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Following the excitement of Portimao, the Michelin team and rest of the **MotoGP™ paddock stays on the Iberian Peninsula and heads east to Jerez in Spain for the fourth round of the 2021 World Championship**

After yet another record-breaking race for Michelin in Portugal and following a Covid-safe week back in France, the Michelin Motorsport team will be joining the MotoGP paddock at Jerez in Andalusia to try to continue this exceptional start to the 2021 season. So far there have been all-time lap records, race lap records and the all-time **highest speed record set using Michelin's new for 2021 range of MICHELIN Power Slick tyres.**

The Jerez circuit is always a tough test for the tyres but Michelin will bring options combining the best compounds and construction to give riders the optimum performance and consistency around the 4,423m circuit, which has been the subject of various resurfacing works in recent seasons.

The 2021 allocation will comprise three front and three rear MICHELIN Power Slick tyres. There will be Soft, Medium and Hard compounds, with the front Soft and Medium options having a symmetric design, and the Hard being asymmetric – with a harder right-hand-side to cope with the eight right turns which place extra demands on the tyre. The rear tyres will all be asymmetric, with the harder compounds again on the right-hand-side.

Although warm weather is expected, some rain cannot be ruled-out, and the MICHELIN Power Rain tyres will be in the allocation if such conditions arise. These will be in Soft and Medium compounds for both the front and rear, with the rears having an asymmetric design with a harder right-hand-side, whilst the fronts will be symmetric.

The lights will go out for the start at 14:00 on Sunday.

A new, and more sustainable range of Michelin MotoE™ tyres with improved performance

Jerez will host the first round of the 2021 FIM Enel MotoE™ World Cup where Michelin will launch a brand-new range of tyres specially developed for the 100% electric Energica Ego Corsa motorcycles.



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Michelin's Motorsport engineers have extensively redesigned the structure of the rear tyre compared with the 2020 version, with the entire range now benefitting from the introduction of a higher percentage of sustainable and recycled materials. The use of sustainable materials in the casing and in the rubber compounds, has not only improved the environmental credentials of the tyres, but it has enabled Michelin engineers to improve the performance of the range compared to its predecessor. Michelin's new tyres for MotoE are therefore better on track and even more environmentally friendly!

The schedule for the first round of the MotoE championship includes two free practice sessions on Friday at 11:50 and 16:50. A third practice session is scheduled for Saturday, with the E-Pole taking place at 16:05. The start of the race is scheduled for Sunday at 10:05.

Speaking ahead of the Jerez weekend, Piero Taramasso, Michelin Motorsport Two-Wheel Manager, said: **"The season for us so far has been very successful, with the grip and consistent performance of the 2021 tyres allowing the riders to really push the limits of their machines to the max. Having said that, it is still very sad that we cannot yet welcome fans into the circuits as they bring a whole different ambiance and energy to the event and give the riders a huge boost on track.**

"Although this is the first MotoE race of the season, we have already successfully tested our new and more environmentally friendly range of MotoE tyres at Jerez, and I am confident that due to their improved performance we will see some excellent racing at this first round of the championship as a result".

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