



Race Preview

2016 AUSTRIAN GRAND PRIX

01 - 03 July 2016

After the thrill of the new in Azerbaijan two weeks ago, Formula One returns to somewhat more familiar territory for Round Nine of the 2016 Formula One World Championship – the Austrian Grand Prix.

This will be the sport's third visit to the Red Bull Ring since this circuit, located in the village of Spielberg, rejoined the calendar after an 11-year absence and while it is one of the season's shorter circuits at 4.326km – only Brazil, Mexico and Monaco are shorter – its nine corners pack plenty of punch.

The Red Bull Ring is essentially made up of four straights, with each ending in a slow corner. That combination means that the ideal set-up is one that puts the accent on good traction and straight-line speed.

Having moved up its range in Baku, tyre manufacturer Pirelli this weekend returns to the soft-supersoft-ultrasoft selection used in Monaco and Canada. The softest tyres in the tyre manufacturer's range should also help with tyre warm-up in qualifying, an issue caused by the configuration and low number of corners here.

In the Drivers' Championship, Nico Rosberg's victory in Azerbaijan, his first since early May's Russian Grand Prix, gives the German a 24-point lead over Mercedes team-mate Lewis Hamilton, while Ferrari's Sebastian Vettel lies 21 points further back. Meanwhile, in the Constructors' battle, the Baku result saw Mercedes extend its lead over Ferrari by five points, with the Silver Arrows now on 258 points, 81 points clear of the Italian squad.

Having re-established control of the Drivers' standings, momentum would appear to be swinging back towards Rosberg as he arrives in Spielberg, a circuit at which he has a 100% victory record since the circuit's 2014 return. Nothing can be taken for granted, however, and with unsettled weather conditions forecast for the Styrian mountains this weekend, the Red Bull Ring is sure to deliver plenty of drama before the flag falls on Sunday afternoon.



RED BULL RING

Length of lap: 4.326km

Lap record: 1:08.337 (Michael Schumacher, Ferrari, 2003)

Start line/finish line offset: 0.126km

Total number of race laps: 71

Total race distance: 307.020km

Pitlane speed limits: 80km/h in practice, qualifying, and the race

CIRCUIT NOTES

- ▶ The entire track and pit lane has been resurfaced.
- ▶ 25mm negative kerbs have been installed on the entry of Turns One, Two, Three, Five and Eight, and on the exit of Turn Three. Meanwhile, 100mm 'Abu Dhabi' kerbs have been installed behind the existing apex kerbs at Turns One, Two and Nine.
- ▶ Additional run-off has been provided straight on in Turns One, Two and Eight as well as on the right entering Turn Three.
- ▶ 50mm high 'sausage' kerbs have been installed behind the 25mm negative kerbs on the exit of Turns One and Two.
- ▶ 50mm negative double kerbs have been laid on the exit of Turns Five, Six, Seven, Eight and Nine.

DRS ZONE

- ▶ There are two DRS zones in Austria. The detection point of the first zone is located 360m before Turn Two, with the activation point 85m after Turn Two. The second detection point is 10m after Turn Eight, with the activation point 110m after Turn Nine.

ROUND 09	AUSTRIAN GRAND PRIX	START TIME	14:00 Local - 12:00 GMT
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CIRCUIT NAME:	RED BULL RING	RACE DISTANCE:	307.020km
NUMBER OF LAPS:	71	LAP RECORD:	1:08.337 - M Schumacher [2003]

