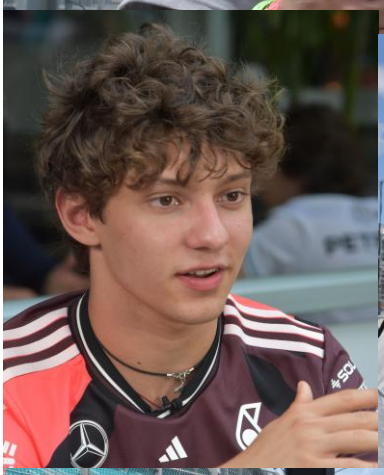
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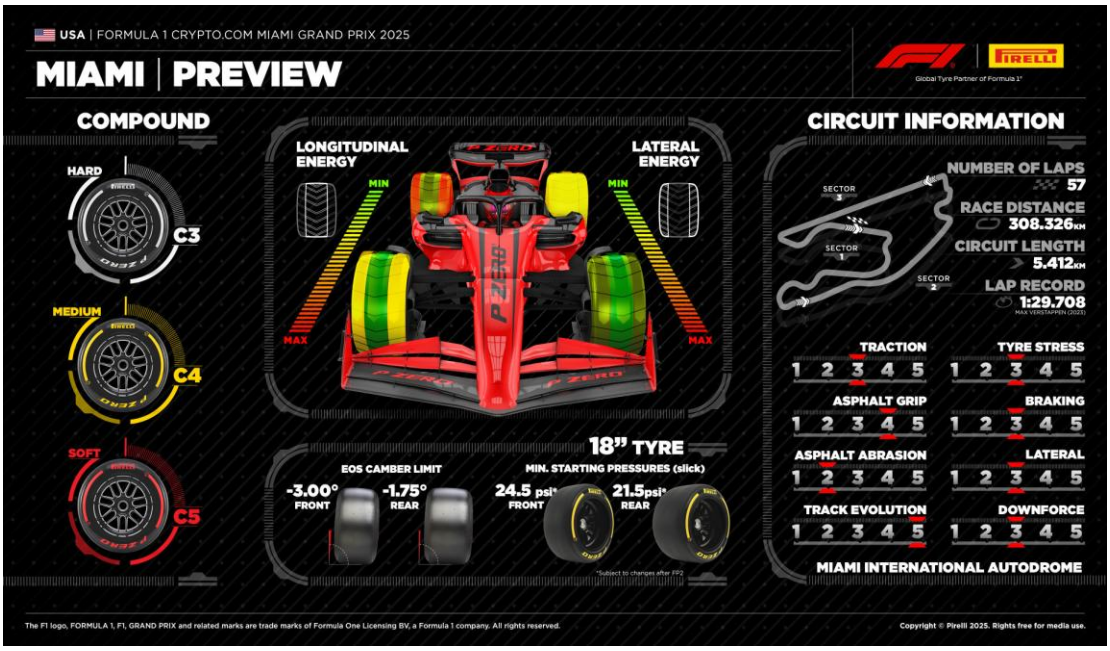








TIRES *(article courtesy of Pirelli tires)*

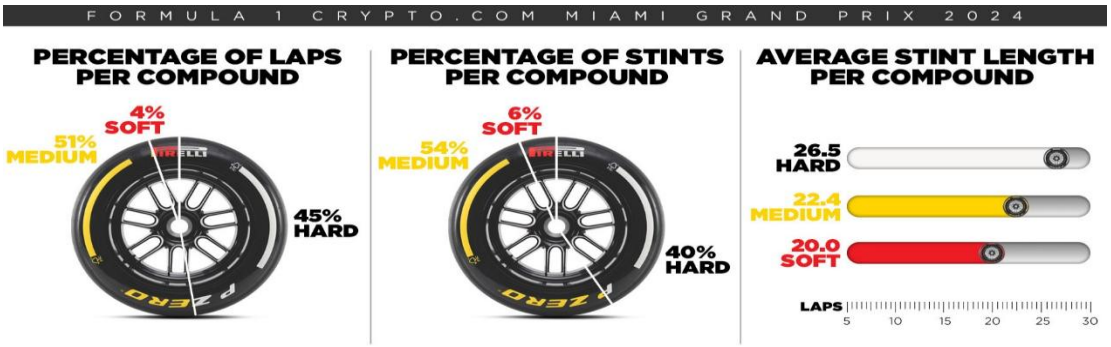


The compounds

The trio of compounds chosen by Pirelli is the same as that used a fortnight ago in Saudi Arabia: C3 as Hard, C4 as Medium and C5 as Soft. Again, just as in Jeddah, this is a step softer than last season.

