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## The MICHELIN Pilot Spot EV returns to Berlin's uniquely-challenging former Tempelhof Airport

- Formula E travels to Germany for the eighth year running
- Two sets of tyres for each Berlin E-Prix... Just eight MICHELIN Pilot Sport EVs per race-day per car
- Drivers to benefit from the confidence and efficiency provided by Michelin's Formula E tyre at the most abrasive venue of the season

Just two weeks after the Monaco E-Prix, Rounds 7 and 8 of the 2022 ABB FIA Formula E World Championship take teams to Berlin, the only city that has hosted the all-electric series since its inaugural campaign in 2014/2015.

With the exception of Season 2, racing in the German capital has taken place every year on the aprons of the former Tempelhof Airport. As in 2021, the circuit will be used in both directions this weekend, i.e. in its anti-clockwise form on Saturday and clockwise on Sunday. The 2.355-kilometre, 10-turn loop is entirely flat and can be seen from the grandstands practically in its entirety.

"The MICHELIN Pilot Sport EV once again faces the challenge of the unique surface of the aprons of Berlin's former Tempelhof Airport," says **Mirko Pirracchio**, the manager of Michelin's Formula E programme. "The unmatched abrasiveness of its ribbed concrete slabs make it quite simply the toughest track of the season as far as tyres are concerned. Berlin is also the only venue where all the successive generations of our Formula E tyre have competed. This time around, our partners will benefit from our latest, connected tyre which is the most innovative and technologically-advanced solution we have developed for the series. The smaller allocation of just eight tyres per race day will still give the engineers scope for creative thinking as they work with our own technicians to help their respective drivers look for what they see as the best race strategies. Careful wear-management and how they combine fresh and part-worn tyres during free practice, qualifying and the e-prix themselves will be crucial."

These past two seasons have seen Berlin stage the championship's finale in the middle of August. This time around, however, the fixture has returned to its more traditional date, which means cooler weather can be expected, although it still poses other difficulties...

"It's the same track configuration as last year but no other race meetings are held at Tempelhof, which means the track is very green when we arrive," notes **Mirko Pirracchio**. "So, as rubber is laid down – in the two directions, remember – the lap times keep coming down, while the cars will be authorised to run more power



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compared with 2021. The drivers will therefore be counting on the versatility and exceptionally wide operating-window of our tyre once more to be able to push throughout with complete confidence. The German makes contesting the series will be in front of home fans, so they will want to perform particularly well!”

The technologically-sophisticated MICHELIN Pilot Sport EV is the first-ever connected tyre to be used in world-class motor racing. It is equipped with a sensor which relays pressure-related information to Michelin Motorsport, Race Control and the FIA in real time in the interest of optimising performance and ensuring that the regulations are adhered to. Outside of motorsport, this technology is employed to provide ordinary motorists with enhanced safety and peace of mind, while connected tyres are an integral part of the Smart City projects the planet’s biggest cities are working on.

Michelin’s ambition is to improve the mobility of its customers over the long-term. As a leader in the mobility domain, Michelin designs, manufactures and distributes tyres best-suited to customers’ needs and uses, as well as services and solutions to enhance vehicle efficiency. Michelin also offers its customers ways to enjoy unique experiences during their journeys and when travelling. In addition, Michelin develops high-tech materials for many sectors of activity. Based in Clermont-Ferrand, Michelin has offices in 177 countries, employs 124,760 people and operates 68 tyre factories which together produced around 173 million tyres in 2021 ([www.michelin.com](http://www.michelin.com)).

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