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MotoGP marks Indy's centenary

For the second time this season, MotoGP makes its second trip to the United States of America for the Indianapolis Grand Prix on 30 August. Fewer than two months after the race in Laguna Seca, this is only the second MotoGP visit to the Brickyard, so-called because in late 1909 it was rebuilt using 3.2 million bricks.



In the past 100 years, since its first race in August 1909, the circuit has played host to numerous events including Formula One, IndyCar and Nascar, and the track layout reflects this. The MotoGP machines will compete on a mixture of the famous oval, the infield developed for Formula One and a MotoGP-specific first section comprising turns one to

four that was laid for last year's race.

The hastily shortened 2008 race marked Rossi's seventh win of the season on Bridgestone tyres, and also the first race on the Japanese manufacturer's rubber for Dani Pedrosa and the Repsol Honda Team after his sensational mid-season switch.

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Bridgestone have chosen to bring asymmetric rear tyres to Indianapolis because of the imbalance between the ten left- and six right-handed corners, most of which are slow and short unlike the generally long and fast lefts. The circuit is very abrasive and durability is the key challenge for tyres so the hard and extra hard compound rears have been selected for the job. Braking stability is also essential due to the multitude of first and second gear corners, meaning that the medium and hard compound front Bridgestone slicks are the two available options.







Tyre talk

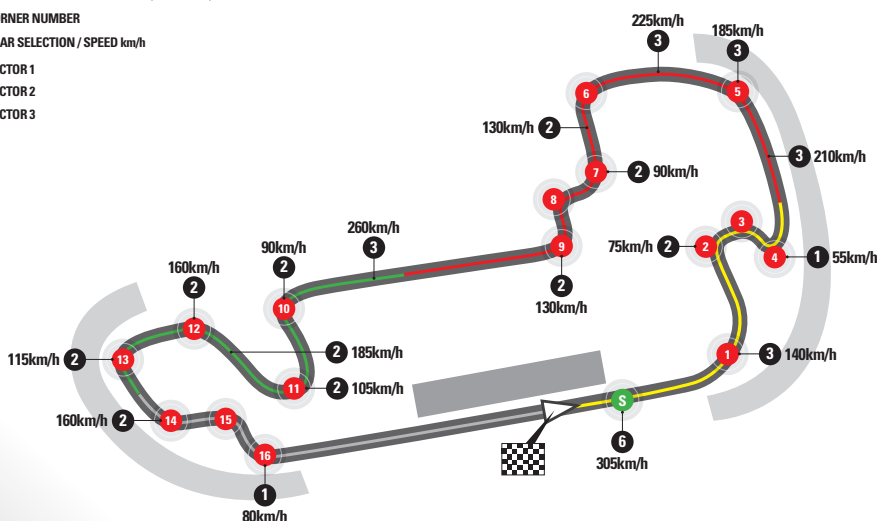
Tohru Ubukata
Bridgestone Motorsport - Manager
Motorcycle Race Tyre Development

“ Indianapolis is like three tracks in one with the opening section designed for MotoGP bikes, the Formula One infield and the traditional oval course, and there are several surface changes because of this during a lap. The infield offers a succession of slow corners followed by hard acceleration and the circuit is also quite demanding on the front tyre due to some very hard braking points. We have chosen our asymmetric rear tyres for this race because the circuit uses the left side of the tyres much harder than the right sides. ”



USA - Indianapolis Motor Speedway

-  : SPEED TRAP - GEAR SELECTION / SPEED km/h
-  : CORNER NUMBER
-  : GEAR SELECTION / SPEED km/h
-  : SECTOR 1
-  : SECTOR 2
-  : SECTOR 3



SELECTED TYRE COMPOUNDS:
FRONT : ● MEDIUM REAR : ● HARD
 ● HARD ● EXTRA HARD

*Race was red flagged on 21st lap of scheduled 28 due to extreme winds.

Circuit information		Records	
First race	2008	Pole position	1m 40.776s (150.607km/h)
No. of GPs held	1		Valentino Rossi (Yamaha, 2008)
Laps	28 (MotoGP), 26 (250cc), 23 (125cc)	Fastest lap	1m 49.668s (138.395km/h)
Track length	4.216 km / 2.620 miles (Width 16m)		Valentino Rossi (Yamaha, 2008)
Race distance	118.1 km / 73.4 miles	Race time*	37m 20.095s (135.508km/h)
Longest straight	0.644 km / 0.4 miles		Valentino Rossi (Yamaha, 2008)
Corners	16 (10 left, 6 right)	2008 Winner	Valentino Rossi (Yamaha)

Where to watch...

