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EVENT NOTES

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1) Changes to the circuit

- 1.1 Additional tyres have been installed in parts of the barriers at turns 1, 6 and 14.
- 1.2 The opening in the wall on the driver's left in turn 8 has been closed.
- 1.3 The fixings for the kerbs on the apexes of turns 11 and 12 have been improved by installing the ferrules in concrete.
- 1.4 A double kerb has been installed on the exit of turn 12.
- 1.5 A TecPro barrier has been installed in front of the tyres around the outside of turn 12.

2) 2017 Sporting Regulations and procedures

- 2.1 Starting the race with the Safety Car and multiple formation laps.
- 2.2 Regulations concerning the use and return of tyres.
- 2.3 Pit exit opening time for reconnaissance laps.
- 2.4 Incidents.
- 2.5 Being positive on the "delta" time at SC1 during SC or VSC periods.
- 2.6 Work permitted on the car during a race suspension.

3) Pit lane map

- 3.1 Safety Car lines.
- 3.2 The location of the pit entry and the pit exit.
- 3.3 Designated garage areas.

3.4 Safety Car position for first lap and rest of race.

3.5 Blue flag marshal at the pit exit.

4) **Pirelli Event Preview**

4.1 With reference to Article 24.4(a) of the Sporting Regulations see the attached document provided by the official tyre supplier.

4) **Weighing and weighing platform**

4.1 The FIA weighing platform will be available for teams to use at the following times, however, no more than 10 team personnel may be present during any visit. Each visit should last no more than 10 minutes unless no other team is waiting in the pit lane :

- a) From 10.30 Thursday until 16.30 on Saturday (between 15.00 and 16.30 each visit will be restricted to five minutes).
- b) From when the cars are returned to the teams after qualifying until 21.30 on Saturday.
- c) From 11.00 until 15.00 on Sunday.

Any team found to be abusing the time limits set out above, which we will be enforced by FIA security personnel and our own CCTV, will not be permitted to use the weighbridge again during the Event.

5) **Red zones for photographers in the pit lane during sessions**

5.1 See the attached drawing.

6) **Practice starts**

6.1 Practice starts during practice sessions may only be carried out on the right at the pit exit before the end of the pit wall. Drivers must leave adequate room on their left for another driver to pass.

6.2 Practice starts during the time the pit exit is open for the race (15.30-15.40 on Sunday) may be carried out on the right in the pit exit before the point at which the white line on the track starts. Room must always be left on the driver's left to allow other cars to pass.

6.3 Reminder about Article 36.1 :

"All drivers going to the pit exit at this time must do so at a constant speed and with constant throttle. This applies over the whole of the pit lane whether a driver is going to the pit exit from his garage or travelling through the pit lane between reconnaissance laps."

This paragraph prohibits practice starts, bite point checks and burn outs during these times. In order to ensure that this requirement is respected cars leaving the pit lane at this time may only do so directly from their garage, not from their pit stop position.

6.4 For reasons of safety and sporting equity, cars may not stop in the fast lane at any time the pit exit is open without a justifiable reason (a practice start is not considered a justifiable reason).

7) **Lines or bollards at the pit entry and pit exit**

7.1 In accordance with Chapter 4 (Section 5) of Appendix L to the ISC drivers must keep to the right of the solid white line at the pit exit when leaving the pits, no part of any car leaving the pits may cross this line.

7.2 For safety reasons drivers must stay to the right of the bollard at the pit entry.

7.3 The dotted yellow lines across the pit entry and the pit exit are the track edge.

8) DRS

8.1 DRS will be globally disabled if panels 1, 2, 3, 4, 19 or 20 are displaying yellow.

8.2 Detection will be automatically disabled if the light panels below are displaying yellow :

Zones 1 and 2 : Panels 17 or 18.

8.3 If automatic detection is not working , and permission has been given by race control to use manual detection, DRS must not be used in either zone if panels 17 or 18 are displaying yellow.