The surface of the track that runs around the stadium is very smooth, exposing the tires to moderate longitudinal and lateral forces. Thermal degradation will be a major factor, as temperatures are expected to be very high, given that last year's track temperature exceeded 55 °C (131F). The surface was relaid in 2023 and, as with the other temporary Grand Prix circuits, grip levels will increase significantly the more the track rubbers-in across the weekend. The presence of support races for the F1 Academy and Porsche Carrera Cup North America will only add to this phenomenon.

So far, the Miami Grand Prix has been a one-stop race, including last year's. The Medium was the tire of choice for the opening stint for 15 of the 20 drivers, before a switch mainly to the Hard, with just a couple of drivers opting for the Soft, which actually displayed relatively low degradation. The performance differential between all three of last year's compounds, C2, C3 and C4, was quite small. The strategy, particularly the timing of the pit stop, was affected by a Virtual Safety Car, which then morphed into a full Safety Car period. It will be interesting to see if this year's softer compounds will open the door to a two-stop strategy.



TIRES *(continued)*

The Miami International Autodrome is 5.412 kilometers long, the race being run over 57 laps. The layout incorporates parking lots, service roads and some public roads with a total of 19 corners, seven to the right and 12 to the left. The site is generally flat but some elevation changes have been built in, especially between turns 13 and 16, where the track runs under overpasses, including on and off-ramps for the Florida Turnpike, with an uneven surface.

As at Jeddah two weeks ago, there are three DRS zones here, the ends of which provide the track's best overtaking opportunities, at turns 1, 11 and 17. The combined effect of slipstreaming and DRS produces very high speeds: last year, Lance Stroll (Aston Martin) hit 355 km/h in the race.

Sprint

The Miami Grand Prix is the second of six Sprint format events on the calendar. Last year, a significant rule change was introduced, not to the actual format, but to the parc ferme regulations for these races. Up until 2024, car set-up could not be altered as from the start of Sprint Qualifying, whereas since last year, parc ferme rules are suspended from the end of the Sprint Race to the start of qualifying for Sunday's Grand Prix.

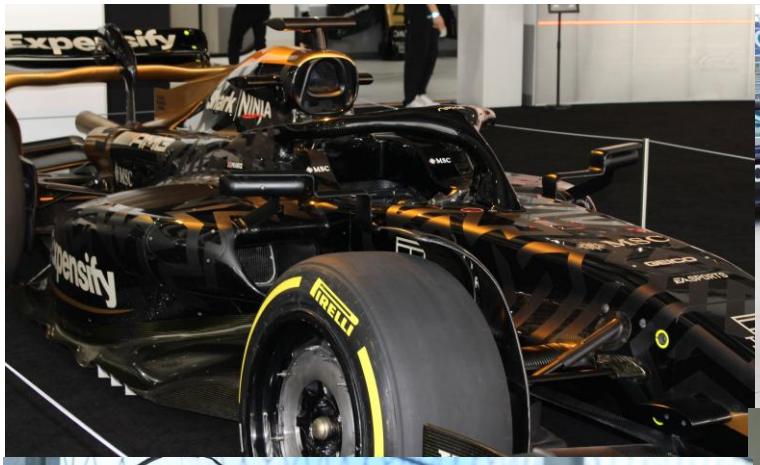
This means car set-up can be modified based on data the teams acquire during the Sprint race, which is really the first true opportunity for a simulation run under Grand Prix conditions, especially in terms of assessing car behavior, particularly the behavior of the tire compound chosen for the short race. The only key difference is the fuel load, as Sprint races only require one third of the fuel needed for the main event. However, teams all have simulation tools that allow them to effectively calculate how fuel weight affects tire performance.

Statistics corner

Max Verstappen and Red Bull won the first two editions of this race, in 2022 and 2023, while Lando Norris secured his maiden Formula 1 win here last year with McLaren. Each year has seen a different driver take pole position: Charles Leclerc and Ferrari in the inaugural edition, followed by Sergio Perez (Red Bull) in 2023, with his team-mate Verstappen securing the number one slot last year. So far, the quickest driver in qualifying has never won the race, but has always finished second. Apart from the four aforementioned drivers, only two others, the Spaniards Fernando Alonso and Carlos Sainz, have made it to the podium, both in third place.






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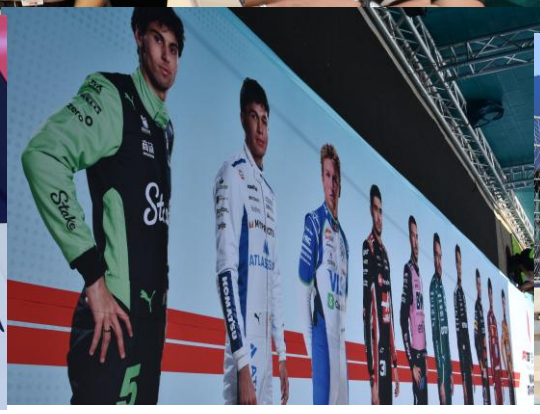

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2025 job title and/or crew and brief description of your duties/sphere of influence.
I am an assistant registrar and Race control runner, along with helping with the coordination of the marshal transportation.