KEY

Speed Kmh
Braking **115.3** Gear

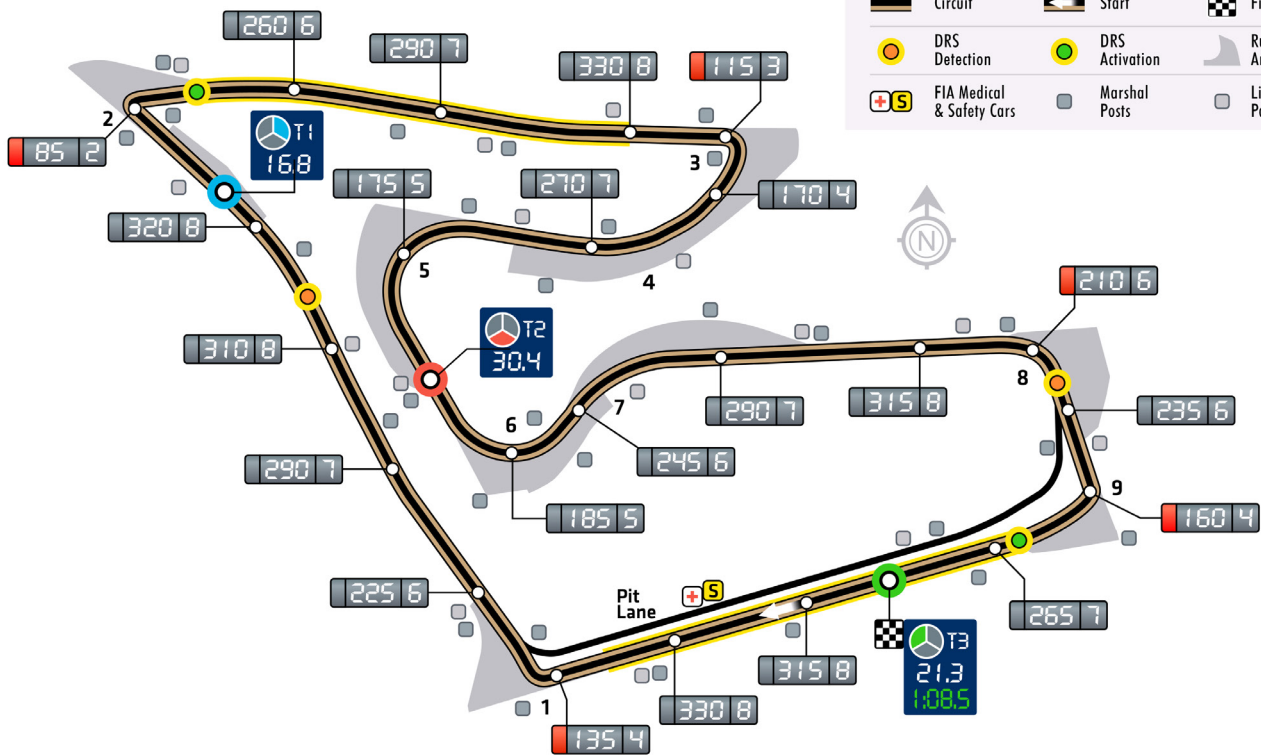
Sector Time
T3
21.3
1:08.5
Timing Sector
Lap Time

Sector 1 (Blue circle) Sector 2 (Red circle) Sector 3 (Green circle)

Circuit (Black line) Start (Black arrow) Finish (Checkered flag)

DRS Detection (Yellow circle) DRS Activation (Green circle) Run-off Areas (Grey area)

FIA Medical & Safety Cars (+S) Marshal Posts (Grey square) Light Panels (Grey square)



FAST FACTS

- ▶ This will be the 29th Austrian Grand Prix. The race was first held at Zeltweg in 1964 but immediately dropped off the calendar. In 1970 the event returned at the location it has occupied since, first at the almost 6km-long Österreichring, which hosted the race until 1987, and then at a shortened version of the track, named the A1 Ring, from 1997 until 2003. The same layout, now christened the Red Bull Ring, welcomed Formula One back in 2014.
- ▶ The most successful driver at the Austrian Grand Prix is Alain Prost, who has three victories to his name. All were scored at the Österreichring – in 1983 for Renault and in 1985 and '86 for McLaren.
- ▶ The most successful drivers on the modern circuit layout are Michael Schumacher, Mika Hakkinen and Nico Rosberg who have all won this race twice. Rosberg is the only man to win in Austria since the circuit's return in 2014.
- ▶ McLaren has six Austrian GP wins to its name, a 1984-'86 hat-trick on the Österreichring layout and three wins at the A1 Ring in 1998, 2000-'01. Next on this list is Ferrari with five victories. The Italian team is the only one to win on all Austrian GP layouts, winning in 1964 at Zeltweg, in 1970 on the Österreichring and in 1999, 2002 and 2003 on the current configuration.
- ▶ Niki Lauda, René Arnoux and Nelson Piquet share the record for most Austrian GP pole positions, with three each.
- ▶ In nine events on the current circuit layout, the race has been won from pole position just three times – by Jacques Villeneuve in 1997, Mika Hakkinen in 2000 and by Michael Schumacher in 2003. Nico Rosberg's two wins were scored from third on the grid in 2014 and second last year.
- ▶ On this layout David Coulthard has the honour of winning from furthest back on the grid. Driving for McLaren, he took victory in 2001 having started seventh.
- ▶ Coulthard has the record for most podium appearances at the Austrian GP, with five consecutive top three finishes starting in 1997. All were scored at the A1 Ring and bar his '01 win all saw him take the trophy for second place.
- ▶ Five drivers have scored their maiden grand prix win at the Austrian Grand Prix: Lorenzo Bandini in 1964; Vittorio Brambilla in 1975, John Watson in 1976, Alan Jones in 1977 and Elio de Angelis in 1982. For Bandini and Brambilla it would be their only victory in F1.
- ▶ Watson's 1976 win was the first and only one for Penske in F1, while the following year Jones took Shadow's only victory.
- ▶ Valtteri Bottas scored the first podium finish of his career here in 2014 with third place for Williams. He has appeared on the podium eight times since then, with the most recent being for third at this year's Canadian Grand Prix. The 2014 Austrian Grand Prix also saw Bottas land the first of three front-row starts to date, the others being in Germany in 2014 and in Russia this year.

