Charles Milesi, Paul-Loup Chatin and Ferdinand Habsburg clinched victory after an intense and action-packed race, thanks to a decisive tire strategy.
- The MICHELIN Pilot Sport Endurance Medium tires delivered remarkable consistency, enabling Alpine to complete 87 laps on the right-hand tires without any loss of performance.
- At the heart of this 2025 edition of the 6 Hours of Fuji, where tire management played a central role, Michelin reaffirmed its status as an essential technological partner in world-class Endurance racing.

### **A demanding Fuji Speedway, stage of the 100<sup>th</sup> FIA WEC round**

Nestled at the foot of Mount Fuji, the 4.563 km Japanese circuit is renowned for its unique contrasts: a 1.5 km straight where Hypercars exceed 300 km/h, followed by a highly demanding central sector that generates more than 70% of the lateral and longitudinal forces of the entire track.

It was against this backdrop that the 100<sup>th</sup> race of the FIA World Endurance Championship took place, a milestone event for Michelin, a partner of the series since its creation in 2012.

From free practice, the Hypercar field set the tone: Peugeot, Aston Martin, Cadillac and Porsche shared top performances, underlining a rarely seen level of competitiveness. Qualifying then crowned Cadillac, securing a 100% V-Series.R front row.

All signs pointed to a thrilling race... and Fuji Speedway delivered.

### **A lively start and strategies emerging**

On Sunday, September 28, at 11:00 a.m. local time, the race began under clear skies with track temperatures of 29°C. All teams opted to start on the MICHELIN Pilot Sport Medium, the weekend's most versatile compound.



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Cadillac quickly confirmed its qualifying form, leading ahead of Peugeot and Aston Martin. Behind this trio, the battle was fierce: contacts, overtakes, traffic management and the first tire strategies shaped a wide-open contest.

The first Virtual Safety Car on lap 27, less than an hour into the race, triggered a strategic turning point. Most teams changed their left-hand tires, but Aston Martin #009, Porsche #5, Alpine #36, Ferrari #50 and #83, and Toyota #8 dared to double-stint all four tires, immediately testing the durability of the Medium compound.

### **A race full of twists and turns**

The neutralization caused by BMW #15's off-track excursion reshuffled the order at mid-distance. Peugeot seized the advantage with the 9X8 #93, ahead of Toyota and Cadillac.

The tension rose further with a Full Course Yellow and then a Safety Car, following the crash of the Aston Martin Valkyrie #007, disrupting pit stop strategies once again.

With two hours remaining, the Peugeot #93 was in control, chased by the Alpine A424 #35 and the Ferrari 499P #50. The outcome was now clear: victory would be decided by tire strategy.

### **Alpine and Michelin: the decisive final stint**

While Peugeot and Porsche chose to secure their final pit stop with four new tires, Alpine trusted Michelin and changed only the left-hand tires, keeping the right-hand tires that had already been in use for 48 laps.

Thanks to the time gained in the pits, the Alpine A424 #35 rejoined the track in the lead, and the consistency of the MICHELIN Pilot Sport Endurance Medium enabled it to hold onto first place until the chequered flag.

The right-hand tires thus lasted 87 laps at full performance, showcasing Michelin's unique balance of consistency, durability and safety.



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### **2025 6 Hours of Fuji Results:**

1<sup>st</sup> – Alpine A424 #35 (Milesi / Chatin / Habsburg)

2<sup>nd</sup> – Peugeot 9X8 #93 (Di Resta / Jensen / Vergne)

3<sup>rd</sup> – Porsche 963 #6 (Estre / Vanthoor)

**Pierre Alves**, Endurance Program Manager, Michelin Motorsport

*"An excellent performance from the Medium tires across all Hypercar manufacturers during a race full of twists and turns. Weather conditions, and above all the stable track temperatures, allowed teams to refine their strategies."*

*"Tire management played a decisive role in the outcome of the 6 Hours of Fuji and contributed directly to the victory of the Alpine A424 of Milesi, Chatin and Habsburg. The best possible way to celebrate Michelin's 100<sup>th</sup> FIA WEC race!"*

### **Michelin and FIA WEC: a shared story of 100 races**

Since 2012, Michelin has competed in every FIA WEC race alongside the world's leading manufacturers and drivers. The 2025 6 Hours of Fuji therefore marked Michelin's 100<sup>th</sup> consecutive appearance in the World Championship.

**Matthieu Bonardel**, Director of Michelin Motorsport

*"This 100<sup>th</sup> FIA WEC race is far more than a symbolic milestone. It demonstrates the vitality of a discipline that embodies all of Michelin's values: the pursuit of long-lasting performance, constant innovation and respect for the environment."*

*"Since 2012, we have supported all manufacturers and all technological evolutions with the same commitment: ensuring safety, consistency and performance from the first to the last lap. Endurance is about racing long. For Michelin, it is also about racing far."*



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### **Michelin, an indispensable partner of world-class Endurance**

With this victory alongside Alpine and the symbolic milestone of 100 FIA WEC races, Michelin confirms:

- Its unique expertise in tire longevity and consistency,
- Its strategic role in the success of its partner teams,
- Its status as the global technological benchmark in Endurance racing.

The focus now shifts to Bahrain for the 2025 season finale, where Michelin will once again support its partners in their quest for world titles.

### **About Michelin**

Michelin is building a world-leading manufacturer of life-changing composites and experiences.

Pioneering engineered materials for more than 130 years, Michelin is uniquely positioned to make decisive contributions to human progress and to a more sustainable world.

Drawing on its deep know-how in polymer composites, Michelin is constantly innovating to manufacture high-quality tires and components for critical applications in demanding fields as varied as mobility, construction, aeronautics, low-carbon energies, and healthcare.

The care placed in its products and deep customer knowledge inspire Michelin to offer the finest experiences. This spans from providing data- and AI-based connected solutions for professional fleets to recommending outstanding restaurants and hotels curated by the MICHELIN Guide.

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