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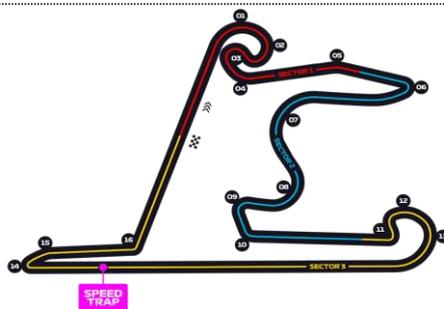
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In agreement with the FIA and in accordance with Article B6.1.3 a) of the F1 Sporting Regulations, this document contains the prescriptions for the operation of tyres during the following event.

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Circuit Layout



Compounds

Compound	FL	FR	RL	RR
C2	B1W	B2W	B3W	B4W
C3	C1Y	C2Y	C3Y	C4Y
C4	D1R	D2R	D3R	D4R
Intermediate	ME1	ME2	ME3	ME4
Wet	WE1	WE2	WE3	WE4

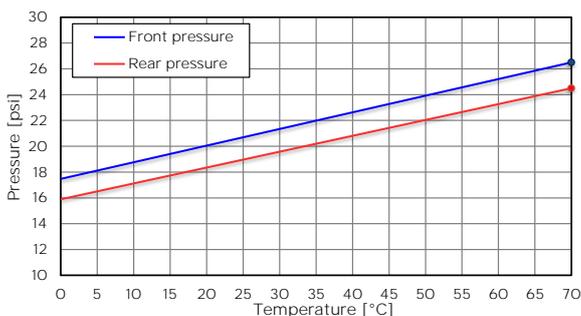
Mandatory race tyres
C2
C3

Prescriptions

Pressures & camber

	Slicks			Intermediates			Wets		
	Minimum starting pressure	Expected stabilized running pressure	Camber limit	Minimum starting pressure	Expected stabilized running pressure	Camber limit	Minimum starting pressure	Expected stabilized running pressure	Camber limit
Front	26.5 psi	≥27.0 psi	-3.00°	27.5 psi	≥28.0 psi	-3.25°	23.0 psi	≥28.0 psi	-3.25°
Rear	24.5 psi	≥25.0 psi	-1.75°	28.0 psi	≥28.5 psi	-2.25°	23.0 psi	≥28.5 psi	-2.25°

Cold Pressure Cooling Curve



$$P_{\text{front}} = (T - 70) \cdot 0.129 + P_{\text{startf}}$$

$$P_{\text{rear}} = (T - 70) \cdot 0.123 + P_{\text{startr}}$$

P_{startf} : Minimum starting pressure on the front axle [psi]

P_{startr} : Minimum starting pressure on the rear axle [psi]

T: Tyre temperature [°C]

Maximum heating times and temperatures (tread & sidewall)

Temperature	0	60	70 (°C)
Slicks	max. 2h		
Intermediate	max. 2h		
Wet	No blankets allowed		

- Temperatures refer to tyre tread and side wall temperatures, not blanket or controller set-point temperatures.
- Tyres may only be heated prior to the session in which they are intended to be used.
- The temperatures apply at all times during the event.

Tyre Notes

- Not permitted to switch tyres from their originally allocated position.
- Do not subject tyres to large deformation or heavy impact.
- Do not leave fitted tyres exposed at an air temperature lower than 10°C and/or any excessive UV emission.
- Revised prescriptions could be issued during the race weekend in accordance with FIA-F1-DOC-062.
- Cut-off time for fitting tyres at an event on Sunday morning: 4 hours prior to the race start
- Heating time temperature limits apply to the actual tyre surface temperature measured with the IR gun as detailed in the FIA-F1-DOC-062.
- BLANKET HEATING TIME for each temperature range to be counted from the moment the blanket control unit is set to reach its targeted temperature within its correspondent interval
- Cold pressure cooling curve temperature limits apply to the average of 5 TPMS spots as detailed in FIA-F1-DOC-062.

General Notes

Teams are kindly reminded that the following will be subject to FIA checks during the event:

- Starting pressures
- Cold pressures (according to the cold pressure cooling curves)
- Re-heat pressures
- EOS Camber
- Maximum tyre temperatures and times in blankets
- Tyre swapping