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MICHELIN® Grand Prix of Aragon
Michelin adapts its tyre allocation to the summer demands of
MotorLand Aragón

- The 13th round of the FIM MotoGP™ World Championship takes place at MotorLand Aragón, in north-eastern Spain, on a track expected to rank among the hottest of the season.
- As in 2024, the Spanish event returns to a late-August date after being held in early June in 2025. This change of period has led Michelin to adapt its tyre package.
- At the front, Michelin's partners will have a choice of two compounds, compared with three in 2025. At the rear, the Soft specification features a stiffer tread compound to cope with potentially higher temperatures and demands.

As at Silverstone, where the Qatar Airways Grand Prix of Great Britain took place from August 7 to 9, this year's MICHELIN Grand Prix of Aragón is being held more than two months later in the season. This change of date means different daylight conditions and, above all, the possibility of significantly higher temperatures.

Featuring modern facilities, the MotorLand Aragón complex is the heir to a long tradition of racing in the Alcañiz region between 1963 and 2003. Supported by local authorities and designed by German architect Hermann Tilke, the circuit hosted its first motorcycle Grand Prix in 2010. Immediately popular with the riders, it received the IRTA award for Best Grand Prix of the Year following its very first edition. With its very smooth, fine-textured asphalt, Aragón is an atypical European circuit where track temperatures rise very quickly.

The 5.077 km circuit features 17 corners, 10 left-handers and seven right-handers. Thanks to the data gathered over successive races, as well as the resurfacing carried out in 2024, Michelin's engineers have been able to reassess the tyre package and develop it further for the 2026 edition.

Piero Taramasso, Michelin Motorsport Two-Wheel Competition Manager: *"Last year, in June, the track temperature had already exceeded 50°C, and this year we expect even higher values. MotorLand Aragón is an unusual circuit, run anti-clockwise, with long straights where speeds are very high. Its undulating layout and tight corners make it particularly demanding for the riders, the bikes and the tyres. Tyre temperatures rise quickly here, which accelerates wear."*

We have therefore taken the necessary measures to manage this phenomenon, including in areas where the track can become dirty due to debris regularly carried onto the surface by the wind.

The tyre combinations for the two races over the weekend have not yet been decided. However, the choices made by the vast majority of riders in 2025 — Medium at the front and Soft at the rear for the Tissot Sprint, followed by Medium at both the front and rear for the Grand Prix — could once again prove to be the preferred options this year.”

For the MICHELIN Grand Prix of Aragón, Michelin’s partners will be able to choose between two symmetrical MICHELIN Power Slick specifications for the front wheel: Soft and Medium. The Hard compound offered in 2025 has not been retained for the 2026 edition.

At the rear, the Soft and Medium specifications will allow riders to prioritise either a higher level of grip or greater consistency over longer runs. The Medium tyre will be identical to the one used in 2025, while the Soft will feature a stiffer tread compound to better cope with potentially high temperatures.

The rear tyres will be asymmetrical, with a reinforced left-hand side to withstand the greater stresses generated by the higher number of left-hand corners at this circuit.

In the event of rain, Michelin’s partners will have access to the MICHELIN Power Rain range, offered in the same specifications.

Records to chase with Michelin tyres

All the records were broken during the 2025 edition. Marc Márquez holds the all-time lap record with a time of 1’45.704.

The benchmark time for the Tissot Sprint stands at 19’43.026, an improvement of seven seconds compared with 2024 (19’50.03).

The overall Grand Prix race time was improved by more than 24 seconds in 2025, to 41’11.195.

The fastest race lap, set by Marc Márquez towards the end of the race, also represented a significant improvement of more than one second, at 1’46.705. The previous benchmark had stood since 2022.

The top-speed record of 356.4 km/h, held by Brad Binder, was also set in 2025.

For the 2026 edition, Michelin's partners will be aiming to challenge these records once again, reflecting both the progress made by their machines and the effective support provided by the Michelin Motorsport teams.

The race weekend schedule

The weekend will begin on Friday, August 28, 2026, with a Free Practice session in the morning, followed by Practice in the afternoon, which will determine the 10 riders who qualify directly for Q2.

On Saturday, August 29, a final Free Practice session will precede Qualifying. Q1 will determine the two additional riders progressing to Q2, before Q2 sets the starting grid. The 11-lap Tissot Sprint will start at 15:00.

On Sunday, August 30, the 23-lap Grand Prix will get underway at 14:00.

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