9) Observing yellow flags during free practice and qualifying

9.1 Double waved : Any driver passing through a double waved yellow marshalling sector must reduce speed significantly and be prepared to change direction or stop. In order for the stewards to be satisfied that any such driver has complied with these requirements it must be clear that he has not attempted to set a meaningful lap time, for practical purposes this means the driver should abandon the lap (this does not necessarily mean he has to pit as the track could well be clear the following lap).

9.2 Single waved : Drivers should reduce their speed and be prepared to change direction. It must be clear that a driver has reduced speed and, in order for this to be clear, a driver would be expected to have braked earlier and/or discernibly reduced speed in the relevant marshalling sector.

Drivers should not overtake any car in a single waved yellow marshalling sector unless it is clear that a car is slowing with a completely obvious problem, e.g. obvious accident damage or a deflated tyre.

10) Track light panels

10.1 The FIA track light panels have been installed in the positions shown on the circuit map. In accordance with Appendix H to the ISC the light signals have the same meaning as flag signals.

11) VSC test after P1 and P2

11.1 There will be a test of the VSC procedure at the end of P1 and P2. The procedure will be as follows :

- i) All cars on the track when either of these sessions finish may complete another lap and cross the Line on the track for a second (or a third) time.
- ii) As soon as the last car on track has taken the chequered flag all the light panels will display "VSC" and drivers should then maintain a positive "delta" at least once in each marshalling sector.
- iii) All cars should continue on the track for a second lap.
- iv) One car will be selected to drive through the pit lane and re-join the track, the team will be informed over the intercom that their driver has been selected for this procedure.
- v) Once all cars have completed a lap under VSC conditions a message will appear on the official messaging system, and the car dash display, saying "VSC ENDING". Between 10 and 15 seconds after this message all light panels will change to green and all cars should enter the pit lane. If a drivers enter the pit lane before the "VSC ENDING" message they should also have a positive "delta" at the SC1 line.

12) Drivers leaving their pit stop position in the pit lane

12.1 For safety reasons, no car should be driven from its pit stop position at any time unless :

- a) It has first been driven into the pit stop position having just entered the pit lane from the track, and ;
- b) It is then driven immediately back onto the track from the pit stop position.

13) Fire extinguishers around the circuit

13.1 Indicated by white boards with a red letter "F".

14) Places to remove cars from the track

14.1 Indicated by fluorescent orange panels on the walls or guardrails.

15) Places for drivers to leave the track

15.1 Indicated by white and green panels (showing a man running!) on the fences.

16) Support races

16.1 Team barrier placement during support race sessions and races : Please place your barriers on the joint between asphalt and concrete surfaces.

16.2 Please do not push cars to the weighing area by using the fast lane during any support race activity.

17) In laps and reconnaissance laps

17.1 In order to ensure that cars are not driven unnecessarily slowly on in laps during and after the end of qualifying or during reconnaissance laps when the pit exit is opened for the race, drivers must stay below the maximum time set by the FIA between the Safety Car lines shown on the pit lane map.

You will be informed of the maximum time after the first day of practice.

18) Post qualifying parc fermé

18.1 The cameras should be installed and operated in the same way as 2016.

19) Operational personnel curfew

19.1 Boards warning anyone attempting to enter the paddock that the curfew is in operation will be placed immediately after the turnstiles at the appropriate times.

20) ERS in parc fermé

20.1 As a reminder we would like to outline the procedures used last year :

- i) We would like to be sure that we are able to contact you for fifteen minutes after the end of the race, preferably by intercom. If this is not practical then please ensure someone else is on the intercom or that you are contactable by telephone.
- ii) Please ensure that your parc fermé personnel are able to communicate with your garage from parc fermé.
- iii) Please ensure that your parc fermé personnel always have with them at least one pair of protective gloves (it should be with the first mechanic that arrives).

- iv) Please keep a high voltage safety hook with your parc fermé equipment.
- v) Please always respond to an ERS issue in parc fermé with adequate equipment for minimum loss of time, e.g. gloves, jump battery and laptop.
- vi) In the event of a loss of real-time telemetry before the end of the race please send a qualified engineer to parc fermé to confirm the state of ERS.
- vii) Finally, please inform us immediately if any ERS related problem is detected via real-time telemetry or if you know the ERS light will be off when the car enters parc fermé.

