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OFFICIAL MotoGP CLASS TYRE

Return to Rimini

In the fourth of the season's back-to-back races, Bridgestone's technicians and engineers travel directly to the Misano circuit for round 13 of the season which comes the weekend after the Indianapolis Grand Prix.

The San Marino circuit presents a much smoother circuit with much lower grip, necessitating softer compounds of slick tyre. Bridgestone have selected the medium and hard compound front and rear slicks, and hard compound wet tyres for improved durability as even in wet conditions the ambient temperature is generally high.

The nature of the circuit is twisty and riders spend a lot of time on the brakes, meaning that braking stability afforded by the front tyre is crucial. As with every race since the Dutch Grand Prix at Assen in June, each rider can opt for an even split of four of each compound of front tyre or five of one and three of the other to better suit their individual riding and machine preference.

Appearing in various guises in past years, the circuit remains unchanged from last year allowing Bridgestone to maximise their experience and success at the venue

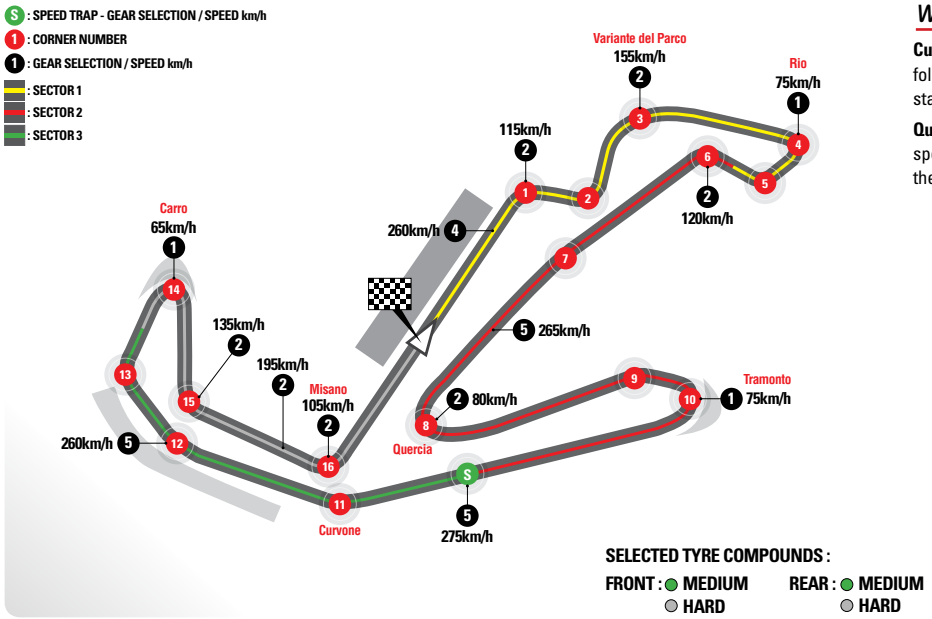
Bridgestone has a great track record in Misano since its return to the calendar in 2007. Ducati Team's Casey Stoner took pole and won in 2007 on Bridgestone tyres, and in 2008 the Australian grabbed pole again. Valentino Rossi won for Fiat Yamaha last year, setting a new lap record on Bridgestone tyres in the process.

Tyre talk

Tohru Ubukata
Bridgestone Motorsport - Manager Motorcycle Race Tyre Development

"The track surface at Misano is smooth and offers relatively low grip. The layout is basically twisty, but there are some long, high-speed corners. There are also a lot of slow and tight corners, and the main straight is not so long, so the focus will be on obtaining good braking stability and traction on corner exit. We have used our experience from last year on the lengthened track, when the performance of our tyres was good, to select the most suitable slick tyre compounds this year."

San Marino - Misano



SELECTED TYRE COMPOUNDS :

FRONT : MEDIUM / HARD **REAR :** MEDIUM / HARD

Where to watch...

Curvone : Very high-speed right in the middle of the back straight followed by two more only slightly slower rights: demands stability and edge grip from the front tyre.

