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The 2022 6 Hours of Monza: A new Hypercar partner and the usual challenges for Michelin at high-speed Monza

Round 4 of the 2022 FIA World Endurance Championship takes teams to Italy's 6 Hours of Monza which will see Peugeot Sport's new 9X8s contest their maiden race on Sunday, July 10. Following a programme of testing at a variety of international-class circuits, the Peugeot Sport-run Hypercar has now been homologated by the FIA (Fédération Internationale de l'Automobile) and is consequently eligible to compete in the second half of endurance racing's world series. The newcomer will face opposition from the recent Le Mans-winning and provisional standings-topping Toyota Gazoo Racing, as well as from Alpine Elf Team – winner at Sebring and second at the 6 Hours of Spa-Francorchamps – and Glickenhaus Racing which celebrated third place at the 90th running of the Le Mans 24 Hours.

Like the N°36 Alpine A480, the Peugeot 9X8 will run on Michelin 31/71-18 tyres at all four corners, unlike the Toyota and Glickenhaus entries which are fitted with 29/71-18 fronts and 34/71-18 rears.

Michelin's endurance-racing record with Peugeot

Peugeot Sport and Michelin have taken three wins together at Le Mans (1992, 1993 and 2009), plus two Intercontinental Le Mans Challenge titles and eight race wins (2010, 2011), one Sportscar World Championship title and eight race wins (1991, 1992), one European Le Mans Series title and 17 race wins (2007>2011), and four race wins in the American Le Mans Series.

In addition to being the world's second-oldest circuit after Indianapolis in the USA, Autodromo di Monza, near Milan, Italy, produces some of the highest average speeds of the season. It is also a technically-challenging venue that requires a carefully-balanced set-up and where drivers need to be particularly adept at braking from high speeds at the end of the 5.793-kilometre loop's four long straights. Meticulous attention has to be paid to the cars' aerodynamic settings, while the exit of the famous banked Curva Parabolica produces a 'launch' effect that catapults the most powerful prototypes to speeds in excess of 300kph along the start/finish straight.

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Pierre Alves (Endurance Racing Manager, Michelin):

“A month after Le Mans, we move on to another high-speed track, namely Autodromo di Monza which is known for its long straights along which tires have time to cool. This phenomenon has an impact on braking precision and that – given that the cars don’t have ABS – can soon damage the front casings if ‘flat spots’ form. Braking from high speeds is prevalent at Monza, while the rear-left tires are subject to big constraints due to repeated hard acceleration out of right-hand corners like Curva Parabolica which feeds into the long pits straight. Track temperatures are likely to be high, too, so expect our partner teams to favour our ‘hot weather’ compounds in Italy.”

Michelin’s tyre range for the 2022 6 Hours of Monza 2022

 SLICK	ALLOCATION					
	SLICKS			INTER	WET	
	Soft cold	Soft hot	Medium		Drying wet	Full wet
HYPERCAR						
Toyota / Glickenhaus Peugeot		x	x	x		x
Alpine	x	x		x		x
LM GTE PRO						
Porsche, Ferrari, Corvette		x	x		x	x
LM GTE AM						
Porsche, Ferrari, Aston Martin		x	x		x	x
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	Free practice		Qualifying and race			
HYPERCAR	12 tires		18 tires			
LM GTE PRO	12 tires		18 tires			
LM GTE AM	16 tires		26 tires			

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