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MICHELIN POWER SLICKS TAKE THE HEAT AND LEFT TURNS OF SACHSENRING

- Marc Marquez (Repsol Honda Team) wins the German Grand Prix
- New circuit top speed record of 301.6km/h

Marc Marquez pushed his MICHELIN Power Slick tyres to the limit to win the eighth round of the MotoGP™ World Championship at the Liqui Moly Motorrad Grand Prix Deutschland. The victory followed a race-long battle trading fastest laps with Miguel Oliveira (Red Bull KTM Factory Racing) in second place, while Fabio Quartararo (Monster Energy Yamaha MotoGP) crossed the finish line more than five seconds behind in third place.

Following the Free Practice sessions and Sunday Warm Up, most riders chose the Hard front and Medium slicks, with the exception of Francesco Bagnaia (Ducati Lenovo Team), Maverick Viñales (Monster Energy MotoGP) and Jorge Martin (Pramac Racing) who decided to race with the Medium front option, and Takaaki Nakagami (LCR Honda Idemitsu) who went with a Medium front and Soft rear.

Very high track temperatures of up to 52° Celsius (125° Fahrenheit) during the weekend heavily influenced the race tyre choice, and this along with rain spots falling during the early parts of the race, put paid to any new lap records.

All of the Michelin tyre options from the allocation were tested, with Marquez throwing down the lap-time gauntlet early in FP1 with a time of 1'21.660 on Medium compound front and rear slicks. This was followed in FP2 by Oliveira gunning his KTM RC16 to a time of 1'20.690, swiftly followed by Quartararo putting in a 1'20.348 lap in FP3, with both riders using a Hard front and Soft rear combination.

Quartararo's time was not bettered until Q2 when Johann Zarco (Pramac Racing) set the fastest lap time of the weekend, again using the Hard front and Soft rear options, with a stunning time of 1'20.236 – just 0.041 seconds off the all-time lap record – to take Pole Position and book his place at the front of the starting grid.

During the weekend Jorge Martin (Pramac Racing), Jack Miller (Ducati Lenovo Team) and Johann Zarco all hit 301.6km/h, breaking the previous all-time circuit top speed record of 298.2km/h, which had stood since 2015 and was held by Andrea Dovizioso.

Speaking after the race, Piero Taramasso, Michelin Motorsport Two-Wheel Manager, said: "I was very happy with the performance of our tyres this weekend. The unusual anti-clockwise layout of the Sachsenring circuit here in Saxony with its ten left-hand corners and just three



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right-hand ones means that our tyre allocation was specifically selected to resist the subsequent extreme demands placed upon them.

“The consistency and versatility shown by the tyres throughout the weekend – less than a second separated the top 18 riders in FP2 and the top 19 riders in FP3 – and the consistent race lap times was a clear indication that our allocation worked exactly as we expected, despite the demanding track layout and extremely high temperatures. And once again, we saw three different manufacturers on the podium which shows that our tyres work well for the whole field. We are now looking forward to the race in Assen before a well-earned summer break for the team.”

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