How many years of F1/Miami and briefly how were you first led to/recruited to work F1/Miami?
This is my 3rd year at Miami, I was a marshal my first year and have been doing my current role starting last year. I owe a lot to Kim Kuzma McFarland for helping me understand and appreciate any new role I've been put in.

Can you share a memorable Miami experience?
I think the first year I was here (2023), just the whole experience at a new track is always so special

One thing/fun fact most people don't know about you.
I used to run a home bakery in Hawaii

LYNNE'S WANDERINGS

Pit Lane Access Thursday and Friday proved fruitful for our intrepid Newsletter crew. Thursday it was mostly peering at cars being worked on inside the garages and teams setting up.

Down at the Pit In end, Jo Bauer, the FIA Technical Delegate, was right there with his helpers setting up the scales and getting the F1 Scrutineers area made ready.

Over the garages, for Thursday only, the names are of musical stars and song titles and plugs for F1: The Movie, which debuts June 27. This weekend will be all about that activation. The drivers names were back by Friday. On display starting before Thursday was the usual DHL yellow banner, which was fully across all garages, with a special mention above the Ferrari garage. They had a 2.0 PitStop at the Jeddah F1 GP, the fastest for that weekend. It was Charles Leclerc. But overall, the season's fastest PitStop was George Russell, and so it says on a large signboard in the Team Club Room, adjacent to the paddock.

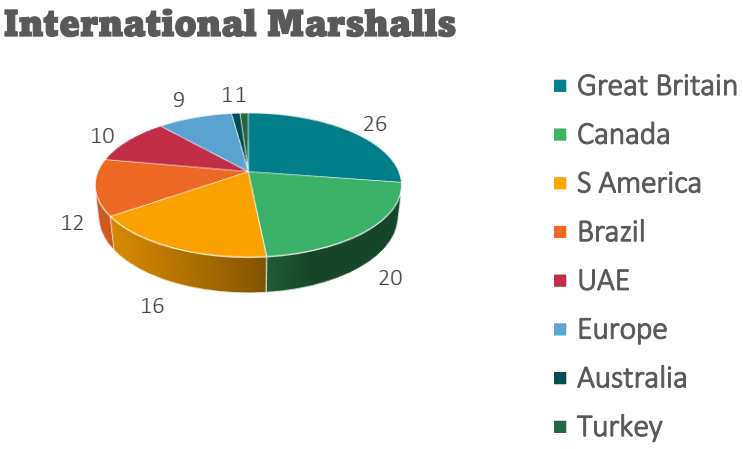
The two green Aston Martin Medical Cars and the Safety Car were doing hot laps as part of the track inspection process. This weekend it's Dr. Kempema riding the F1 Medical Car. Dr. Ian Roberts, the F1 Medical Delegate, is here but not riding in the car.

The number of foreign marshals has diminished a bit since the weekend started, with some cancellations. The final number is 95 - see the illustrative and colorful visual below

The Ferrari Lego car made an appearance Thursday, drawing a large crowd, especially Ferrari mechanics and staff. Quite the work of art.

It was an early night Thursday for the Marshals, as they had a Friday morning oh dark thirty bus ride to the track, in the dark, and didn't leave the track until 8:30 pm. Go in the dark and leave in the dark, with the police escort providing the lights.

The F1 cars had one short Friday practice session, with McLaren's Oscar Piastri the fastest overall at 1:27.128. In F1 Sprint qualifying Friday afternoon, it was a very surprised and excited Kimi Antonelli on pole at 1:27.858. His teammate,Geoerge Russell, had been fastest much of the session.



Tom Bastian, Chief Post Marshal on 15.5 with 63 F1 races on his resume, has some competition in the works. Nick Baker from England has 54, John Bennie from Scotland has 36, and Ian Biggs from the UK has 32. And these were just the fellows in an informal chat Thursday morning. No telling how many more veteran F1 marshals are out there. No doubt some Yankees could give it a go.

It was announced Friday afternoon that the Miami F1GP had extended to 2041, the longest contract in F1. Earlier it was announced Mexico City was extended to 2028.

Christian Alonso is the new Chief of the Boundary Riders, having been promoted from the Marshal Support Team, where he was Deputy Chief last year. There are five riders on the generic small scooters they have this year. Two riders are newbies from the Veteran's Trust group that has been helping during the event. Christian is also a newbie.

Saturday's schedule is a bit shorter, starting and leaving on buses at 6:45 am and pm.







