

2016/2017 FIA Formula E Championship
ePrix of Paris – 7th and 8th rounds

The MICHELIN Pilot Sport EV2 delivers in Berlin cauldron

The two incident-free Berlin ePrix races took place in a summery, festive ambience at the city's former Tempelhof Airport where Michelin organised its Bibendum Challenge mobility forum in 2011. This week, the same event – today renamed Movin'On – is taking place in Montreal, Canada.

The sunny weather drew a big crowd of Berliners to the former airfield which is now a public park that lends itself perfectly to the all-electric racing series, with plenty of other entertainment laid on for visitors in parallel to the weekend's action. The organisers erected temporary grandstands that provided spectators with a view of almost all the 2.25km track, while some lucky fans were able to admire the cars from close quarters thanks to a 'pop-up' tunnel built over the track...

This year's 10-turn circuit (compared with 17 corners for the layout produced for the Berlin ePrix two years ago) featured the same highly-abrasive concrete surface that proved a challenge for tyres in 2015. And the venue was just as demanding this time round, especially given the slightly hotter weather and the superior performance of the latest-generation Formula E single-seaters.

"As anticipated, the track layout and the hard-wearing nature of its surface made life hard for the drivers but it was a chance for them to judge the consistency of the performance delivered by the MICHELIN Pilot Sport EV2 at first hand," remarked **Serge Grisin**, manager of Michelin's Formula E programme. "Like our original Formula E tyre, the MICHELIN Pilot Sport EV, it coped with this year's challenge without a problem, adding enhanced versatility and durability to its overall package, despite the cars' more powerful powertrains and this year's hotter weather. It has faced a wide variety of conditions already this season but the championship's last races in New York [USA] and Montreal [Canada] will be held on more conventional asphalt. The two North American fixtures could see high temperatures, too, but we feel confident."

The Berlin ePrix race wins were shared by Mahindra's Félix Rosenqvist (Saturday) and Sébastien Buemi, Renault-e.dams (Sunday).

The next round in New York, USA, on July 15-16 will also feature two races.



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