Front straight & Turn 5 : The only bits of the oval track used by the MotoGP course. Includes the famous line of bricks on the straight.

Turns 1-4 : Section of track laid specially for the MotoGP, the only section not shared with the F1 or oval tracks.

Event schedule Local time GMT -4

Friday	
12:40-13:40	125cc Free Practice 1
13:55-14:55	MotoGP Free Practice 1
15:10-16:10	250cc Free Practice 1
Saturday	
09:00-09:40	125cc Free Practice 2
09:55-10:55	MotoGP Free Practice 2
11:10-12:10	250cc Free Practice 2
13:00-13:40	125cc Qualifying Practice
13:55-14:55	MotoGP Qualifying Practice
15:10-15:55	250cc Qualifying Practice
Sunday	
09:40-10:00	125cc Warm Up
10:10-10:30	250cc Warm Up
10:40-11:00	MotoGP Warm Up
12:00	125cc Race (23 laps)
13:15	250cc Race (26 laps)
15:00	MotoGP Race (28 laps)

Teams and riders

Fiat Yamaha Team

Machine: Yamaha YZR-M1 Web: www.yamaha-racing.com



Valentino Rossi
Age: 30 DOB: 16/2/1979
Nationality: Italian
MotoGP Wins: 76

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Jorge Lorenzo
Age: 22 DOB: 4/4/1987
Nationality: Spanish
MotoGP Wins: 3

99

Repsol Honda Team

Machine: Honda RC212V Web: www.hondaracing-eu.com



Dani Pedrosa
Age: 23 DOB: 29/9/1985
Nationality: Spanish
MotoGP Wins: 7

3



Andrea Dovizioso
Age: 23 DOB: 23/3/1986
Nationality: Italian
MotoGP Wins: 1

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Ducati Team

Machine: Ducati Desmosedici GP9 Web: www.ducati.com



Nicky Hayden
Age: 28 DOB: 30/7/1981
Nationality: American
MotoGP Wins: 3

69



Mika Kallio
Age: 26 DOB: 8/10/1982
Nationality: Finnish
MotoGP Wins: 0

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Monster Yamaha Tech 3

Machine: Yamaha YZR-M1 Web: www.teamtech3.fr



Colin Edwards
Age: 35 DOB: 27/2/1974
Nationality: American
MotoGP Wins: 0

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James Toseland
Age: 28 DOB: 5/10/1980
Nationality: British
MotoGP Wins: 0

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Rizla Suzuki MotoGP

Machine: Suzuki GSV-R Web: www.rizla-suzuki-motogp.co.uk



Chris Vermeulen
Age: 27 DOB: 19/6/1982
Nationality: Australian
MotoGP Wins: 1

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Loris Capirossi
Age: 36 DOB: 4/4/1973
Nationality: Italian
MotoGP Wins: 9

65

San Carlo Honda Gresini

Machine: Honda RC212V Web: www.gresiniracing.com



Alex De Angelis
Age: 25 DOB: 26/2/1984
Nationality: San Marinese
MotoGP Wins: 0

15



Toni Elias
Age: 26 DOB: 26/3/1989
Nationality: Spanish
MotoGP Wins: 1

24

Pramac Racing

Machine: Ducati Desmosedici GP9 Web: www.ducati.com



Niccolo Canepa
Age: 21 DOB: 14/5/1988
Nationality: Italian
MotoGP Wins: 0

88



Aleix Espargaro
Age: 20 DOB: 31/7/1989
Nationality: Spanish
MotoGP Wins: 0

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Scot Racing Team MotoGP

Machine: Honda RC212V
Web: www.scotracingteam.com



Gabor Talmacsi
Age: 28 DOB: 28/5/1981
Nationality: Hungarian
MotoGP Wins: 0

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Randy De Puniet
Age: 28 DOB: 14/2/1981
Nationality: French
MotoGP Wins: 0

14

Hayate Racing Team

Machine: Kawasaki ZX-RR



Marco Melandri
Age: 27 DOB: 7/8/1982
Nationality: Italian
MotoGP Wins: 5

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Teams and riders order based on 2008 team championship position

