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"Racing on Trust": Michelin Looks Back on 11 MotoGP™ Seasons in a New Documentary Series

- With just one month remaining in its final MotoGP season, Michelin looks back on 11 seasons at the pinnacle of motorcycle racing with "Racing on Trust – A Decade of Michelin in MotoGP," a six-part documentary series.
- Twenty-five riders, former riders, team managers, championship executives, journalists and Michelin Motorsport experts share exclusive, previously untold accounts of this collective journey.
- The first two episodes will be released on October 8, 2026, on the Michelin Motorsport and Michelin Group YouTube channels. The remaining four episodes will be released every Thursday at 2:00 p.m., with one new episode each week.

With just a few weeks remaining before its MotoGP journey comes to an end, Michelin has chosen to tell the story of the 11 seasons that have defined its return to the highest level of motorcycle racing. Not simply through victories, titles and records, but by giving a voice, openly and freely, to those who experienced this journey from the inside.

Entitled "Racing on Trust – A Decade of Michelin in MotoGP," this six-part documentary series takes viewers behind the scenes of Michelin's involvement in the championship since its return to MotoGP in 2016.

Numerous figures from the paddock agreed to share their experiences and perspectives with Michelin. Speaking in their own words and with complete freedom, they look back on the defining moments of these 11 seasons and offer their personal perspective on this collective journey.

Beyond the performances, records and major technological advances that have shaped MotoGP's recent history, the series is above all a tribute to the people who bring the sport to life. It captures their passion, their commitment to excellence and, above all, the trust built over the seasons between the riders and Michelin Motorsport people.

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Racing on Trust – A Decade of Michelin in MotoGP

Documentary series of 6 episodes, 25 exclusive, previously untold accounts

First two episodes: October 8, 2026

Following four episodes: one new episode every Thursday at 2:00 p.m.

Available on: Michelin Motorsport YouTube (@michelinmotorsport)

Episodes:

1. *2016: The Comeback*
2. *Regain Trust*
3. *Listen to the Bike*
4. *Breaking Point*
5. *A New Era*
6. *Final Sprint*

A Story Told by Those Who Lived It – Contributors

A total of 25 personalities agreed to share their exclusive stories with Michelin. World champions, riders, team managers, championship executives, journalists and Michelin Motorsport experts provide an inside perspective on the moments that defined these 11 seasons. Valentino Rossi reflects on the final chapter of his career, Marc Márquez discusses his accident and the long road back to the highest level, while Johann Zarco takes viewers behind the scenes of his incredible victory at Le Mans. Personal stories, anecdotes and different perspectives combine to tell not only the story of MotoGP's evolution, but also that of the people who helped shape its history.

Riders and former riders: Marc Márquez, Valentino Rossi, Francesco "Pecco" Bagnaia, Jorge Martín, Fabio Quartararo, Maverick Viñales, Cal Crutchlow, Jack Miller and Johann Zarco.

Teams, manufacturers and championship organization: Lucio Cecchinello (LCR, Team Principal), Gigi Dall'Igna (Ducati Corse, General Manager), Alberto Puig (Honda/HRC, Team Manager), Carmelo Ezpeleta (Dorna Sports, CEO), Loris Capirossi (Dorna Sports / Race Direction) and Hervé Poncharal (Tech3, former Team Principal).

Journalists and media: Sylvain Guintoli (TNT Sports), Manuel Pecino (PecinoGP), Simon Patterson (The Race), Guido Meda (Sky Sport) and Michel Turco (author and journalist for Editions Larivière).

Michelin Motorsport: Piero Taramasso (Head of Activities), Jean-Claude Catalano (Team Technical Advisor), Jean-Philippe Cappelle (Development Director) and Nicolas Goubert (former Michelin Motorsport Technical Director). Maria Herrera also provides additional insight into Michelin's involvement in motorcycle racing.

From 2016 to the Final Races of 2026 – Episode Summaries and Access

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The first episode, **"2016: The Comeback,"** looks back at Michelin's return to MotoGP and the considerable challenge of changing the championship's sole tire supplier at the highest level of motorcycle racing. [[Link](#)]

The series does not seek to tell a story shaped solely by success. The second episode, **"Regain Trust,"** shows how dealing with setbacks and challenges helped strengthen the trust between Michelin, the riders and the teams. [[Link](#)]

With **"Listen to the Bike,"** the third episode opens on a wet track in precarious grip conditions before exploring the sensations and feedback experienced by the rider. The episode highlights a development process built around continuous dialogue between riders, engineers, teams and Michelin technicians. [[Link](#)]

The fourth episode, **"Breaking Point,"** focuses on the 2020 and 2021 seasons, which marked a turning point in MotoGP. The pandemic, Marc Márquez's injury and the emergence of a new generation of riders reshaped the competitive order. This period of transition came to a symbolic close with Valentino Rossi's farewell after more than two decades at the highest level of the sport. [[Link](#)]

In the fifth episode, **"A New Era,"** MotoGP enters a new chapter, with increasingly high-performance motorcycles and a new generation of riders. Michelin supports this evolution by continuously advancing its tires to push the boundaries of performance even further. [[Link](#)]

Finally, the **"Final Sprint"** episode brings the series to a close by looking back on eleven seasons during which Michelin supported MotoGP's profound technological evolution, while celebrating an exceptional human adventure. [[Link](#)]

Across the six films, a story gradually emerges in which technology is ever-present, but trust remains the true common thread: trust between riders and their tires, between engineers and teams, and, above all, between people working together and facing the extreme demands of competition.

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. Headquartered in Clermont-Ferrand, France, Michelin is present in 175 countries and employs 122,600 people.



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