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### **The MICHELIN Pilot Sport EV delivers in Mexico**

- Round 3 of the 2021/2022 championship hosted by Mexico City.
- The Mexico City E-Prix provided a further illustration of the MICHELIN Pilot Sport EV's ability to take different types of track surface in its stride.
- An allocation of just eight tyres per driver for the entire meeting.

Mexico's two rounds of the 2021 ABB FIA Formula E World Championship were held in Puebla after Mexico City's Autodrómo Hermanos Rodríguez was taken over as a Covid vaccination centre at the end of the previous year. The centre closed at the end of 2021, however, which meant the country's e-prix was able to return to the capital this time around, for the sixth time in the championship's history.

The circuit has two chief distinguishing features: the fact that it is the only permanent facility on the Formula E calendar and its altitude – 2,250 metres above sea level – which is the highest to be visited in the course of the season.

It is a popular venue for Mexican racing fans who notably flock to the twisty section through the circuit's Foro Sol baseball stadium section which is used when Formula E comes to town, and where the change of track surface highlights the versatility of Michelin's Formula E tyre.

"The cars performed strongly throughout race day and the drivers were able to count on tyres that combined versatility, rapid warm-up and consistency, during both qualifying and the race itself," reported **Mirko Pirracchio**, manager of Michelin's Formula E programme. "Autodrómo Hermanos Rodríguez has a hard-wearing track surface that switches from recent to worn asphalt, but the MICHELIN Pilot Sport EV was once again acclaimed by the teams who needed to be able to count 100 percent on their cars' potential. The pace at the front of the field was such that it led some of the teams to revise their race plan, which meant that 40 laps were completed at the end of the 45 minutes, instead of 39. This was due to the teams' sound energy management and the low wear of our tyres as the race progressed. Their low rolling resistance also contributed the cars' low energy consumption. We now have considerable experience of this circuit but a smart tyre strategy was vital because the drivers only had two sets of tyres for the whole day!"



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Compared with 2020's visit to Autodrómo Hermanos Rodríguez, lap times were more than a second quicker in qualifying, while the average speed of the best race lap was more than 1kph faster, an improvement achieved thanks to the teams' work on their respective cars and the ability of the MICHELIN Pilot Sport EV to address the demands of the championship's continually-improving electric single-seaters.

The 2022 Mexican E-Prix was won by Pascal Wehrlein, ahead of his Tag Heuer Porsche Formula E Team team-mate André Lotterer. Third was Jean-Eric Vergne (DS TECHEETAH).

The next two rounds of the 2021/2022 ABB FIA Formula E World Championship will take place in Rome, Italy, on the weekend of April 9-10.

Michelin's ambition is to improve the mobility of its customers over the long-term. As a leader in the mobility domain, Michelin designs, manufactures and distributes tyres best-suited to customers' needs and uses, as well as services and solutions to enhance vehicle efficiency. Michelin also offers its customers ways to enjoy unique experiences during their journeys and when travelling. In addition, Michelin develops high-tech materials for many sectors of activity. Based in Clermont-Ferrand, Michelin has offices in 170 countries, employs 123,600 people and operates 71 tyre factories which together produced around 170 million tyres in 2020 ([www.michelin.com](http://www.michelin.com)).

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