Front tyre compound allocation

SELECTED TYRE COMPOUNDS : ● MEDIUM ○ HARD

Rider	Team	Medium	Hard	Rider	Team	Medium	Hard
Valentino Rossi	Fiat Yamaha Team	Four ●●●●	Four ○○○○	Loris Capirossi	Rizla Suzuki MotoGP	Four ●●●●	Four ○○○○
Jorge Lorenzo	Fiat Yamaha Team	Four ●●●●	Four ○○○○	Alex De Angelis	San Carlo Gresini Honda	Four ●●●●	Four ○○○○
Dani Pedrosa	Repsol Honda	Three ●●●	Five ○○○○○	Toni Elias	San Carlo Gresini Honda	Three ●●●	Five ○○○○○
Andrea Dovizioso	Repsol Honda	Four ●●●●	Four ○○○○	Niccolo Canepa	Pramac Racing	Three ●●●	Five ○○○○○
Nicky Hayden	Ducati Team	Four ●●●●	Four ○○○○	Aleix Espargaro	Pramac Racing	Four ●●●●	Four ○○○○
Mika Kallio	Ducati Team	Four ●●●●	Four ○○○○	Gabor Talmacsi	Scot Honda Team MotoGP	Four ●●●●	Four ○○○○
Colin Edwards	Monster Yamaha Tech 3	Four ●●●●	Four ○○○○	Marco Melandri	Hayate Racing Team	Four ●●●●	Four ○○○○
James Toseland	Monster Yamaha Tech 3	Four ●●●●	Four ○○○○	Randy De Puniet	LCR Honda MotoGP	Three ●●●	Five ○○○○○
Chris Vermeulen	Rizla Suzuki MotoGP	Four ●●●●	Four ○○○○				



Valentino Rossi set a new pole position record at the Brno circuit during the Czech Republic Grand Prix. It is the first pole position time to be beaten since the demise of qualifying tyres.

AVAILABLE TYRE COMPOUNDS:	Soft	Medium	Hard	Extra Hard	Wet															
Lossail	OAT	JPN	SPA	FRA	ITA	CAT	HOL	USA	GER	GB	CZE	IND	RSM	POR	AUS	MAL	VAL			
12/04/09	26/04/09	03/05/09	17/05/09	31/05/09	14/06/09	27/06/09	05/07/09	19/07/09	26/07/09	16/08/09	30/08/09	06/09/09	04/10/09	18/10/09	25/10/09	08/11/09				
ALLOCATED - FRONT TYRES	Soft	Soft	Medium	Soft	Medium	Medium	Soft	Medium	Hard	Soft	Hard	Medium	Medium							
ALLOCATED - REAR TYRES	Soft	Soft	Soft	Soft	Medium	Hard	Soft	Medium	Hard	Soft	Medium	Hard	Medium	Medium						
RACE WEATHER CONDITIONS	22° 26°	22° 35°	26° 49°	14° 24°	16° 25°	32° 52°	23° 35°	21° 46°	19° 27°	17° 22°	27° 48°									
RACE TRACK CONDITIONS	DRY	DRY	DRY	WET/DRY	WET/DRY	DRY	DRY	DRY	DRY	DAMP	DRY									
POS - RIDER	TOTAL WINS	PODIUM	PTS	01	02	03	04	05	06	07	08	09	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17
1 Valentino Rossi (46)	4	8	212	2	2	1	4	16	3	4	1	2	1	5	1					
2 Jorge Lorenzo (99)	2	7	162	3	3	1	3	1	2	2	3	1	2	2						
3 Casey Stoner (27)	2	5	150	1	1	4	2	3	3	1	2	3	3	4						
4 Dani Pedrosa (3)	1	5	135	11	14	5	3	11	2	2	3	1	4	3						
5 Colin Edwards (5)	1	1	112	4	6	13	5	7	7	6	6	7	7	9						
6 Andrea Dovizioso (4)	1	1	107	5	4	11	5	7	8	8	4	5	8	6						
7 Randy De Puniet (14)	1	1	80	10	7	6	11	16	5	4	5	14	10	2						
8 Marco Melandri (33)	1	1	79	14	11	2	6	8	10	5	11	14	10	11						
9 Loris Capirossi (65)	1	1	77	5	7	9	6	6	10	8	8	5	3	11						
10 Chris Vermeulen (7)	1	1	72	7	8	9	10	4	7	6	10	11	12	13						
11 Alex De Angelis (15)	1	1	68	6	9	10	13	15	3	14	15	2	11	6						
12 Toni Elias (24)	1	1	63	9	12	7	15	9	1	9	7	10	11	14						
13 James Toseland (52)	1	1	62	16	13	4	7	10	3	13	14	9	12	7						
14 Nicky Hayden (69)	1	1	57	12	16	4	10	1	12	13	13	10	13	13						
15 Mika Kallio (36)	1	1	34	8	10	8	8	17	1	17	17	1	14	10						
16 Niccolò Canepa (88)	1	1	32	17	18	2	14	18	2	16	18	15	17	1						
17 Sete Gibernau (59)	1	1	12	13	15	3	11	12	5	DNS	DNS	15	15	1						
18 Yuki Takahashi (72)	1	1	9	15	17	1	13	13	4	13	15	3	10	16						
19 Gabor Talmacsi (41)	1	1	8	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-						
20 Michel Fabrizio (84)	1	1	0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-						