RACE STEWARDS BIOGRAPHIES

GARRY CONNELLY

DEPUTY PRESIDENT, FIA INSTITUTE; DIRECTOR, GLOBAL INSTITUTE FOR MOTOR SPORT SAFETY; DIRECTOR, AUSTRALIAN INSTITUTE OF MOTOR SPORT SAFETY; F1, WTCC STEWARD; FIA WORLD MOTOR SPORT COUNCIL MEMBER

Garry Connelly has been involved in motor sport since the late 1960s. A long-time rally competitor, Connelly was instrumental in bringing the World Rally Championship to Australia in 1988 and served as Chairman of the Organising Committee, Board member and Clerk of Course of Rally Australia until December 2002. He has been an FIA Steward and FIA Observer since 1989, covering the FIA's World Rally Championship, World Touring Car Championship and Formula One Championship. He is a director of the Australian Institute of Motor Sport Safety and of the Global Institute of Motor Sport Safety. He is a member of the FIA World Motor Sport Council.



RADOVAN NOVAK

SEC. GENERAL OF THE ACCR (AUTOCLUB OF THE CZECH REPUBLIC); WORLD MOTOR SPORT COUNCIL MEMBER

Radovan Novak has been actively involved in motorsport since 1963 and rose to become Secretary General of the ACCR in 1990. Since 1991 he has held the role of President of the FIA Central Europe Zone and over the past two decades he has acted as a steward and observer in WRC and ERC rallies, EC autocross and rallycross events and WTCC and GT races. He has been a Formula One steward since 1994. From 1994 to 2006, he was a member of the FIA Off-road Commission and was made a member of the World Motor Sport Council in 1998. In 2000 he became a member of the Sport Commission at the Ministry of Sport of the Czech Republic. An avid racer and co-driver, Novak has won a number of Czech rallying events.



MARTIN DONNELLY

FORMER FORMULA ONE DRIVER

Ulsterman Martin Donnelly was a star of junior racing categories in the 1980s before making his grand prix debut with the Arrows team at the 1989 French GP at Paul Ricard, substituting for Derek Warwick. He qualified 14th and raced to a creditable 12th. He was offered a race drive at Lotus alongside Warwick for 1990 and started 12 races, recording a best finish of seventh at the Hungarian GP. However, his time in Formula One was cut short when, later in the season, a suspension failure caused a huge accident in practice for the Spanish GP at Jerez. Despite the serious injuries he suffered, Donnelly recovered sufficiently to race competitively in national events. He now runs Donnelly Track Academy in Norfolk, England and has held a number of racing team management positions.



FORMULA ONE TIMETABLE & FIA MEDIA SCHEDULE

THURSDAY

Press conference 15.00

FRIDAY

Practice session 1 10.00-11.30

Practice session 2 14.00-15.30

Press conference 16.00

SATURDAY

Practice session 3 11.00-12.00

Qualifying 14.00-15.00

Followed by unilateral and press conference

SUNDAY

Drivers' Parade 12.30

Race 14.00

Followed by podium interviews and press conference

ADDITIONAL MEDIA OPPORTUNITIES

QUALIFYING

All drivers eliminated in Q1 or Q2 will be available for media interviews immediately after the end of each session, as will drivers who participated in Q3, but who are not required for the post-qualifying press conference. The TV Pen is located inside the paddock, next to the FIA hospitality area.

RACE

Any driver retiring before the end of the race will be made available at the TV pen interview area. In addition, during the race every team will make available at least one senior spokesperson for interview by officially accredited TV crews. A list of those nominated will be made available in the media centre.

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