21) Removing cars from the grid

- 21.1 Pit exit or the single gate in the pit wall beside grid position 10.

22) Car number light panels for the start

- 22.1 On the driver's left.

23) Track light panels displaying pit entry status

- 23.1 The light panels indicated on the pit lane map will display a flashing yellow arrow if cars are required to use the pit lane once the Safety Car has been deployed during the race.
- 23.2 The light panels indicated on the pit lane map will display a flashing red cross if the pit lane is closed at any point during the race.

24) Use of the intercom after the race

- 24.1 As in the past we would be very grateful if your pit wall intercom could be manned for a period of five minutes after the last car able to do so has crossed the Line to finish the race.

25) Lapping during the race

- 25.1 The ISC requires drivers who are caught by another car about to lap him to allow the faster driver past at the first available opportunity. The F1 Marshalling System has been developed in order to ensure that the point at which a driver is shown blue flags is consistent, rather than trusting the ability of marshals to identify situations that require blue flags.

As it was at the end of last season the system will be set to give a pre-warning when the faster car is within 3.0s of the car about to be lapped, this should be used by the team of the slower car to warn their driver he is soon going to be lapped and that allowing the faster car through should be considered a priority. When the faster car is within 1.0s of the car about to be lapped blue flags will be shown to the slower car (in addition to blue light panels, blue cockpit lights and a message on the timing monitors) and the driver must allow the following driver to overtake at the first available opportunity.

It should be noted that the aim of using F1MS is ensure consistent application of the rules, additional instructions may also be given by race control when necessary.

26) Post race parc fermé

- 26.1 All cars must enter the pit lane and, with the exception of the first three, should be driven directly to the weighing area. The first three must be driven down the pit lane to the control tower without stopping.

26.2 If a car stops between the Line and turn 1, having taken the chequered flag, it would be very helpful if the team concerned could assist the marshals to bring the car back to the pit lane. Getting a recovery vehicle to the area after the track invasion is very difficult and time consuming.

