



## 2013 INDIAN GRAND PRIX

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The Stewards, having received a report from the Race Director, heard from the team representatives, examined video/audio evidence and inspected the relevant parts, have considered the following matter and determine a breach of the regulations has been committed by the competitor named below and impose the penalty referred to.

**No / Driver** 16 - Pastor Maldonado

**Competitor** Williams F1 Team

**Time** 15:06

**Session** Practice 2

**Fact** The front right wheel fastener came off the car at turn 14.

**Offence** Breach of Article of 23.12 of the FIA Formula One Sporting Regulations and breach of Article 14.7 of the FIA Formula One Technical Regulations.

**Decision** The competitor (Williams F1 Team) is fined €60,000.

**Reason** Examination of the parts concerned revealed that the wheel fastener had been cross threaded, thus not engaging the primary retaining plunger. This is a breach of Article 23.12 of the FIA Formula One Sporting Regulations as the car was released in an unsafe condition. The secondary retaining plunger failed to keep the wheel fastener in place. This is a breach of Article 14.7 of the FIA Formula One Technical Regulations.

The Stewards noted that in this case the wheel had been retained on the car (unlike the similar incident in Suzuka two weeks ago) and that the cross threading of the wheel fastener contributed to the fastener coming off the car.

Whilst the Stewards accept that improvements to the wheel retaining system had been implemented the team need to ensure that both the wheel and its fastener are fully retained on the car. The Stewards decide that a fine of €60,000 is the most appropriate penalty in this case taking into account this was the second offence, but on this occasion the wheel was retained.

**Gerd Ennser**

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