

**ABB FIA Formula E Championship 2019/2020
BERLIN E-PRIX – Rounds 8 & 9**

***Michelin lowers the pressures for a more exciting race in
Berlin***

Just days after the 2019/2020 ABB FIA Formula E Championship resumed last week with the first two of the six Berlin E-Prix planned over a period of nine days, the teams, drivers and Michelin were back in action this weekend at the German capital's former Tempelhof Airport for Rounds 8 and 9 which proved just as entertaining.

After boosting his chances with victories from pole position on Wednesday and Thursday, Antonio Felix Da Costa succeeded in his bid to clinch the 2019/2020 Drivers' crown today (Sunday) in his Michelin-equipped DS Techeetah, with two rounds remaining.

The combination of the Portuguese driver's second place and the win of his team-mate Jean-Eric Vergne on Sunday has also made sure that the Constructors title will go to DS Techeetah.

"Congratulations to Antonio Felix Da Costa and DS Techeetah on their extraordinary performance," said **Jérôme Mondain**, the manager of Michelin's Formula E programme. "It's been a challenging season and it hasn't been easy to maintain a strong, consistent rhythm, but this is the first time the Formula E Drivers' title has been wrapped up ahead of the final round. Michelin Motorsport is delighted to have successfully provided the drivers with a tyre that has been up to the high standard demanded of it and enabled them to focus on their racing."

The weather for both of this weekend's e-prix was hotter than it was for Rounds 6 and 7, with air and track temperatures in excess of 30°C and 40°C respectively as the 24 drivers lapped the same 2.355-kilometre, 10-turn circuit as last week, but this time run anticlockwise, which is the layout they have become familiar with over the years.

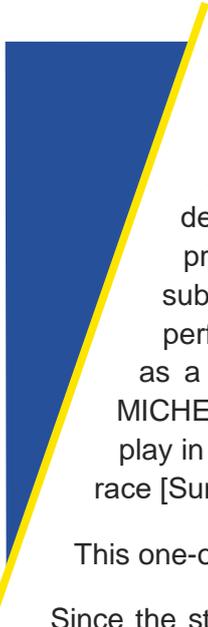
Fewer tyres and lower tyre pressures, but superior performance and every bit as entertaining

To spice up the challenge of the 2019/2020 campaign's last six races, the championship's organisers – with Michelin Motorsport's agreement – chose to lower the tyre allocation by 25 percent compared with the previous quota, with three sets allowed per car for each pair of e-prix, instead of four. This sort of step is rarely seen in single-seater racing, but it fits perfectly with Michelin's philosophy which champions the use, transport and recycling of as few raw materials as possible as a means to help protect the environment. Despite having fewer tyres available, however, the drivers have not been faced with a trade-off in terms of speed. On the contrary, in fact, because they have been able to benefit from a performance-enhancing change to the regulations made possible by the potential of Michelin's Formula E tyre.



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“After seeing how our tyre performed during the first two Berlin E-Prix, and after studying data from previous races, we suggested to the FIA [Fédération Internationale de l’Automobile] that they might want to consider lowering the minimum authorised tyre pressure for the season’s four remaining races,” explained **Jérôme Mondain**. “We submitted the idea of lowering the limit from 1.4 to 1.3 bar, the advantage being superior performance from the start of each e-prix, greater consistency over the race duration and, as a result, even more entertaining action. In addition to its extraordinary versatility, the MICHELIN Pilot Sport has proved a great ambassador for the importance of the role tyres play in motorsport, even on the occasions when it rains, as we saw for a period during today’s race [Sunday].”

This one-off measure will only apply to the remaining races in Berlin.

Since the start of the 2019/2020 season, tyre pressures have been monitored by the MICHELIN Track Connect system which employs a Michelin-designed-and-developed sensor embedded in a specific casing inside the MICHELIN Pilot Sport tyres which feature in the series. The data it collects is transmitted in encrypted form to the FIA and Michelin who are the only recipients. Not only does this ensure that the information remains confidential, but it also allows the FIA to check that competitors comply at all times with its minimum tyre pressure requirement.

The third of the 2019/2020 calendar’s six Berlin E-Prix, on August 8, was won by Maximilian Günther (BMW i Andretti), ahead of Robin Frijns (Envision Virgin Racing) and Jean-Eric Vergne (DS Techeetah).

The winner of the fourth race (August 9) was Jean-Eric Vergne, chased over the line by his DS Techeetah team-mate and newly-crowned champion Antonio Felix Da Costa and Sébastien Buemi (Nissan e.dams).

The season’s last two races are scheduled for Wednesday, August 12, and Thursday, August 13, when the teams and drivers will compete around a slightly revised version of the circuit which the organisers will put into place over the next couple of days.

MICHELIN Pilot Sport for Formula E: the first connected tyre in motor sport

For the first time this season, Michelin has introduced a connected tyre in Formula E, the MICHELIN Pilot Sport equipped with the Michelin Track Connect system. This innovation is in line with the Group’s development strategy, which already markets a Michelin Track Connect solution for Track Days enthusiasts. Michelin’s goal is to extend the benefits of digital technologies applied to tyres to mass production vehicles, in order to provide the car and its driver with useful information, particularly in terms of safety and energy efficiency.

Michelin Track Connect for Formula E allows tyre pressures to be monitored automatically and reliably – whether hot or cold. This new solution addresses a demand expressed by motorsport’s governing body, the FIA (Fédération Internationale de l’Automobile), which has incorporated its use into Formula E’s regulations. It also meets a requirement of the teams and the championship’s promoter.



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