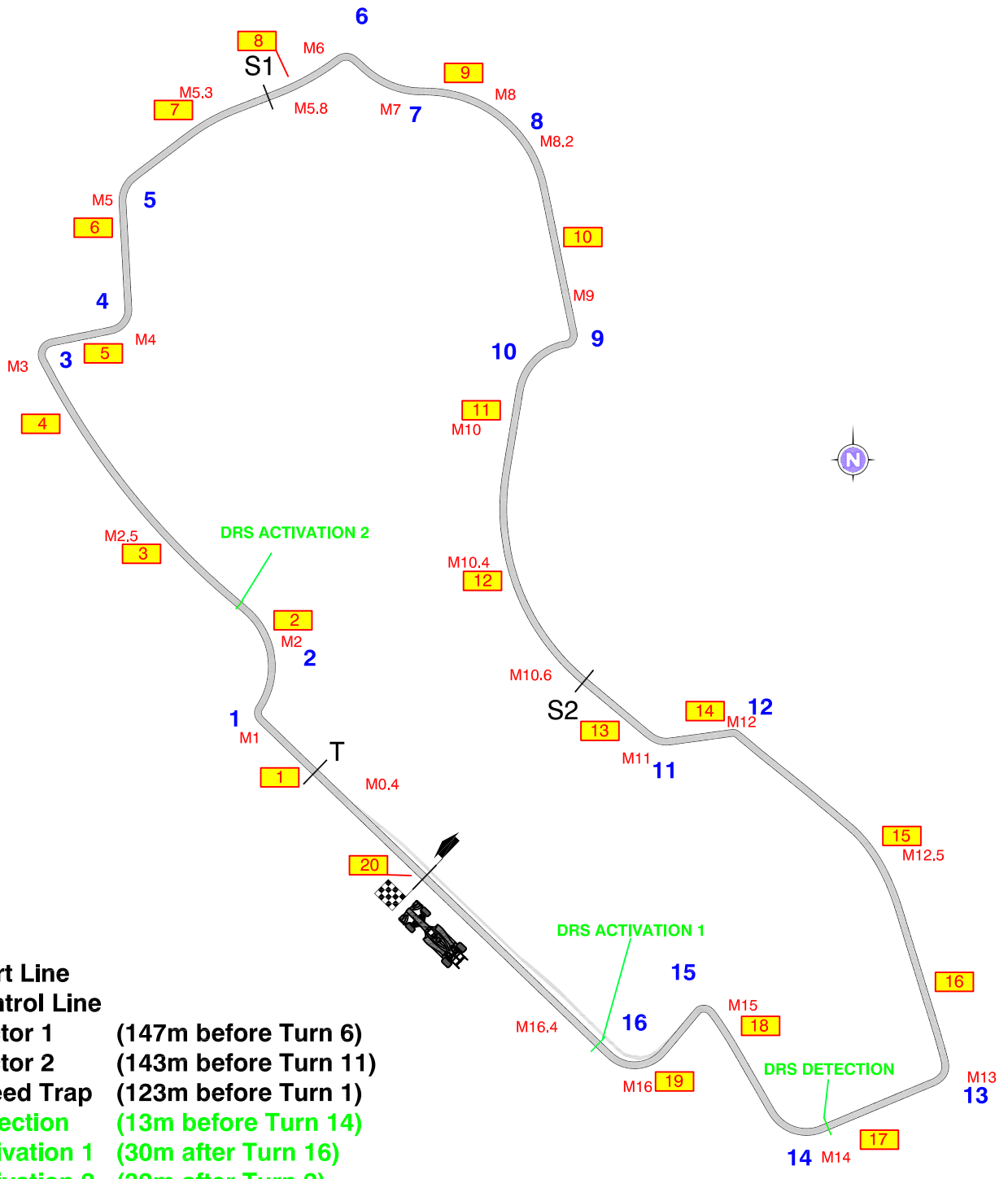
27) **Any other business**




27.1 With reference to the discussion in the team managers meeting on Thursday, it is the view of the stewards that Article 38.3 requires a driver who has been given a 5 or 10 second penalty to serve the penalty the next time he enters the pit lane, and that this should apply whether or not the VSC or SC are deployed at the time.