Five minutes with the flying Finn

Mika Kallio is in his rookie MotoGP season, but from the Czech Republic Grand Prix he was parachuted from Pramac Racing into the factory Ducati Team. He qualified third in Indianapolis last year, but doesn't have the fondest of memories of the Brickyard after the 250cc race was cancelled in the wake of Hurricane Ike.

"Last year we had a very difficult weekend in Indianapolis and maybe that's why I don't like so much the track. There were a couple of crashes and although the safety there is not so bad, then there is the surface.

"Last year was really difficult for the riders. There were like four or five different kinds of surface, and always when you changed to the other one you had a different feeling and different grip, and you needed to be really careful with how much you could keep speed into corners. Especially in the rain the surface changes are very difficult.

"Going back with the Ducati Team of course is a big thing for me and I'm proud that we had the pace enough for me to replace Casey. I think not really a lot has changed though as I know the bike and everything is very similar.

"I hope that in the next two races we can



have really good results, for me and also for the whole team! Brno was an interesting weekend. There is still something missing with the front feeling but I think if we can find something that gives me more feel we can make a big step forward in Indianapolis.

"With the Ducati Team I hope that now we can have a little bit more luck, and for sure with a little bit more luck we can be somewhere in the top five. That's my goal."

It's the first year for me in MotoGP and to arrive at the factory team is really, really a big thing

2002-2009 Bridgestone MotoGP cumulative statistics

- 129 Grands Prix
- 2 World Championships
- 46 Victories
- 43 Pole Positions
- 125 Podiums (in 67 GPs)
- 123 Front Row Starts (in 73 GPs)
- 6482 Championship Points



**BRIDGESTONE****OFFICIAL MotoGP CLASS TYRE**

In total, and all on Bridgestone tyres, nine different riders have visited the podium in 11 races this season



Team news

Espargaro joins Pramac

Alex Espargaro has only competed in two 250cc grands prix this season but will climb aboard a MotoGP bike for both the Indianapolis and San Marino GPs, whilst usual Pramac rider Mika Kallio is with the Ducati Team in place of Casey Stoner. Having competed in the 250cc class since 2006, the Spaniard said: "It's like a dream come true to find myself all of a sudden in MotoGP."



Bautista returns

Past Bridgestone runner Alvaro Bautista will make the step up to MotoGP next season with the Rizla Suzuki team, but the move also signals a return for the Spaniard to Bridgestone tyres. Bautista used Bridgestone tyres when he competed in the 125cc championship in 2003. "It is good to see that Alvaro has signed for Suzuki and we welcome him to the MotoGP class and back to Bridgestone" said Bridgestone's Hiroshi Yamada.



Dorna recruits e-reporter

After attending the GP2 Series race in Catalunya as a finalist of the Bridgestone e-reporter programme, Ferran Lopez Margall joined the new media team at Dorna Sports. Bridgestone e-reporter is an initiative that was originally launched in 2003 with the main aim of helping young, aspiring journalists develop careers in the media. "For me, the Bridgestone e-reporter contest was an excellent opportunity to understand from the inside the professional world of motorsport."



