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Liqui Moly Motorrad Grand Prix Deutschland

After all the early season European races having taken place in southern Europe, the Michelin Motorsport team and the paddock will be heading north to Saxony in Germany for the tenth round of the 2022 MotoGP™ world championship – the Liqui Moly Motorrad Grand Prix Deutschland, at the iconic Sachsenring circuit.

Located near to Chemnitz, Sachsenring is a 3.671km (2.281 miles) circuit, which makes it not only the shortest track, but one of the slowest on the calendar. However, running in an anti-clockwise direction with 10 left and only 3 right turns, and a short 700m (0.435 miles) straight, it is also one which places a lot of stress on the left-hand-side of the tyres. Due to this layout, the tyre spends more time leant over to the left than upright, and with this situation constantly repeated during the 30 laps of the race, the MICHELIN Power Slicks have very specific demands placed upon them. Its numerous tight corners make it a set-up challenge for the teams' engineers, with a spectacular plunging downhill right-hander nicknamed 'The Waterfall' also giving the riders plenty to focus on.

With these demands in mind, the entire MICHELIN Power Slick allocation will be asymmetric, with all front and rear tyres having a harder left side, and the right side being a much softer compound to help it warm up quickly and provide grip when the riders need it in one of the three right-hand turns.

Being in the eastern part of the country, not far from the cities of Dresden and Leipzig, and despite the race being staged in early summer, there is always the possibility of cool and damp conditions. In the event of inclement weather, the MICHELIN Power Rain tyre allocation will be available in Soft and Medium compounds for both front and rear, but with only the rears having an asymmetric design, again with a harder left side.

Despite Marc Marquez unfortunately being absent due to ongoing medical treatment on his injured arm, all of the Sachsenring MotoGP lap records are currently held by him and were set in 2019, with the all-time circuit lap record time standing at 1'20.195 and his race lap record time of 1'21.228.

Commenting on the forthcoming Sachsenring race weekend, Piero Taramasso, Michelin Two-Wheel Motorsport Manager, said: "Last year the temperatures here were quite high, and we saw track temperatures of more than 50° C for the race, along with spots of rain to complicate things for the riders.



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“With the very specific track layout here at the Sachsenring, which mixes a short lap with only three right turns, means that the demands placed on the tyres are very specific. However, despite this our engineers are well up to the job and I’m confident our 2022 tyre allocation will cope with the stresses placed on them, and in the right conditions will lead to some good lap times and exciting racing.

“Last year was a little strange here without the usual number of fans, so I know that the riders and the Michelin team will all appreciate the return to normality that the spectators will bring when they are back here at the Sachsenring for this race weekend. However, I’m sure many people will be a little sad due to Marc not being here to race.”

The riders will take to the track for the first time on Friday for Free Practice sessions 1 and 2, followed by Free Practice sessions 3 and 4, and Qualifying 1 and 2 on Saturday. Following the morning Warm Up on Sunday morning, as the lights will go out to get the 30-lap race underway at 14:00 local time.

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