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## **The MICHELIN Pilot Sport EV rises successfully to the fresh challenges thrown up by Puebla's atypical Autódromo Miguel E. Abed**

- The MICHELIN Pilot Sport EV Formula E tyre provided further evidence of its versatility in Puebla, a brand-new addition to the all-electric motor racing championship's calendar
- Hot weather, a 'green' track and a combination of an oval and conventional road track configuration
- Tyre allocation per car adjusted to cater for Puebla's unknowns

For the first time in the history of the ABB FIA Formula E World Championship, Michelin's partners travelled to Autódromo Miguel E. Abed in Puebla, a city situated around 100 kilometres southeast of Mexico City. The new venue was standing in for the capital's Autódromo Hermanos Rodrigues – home of Mexico's last five e-prix – which is currently serving as a hospital anti-Covid vaccination centre.

The teams were provided with details of the track's exact layout three weeks ahead of the first race, on Saturday, while Michelin's staff took steps to ensure a successful weekend of racing from the tire angle.

Because of the MICHELIN Pilot Sport EV's exceptional versatility, Michelin Motorsport's engineers did not deem it necessary to request a lowering of the minimum tyre pressure specified by the regulations, despite the atypical characteristics of the track layout chosen for the two Puebla E-Prix.

The 2.982-kilometre, 15-turn circuit combined parts of the facility's conventional road track and part of its oval, providing a unique new cocktail which also included banking, a totally fresh challenge for Formula E tyres.

"We met all the challenges that Puebla threw at us," reports **Jérôme Mondain**, manager of Michelin's Formula E programme. "They ranged from varying grip levels from one part of the circuit to another, to the facts that the facility hadn't been used for some time and that the all-electric championship's protagonists had never previously been there. We had a great deal to learn."



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“Despite all of these unknowns, we successfully provided our partners with tyres and technical advice that enabled the drivers to focus on their racing all the way to the chequered flag. The temperature fluctuations, humidity levels and high altitude – in excess of 2,000 metres – put the drivers and their cars to a particularly demanding test, and it’s in situations like this that you need to be able to count on competitive tyres that give you confidence and provide maximum safety.”

For this year’s ABB FIA Formula E World Championship, the tyre allocation per car for double-header meetings has been halved in comparison with last season. However, this change to the regulations was based on a given championship format and the original calendar. Puebla wasn’t part of the original plan for 2021, though, and Michelin – in agreement with the FIA – took an additional set of tyres to Mexico for each car. Participants were consequently authorised to use up to 12 tyres instead of eight for the weekend’s free practice sessions, qualifying and two e-prix. Even taking this adjustment into account, Formula E stands out as the world-class series that uses the fewest tyres per car.

The first of the two Puebla E-Prix (on Saturday, June 19) was won by Lucas Di Grassi, ahead of his Audi Sport Abt Schaeffler team-mate René Rast. Third over the line was Edoardo Mortara (Rokit Venturi Racing).

Winner of the second race (Sunday, June 20) was Edoardo Mortara (Rokit Venturi Racing), chased by Nick Cassidy (Envision Virgin Racing) and Oliver Rowland (Nissan e.dams).

The next two rounds of the 2021 ABB FIA Formula E World Championship will take teams to the Red Hook street circuit in New York, USA, on July 10-11.

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