Last year's race : Indianapolis 2008

2008 FASTEST LAP Valentino Rossi, Yamaha

Lap 15 - Average speed: 138.395km/h - Time: 1m 49.668s

2008 Qualifying times						2008 Race results					
Pos	Rider	Team	Time	Km/h	Gap	Pos	Rider	Team	Time	Km/h	Gap
1	Valentino Rossi	Fiat Yamaha Team	1m40.776s	304.414		1	Valentino Rossi	Fiat Yamaha Team	37m20.095s	135.508	
2	Casey Stoner	Ducati Team	1m40.860s	312.178	+0.084s	2	Nicky Hayden	Repsol Honda Team	37m26.067s	135.148	+5.972s
3	Jorge Lorenzo	Fiat Yamaha Team	1m41.177s	301.911	+0.401s	3	Jorge Lorenzo	Fiat Yamaha Team	37m27.953s	135.034	+7.858s
4	Nicky Hayden	Repsol Honda Team	1m41.271s	309.546	+0.495s	4	Casey Stoner	Ducati Team	37m48.257s	133.826	+28.162s
5	Ben Spies	Rizla Suzuki MotoGP	1m41.464s	306.638	+0.688s	5	Andrea Dovizioso	JiR Team Scot MotoGP	37m48.919s	133.787	+28.824s
6	Randy De Puniet	LCR Honda MotoGP	1m41.492s	301.292	+0.716s	6	Ben Spies	Rizla Suzuki MotoGP	37m49.740s	133.738	+29.645s
7	Andrea Dovizioso	JiR Team Scot MotoGP	1m41.744s	304.730	+0.968s	7	Sylvain Guintoli	Alice Team	37m56.318s	133.352	+36.223s
8	Dani Pedrosa	Repsol Honda Team	1m41.754s	304.730	+0.978s	8	Dani Pedrosa	Repsol Honda Team	37m57.353s	133.291	+37.258s
9	Toni Elias	Alice Team	1m41.886s	308.571	+1.110s	9	Chris Vermeulen	Rizla Suzuki MotoGP	37m58.537s	133.222	+38.442s
10	James Toseland	Tech 3 Yamaha	1m41.897s	305.046	+1.121s	10	Alex De Angelis	San Carlo Honda Gresini	38m02.532s	132.989	+42.437s
11	Colin Edwards	Tech 3 Yamaha	1m41.934s	306.000	+1.158s	11	Anthony West	Kawasaki Racing Team	38m07.274s	132.713	+47.179s
12	Alex De Angelis	San Carlo Honda Gresini	1m41.969s	304.099	+1.193s	12	Toni Elias	Alice Team	38m16.057s	132.205	+55.962s
13	Loris Capirossi	Rizla Suzuki MotoGP	1m42.305s	304.414	+1.529s	13	Randy De Puniet	LCR Honda MotoGP	38m17.461s	132.124	+57.366s
14	Sylvain Guintoli	Alice Team	1m42.405s	308.571	+1.629s	14	John Hopkins	Kawasaki Racing Team	38m18.448s	132.068	+58.353s
15	Chris Vermeulen	Rizla Suzuki MotoGP	1m42.551s	302.222	+1.775s	15	Colin Edwards	Tech 3 Yamaha	38m20.708s	131.938	+1m00.613s
16	John Hopkins	Kawasaki Racing Team	1m42.673s	301.601	+1.897s	16	Loris Capirossi	Rizla Suzuki MotoGP	38m25.715s	131.652	+1m05.620s
17	Shinya Nakano	San Carlo Honda Gresini	1m42.732s	301.601	+1.956s	17	Shinya Nakano	San Carlo Honda Gresini	38m25.949s	131.638	+1m05.854s
18	Marco Melandri	Ducati Team	1m43.807s	312.843	+3.031s	18	James Toseland	Tech 3 Yamaha	38m28.063s	131.518	+1m07.968s
19	Anthony West	Kawasaki Racing Team	1m43.931s	300.983	+3.155s	19	Marco Melandri	Ducati Team	38m41.118s	130.778	+1m21.023s

Bridgestone Motorsport Round-Up

F1 Marking Bridgestone's 150th F1 win, Rubens Barrichello won last weekend's European Grand Prix for Brawn GP, finishing ahead of Lewis Hamilton and Kimi Raikkonen. With six races remaining, Brawn GP's Jenson Button still leads the World Championship by 18 points from Barrichello with Red Bull's Mark Webber in third.

GP2 Vitaly Petrov won the first race of the European Grand Prix at Valencia for the Barwa Addax Team ahead of polesitter Nico Hulkenberg and Sergio Perez. Second race spoils went to ART Grand Prix's Hulkenberg, with Perez and Petrov second and third. Hulkenberg now leads Petrov by 20 points.

INDYCAR Target Chip Ganassi's Dario Franchitti won the Grand Prix of Sonoma at Infineon Raceway, ahead of championship leader Ryan Briscoe and rookie Mike Conway in a career-high third. Scott Dixon lost the championship lead, slipping to third behind Briscoe and Franchitti, the two separated by four points.

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