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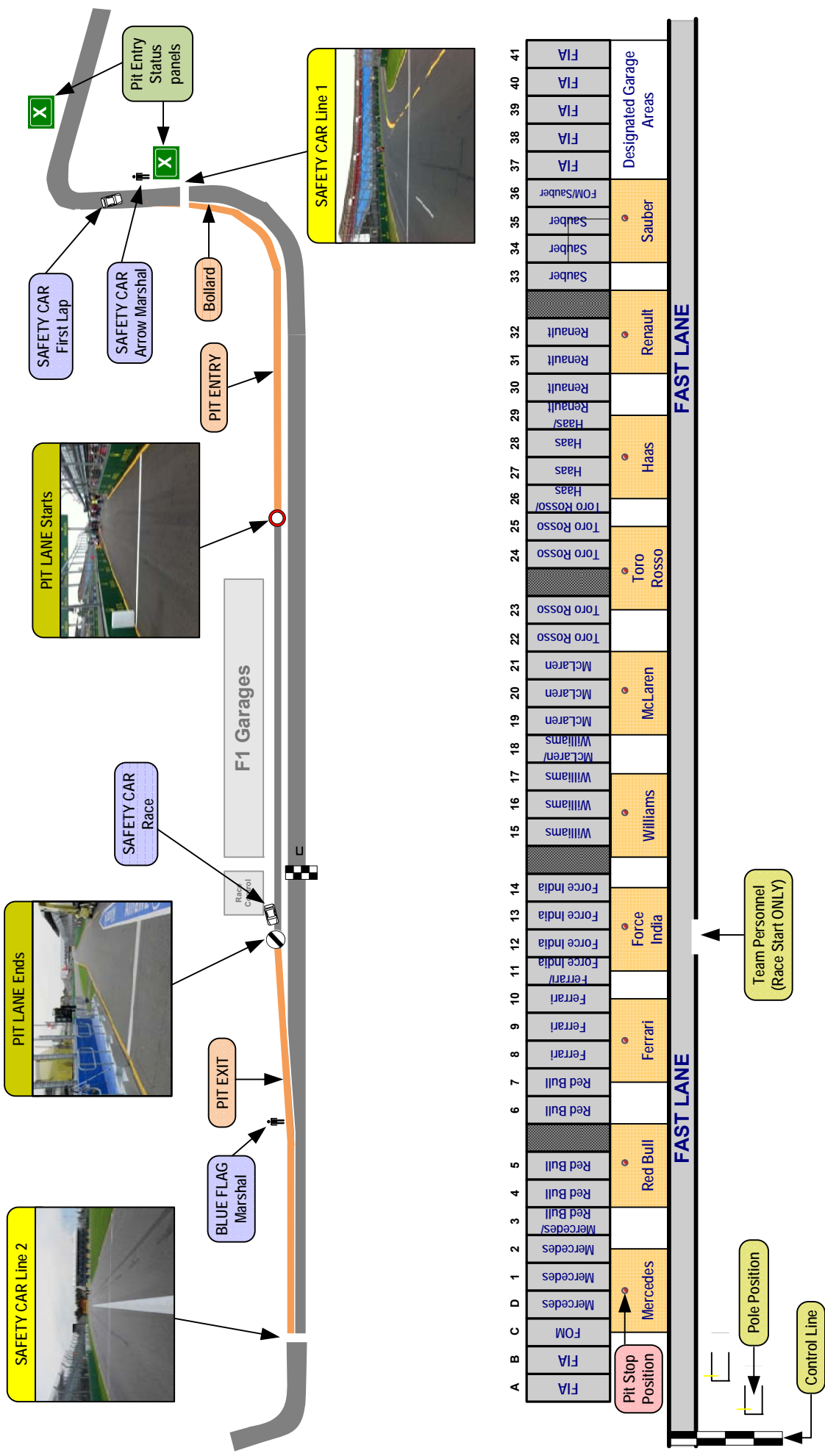
Circuit Map



-  **Start Line**
-  **Control Line**
- S1 Sector 1 (147m before Turn 6)**
- S2 Sector 2 (143m before Turn 11)**
- T Speed Trap (123m before Turn 1)**
- DRS Detection (13m before Turn 14)**
- DRS Activation 1 (30m after Turn 16)**
- DRS Activation 2 (32m after Turn 2)**
- 15 Corner Numbers**
- M22 Marshal Post**
-  **FIA Marshal Light Number & Location**

Circuit Centreline Length = 5.303 km

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	FL	FR	RL	RR
Soft	60S	62S	70S	72S
Supersoft	60X	62X	70X	72X
Ultrasoft	60U	62U	70U	72U
Intermediates	37I	38I	39I	40I
Xwet	37R	38R	39R	40R

MINIMUM STARTING PRESSURE, BLISTERING SENSITIVITY, CAMBER

	Front (psi)	Rear (psi)
Slicks	21	19,5
Intermediates	19	17,5
XWet	18	16,5

FE EOS Camber limit

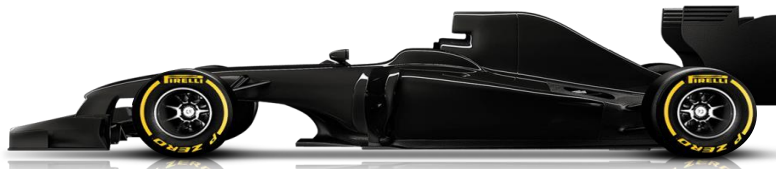
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RE EOS Camber limit

