

**FIA Formula E Championship 2017/2018
Round 3: E-Prix of Marrakesh**

***The MICHELIN Pilot Sport EV2 tyres return
to the Kingdom of Morocco***

After the Hong Kong double-header E-Prix weekend on December 2-3, this Saturday (January 13) sees the 2017/2018 FIA Formula E Championship move on to Marrakesh's Circuit Moulay El Hassan for the competition's second visit to the Kingdom of Morocco.

This will be the MICHELIN Pilot Sport EV2's second appearance at the semi-permanent, 12-turn, 2.97-kilometre venue which takes in the Moroccan city's Avenue Mohamed VI and Route de l'Ouraki. The track features a mix of recently-laid asphalt for the permanent portion and a much lower-grip surface for the 'street' section, but this is not expected to be an issue for the French firm's latest-generation Formula E tyre which has repeatedly showcased its versatility since its debut at the start of the championship's 2016/2017 campaign.

"When we visited Marrakesh for the first time in November 2016, we saw that a significant amount of dust was thrown up when the cars lapped for the first time," notes **Serge Grisin**, the manager of Michelin's FIA Formula E programme. "We also encountered relatively low temperatures and we expect to see the thermometer range from around 13°C to 18°C once more over the coming days, so warm-up isn't likely to pose a problem, especially as the surface isn't all that aggressive. I think we will see similar wear-rates to last season and we feel confident going into the first race of 2018 where the key spots around this narrow circuit promise to be its three most technical corners."

The MICHELIN Pilot Sport EV2 is international single-seater motor racing's only 18-inch tyre. Because of its tread pattern, it resembles a road tyre and is capable of delivering top-class performance and safety in dry and wet conditions alike. Furthermore, its longevity and consistency mean it delivers the same level performance from the start of race day to the end, which involves two free practice sessions, qualifying, a super pole shootout (for the five drivers who reach this stage) and the E-Prix itself.

In Formula E, drivers have an allocation of just one set of tyres per car for the entire day, so they do not change rubber. This specificity fits perfectly with Michelin's environmental stance, since it means fewer tyres need to be made, shipped and recycled than in any other FIA-sanctioned championship. At the same time, it fosters the transfer of technology, since the data gathered on the race track can be used for the design of Michelin road tyres, in perfect keeping with the company's resolve to use motorsport as a laboratory for the development of products its customers will go on to drive.



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