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24 Hours of Le Mans 2026
The new 2026 MICHELIN Pilot Sport Endurance range delivers
on all its promises, setting new durability and performance
records at the 24 Hours of Le Mans

- Made with 50% renewable and recycled materials, the new 2026 MICHELIN Pilot Sport Endurance range delivered outstanding performance. It notably helped set a new Hypercar-era race lap record at the 24 Hours of Le Mans circuit, improving on the 2025 benchmark by approximately one second.
- Improved warm-up and greater overlap between the tyres' operating windows contributed to a particularly intense and fast-paced race, during which tyre durability proved to be a decisive factor. The vast majority of Hypercar teams completed triple stints, as well as several quadruple stints, using different compounds.
- Toyota Racing, Michelin's longstanding partner in Endurance racing, claimed victory following a flawlessly managed race, notably optimising its tyre management with the support of its dedicated Michelin Motorsport Technical Team Advisor.

At the 94th edition of the 24 Hours of Le Mans, Michelin took another major step towards more sustainable motorsport by providing its partners with the new MICHELIN Pilot Sport Endurance range, made with 50% renewable and recycled materials.

Thanks to the consistency and durability of the new 2026 range, all Hypercar teams were able to implement triple- and even quadruple-stint strategies, significantly reducing the number of tyres used during the race. The vast majority of teams completed the event having used no more than 12 of the 14 sets available. This represented an overall saving of approximately 150 tyres compared with the 2025 edition.

The fastest race lap was also improved by approximately one second, making the 2026 MICHELIN Pilot Sport Endurance the fastest tyre of the Hypercar era. Never before has a tyre featuring such an advanced level of technology—both in terms of the materials used in its construction and its performance—been raced in competition.

All 18 cars entered in the Hypercar category at the 2026 24 Hours of Le Mans received the same maximum tyre allocation for the twice-around-the-clock race: 14 sets, equivalent to 56 tyres, and not one more.

Distributed at each team's discretion between the three available compounds—Soft, Medium and Hard—the tyres delivered consistently high levels of performance, representing a clear step forward compared with the 2025 range.

*"With a track temperature of 44°C, our partners clearly had two options for the start of the race: selecting the Hard tyres, which provide excellent long-term performance stability in high temperatures, or choosing the Medium compound, which is capable of sustaining a very high pace as part of a more aggressive strategy," explained **Pierre Alves**, Michelin Motorsport Endurance Manager. "It was extremely satisfying to see that, even in these very hot conditions, both specifications demonstrated great versatility and were able to complete triple stints, regardless of the compound selected."*

During the opening hours of the race, the Hypercar field was divided between Hard and Medium tyres, with all teams completing triple stints. As the track temperature began to fall, the Medium tyres emerged as the ideal choice for the first few hours after sunset.

Running on Medium tyres, the #51 Ferrari 499P of Pier Guidi, Calado and Giovinazzi completed four stints, covering a total of 49 laps and approximately 670 kilometres.

It was not until the middle of the night that the first white-sidewall MICHELIN Pilot Sport Endurance tyres, identifying the Soft compound, appeared on the track. The #8 Toyota TR010 Hybrid of Buemi, Hartley and Hirakawa, driven successively by Sébastien Buemi and Brendon Hartley, then completed four stints and 47 laps on MICHELIN Soft tyres before switching back to Mediums at daybreak.

The entire Hypercar field subsequently remained on Medium tyres until Sunday afternoon. With two hours remaining, some teams, including Ferrari AF Corse and Peugeot Sport, replaced their Medium tyres with Hards as the asphalt temperature climbed above 50°C.

*"For Michelin, this edition of the 24 Hours of Le Mans will go down in history as one of our greatest sporting and technological achievements," emphasised **Pierre Alves**. "We completely renewed our Endurance tyre range on the basis of a particularly ambitious set of specifications, and the results have lived up to our expectations. In terms of warm-up, performance and durability, we have achieved significant improvements compared with the 2025 range, which was already highly regarded by our partner teams."*

"Beyond the improvement in performance, Michelin has taken another major step forward by incorporating 50% renewable and recycled materials into these tyres. This represents a considerable technological and industrial challenge."



With the contribution of Michelin Motorsport, this initiative supports the Group's ambition to manufacture tyres made entirely from renewable or recycled materials by 2050."

Toyota Racing claims victory following a flawlessly managed race

At the end of a particularly eventful race, which concluded with an intense battle for second place between BMW M Team WRT and Toyota Racing, the Japanese team claimed victory.

The #7 Toyota TR010 Hybrid of Conway, Kobayashi and De Vries crossed the finish line in first place, ahead of the #20 BMW M Hybrid V8 of Frijns, Rast and Van der Linde. The #8 Toyota TR010 Hybrid completed the podium after mounting an intense pursuit during the closing stages.

"I would like to congratulate Toyota Racing on its victory in the 94th edition of the 24 Hours of Le Mans. It was a thoroughly deserved success. Beyond outright performance, race strategy is fundamental at Le Mans and, as always, Toyota Racing managed both its race and its tyres to perfection, notably with the support of its dedicated Michelin Technical Team Advisor.

"The quality of the support we provide to our partners is founded on the professionalism and commitment of the entire Michelin Motorsport Endurance team. I would also like to recognise and thank every member of the team for the excellent work they have accomplished," concluded **Pierre Alves**.

The next round of the FIA World Endurance Championship will take place in Brazil from 10 to 12 July, with the 6 Hours of São Paulo.

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