-2,00 °

FE Blistering sensitivity

Low



RE Blistering sensitivity

Low

TYRE HEATING STRATEGY

Storage temperature: 60°C	Optimum time in blanket (@80°): 2h
SLICKS	
Maximum boost temperature 1h @ 110°C	Blanket time window (@80°): 1h to 3 h

Storage temperature: 40°C	Optimum time in blanket (@60°): 1h
INTERS	
Maximum boost temperature 30min @ 80°C	Blanket time window (@60°): 30 min to 2 h

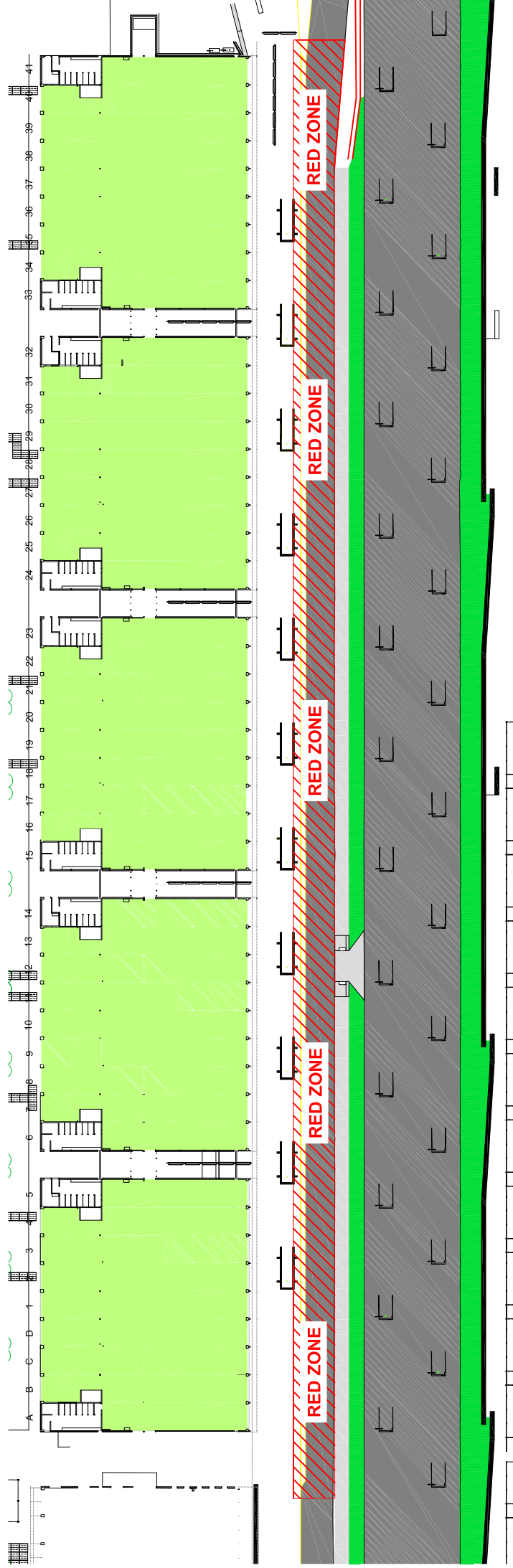
Storage temperature: 40°C	Optimum time in blanket (@60°): 1h
XWET	
NO BOOST	Blanket time window (@60°): 30 min to 2 h

Tyre Notes

- Not permitted to switch tyres from their originally allocated position
- Do not subject tyres to large deformation or heavy impact
- Don't leave fitted tyres exposed at an air temperature lower than 15°C and/or any UV emission
- Revised prescriptions could be issued during the race weekend in accordance with TD/007-16

Storage Temp °C is the recommended temperature the tyre can stay in blankets without time limit. All temperature limits apply to the actual tyre surface temperature, measured with the IR gun detailed in TD029-15.

SIDEWALLS HEATING CLARIFICATION, ALL PRODUCTS: you are allowed to apply a max. temperature of 100 °C for max. 1 hr to the sidewalls as long as the max. temp/time at any part of the tread is the one described in the corresponding section above



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