Quercia (& Misano) : One of the few lefts and a prime overtaking spot. The left side of the front tyre gets high stress going in, and the left side of the rear works hard coming out..

Event schedule *Local time GMT +2*

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	
08:40-09:00	125cc Warm Up
09:10-09:30	250cc Warm Up
09:40-10:00	**MotoGP Warm Up**
11:00	125cc Race (23 laps)
12:15	250cc Race (26 laps)
14:00	**MotoGP Race (28 laps)**

Circuit information

First race	1980
No. of GPs held	12
Laps	28 (MotoGP), 26 (250cc), 23 (125cc)
Track length	4.226 km / 2.626 miles (Width 12m)
Race distance	118.328 km / 73.528 miles
Longest straight	0.600 km / 0.37 miles
Corners	16 (6 left, 10 right)

Records

Pole position	1m 33.378s (162.924km/h)
	Casey Stoner (Ducati, 2008)
Fastest lap	1m 34.904s (160.305km/h)
	Valentino Rossi (Yamaha, 2008)
Race time	44m 41.884s (158.836km/h)
	Valentino Rossi (Yamaha, 2008)
2008 Winner	Valentino Rossi (Yamaha)

Source : www.motogp.com & Haynes MotoGP Season Review. Information subject to change

Teams and riders

Fiat Yamaha Team

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

Valentino Rossi — 46
Age: 30 DOB: 16/2/1979
Nationality: Italian
MotoGP Wins: 76

Jorge Lorenzo — 99
Age: 22 DOB: 4/4/1987
Nationality: Spanish
MotoGP Wins: 4

Repsol Honda Team

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

Dani Pedrosa — 3
Age: 23 DOB: 29/9/1985
Nationality: Spanish
MotoGP Wins: 7

Andrea Dovizioso — 4
Age: 23 DOB: 23/3/1986
Nationality: Italian
MotoGP Wins: 1

Ducati Team

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

Nicky Hayden — 69
Age: 28 DOB: 30/7/1981
Nationality: American
MotoGP Wins: 3

Mika Kallio — 36
Age: 26 DOB: 8/10/1982
Nationality: Finnish
MotoGP Wins: 0

Monster Yamaha Tech 3

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

Colin Edwards — 5
Age: 35 DOB: 27/2/1974
Nationality: American
MotoGP Wins: 0

James Toseland — 52
Age: 28 DOB: 5/10/1980
Nationality: British
MotoGP Wins: 0

Rizla Suzuki MotoGP

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

Chris Vermeulen — 7
Age: 27 DOB: 19/6/1982
Nationality: Australian
MotoGP Wins: 1

Loris Capirossi — 65
Age: 36 DOB: 4/4/1973
Nationality: Italian
MotoGP Wins: 9

San Carlo Honda Gresini

Machine: Honda RC212V Web: www.gresiniracing.com

Alex De Angelis — 15
Age: 25 DOB: 26/2/1984
Nationality: San Marinese
MotoGP Wins: 0

Toni Elias — 24
Age: 26 DOB: 26/3/1983
Nationality: Spanish
MotoGP Wins: 1

Pramac Racing

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

Niccolo Canepa — 88
Age: 21 DOB: 14/5/1988
Nationality: Italian
MotoGP Wins: 0

Aleix Espargaro — 44
Age: 20 DOB: 30/7/1989
Nationality: Spanish
MotoGP Wins: 0

Scot Racing Team MotoGP

Machine: Honda RC212V
Web: www.scotracingteam.com

Gabor Talmacsi — 41
Age: 28 DOB: 28/5/1981
Nationality: Hungarian
MotoGP Wins: 0

LCR Honda MotoGP

Machine: Honda RC212V
Web: www.lcr.mc

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

Hayate Racing Team

Machine: Kawasaki ZX-RR

Marco Melandri — 33
Age: 27 DOB: 7/8/1982
Nationality: Italian
MotoGP Wins: 5

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	Three ●●●	Five ○○○○○
Jorge Lorenzo	Fiat Yamaha Team	Four ●●●●	Four ○○○○	**Alex De Angelis**	San Carlo Gresini Honda	Four ●●●●	Four ○○○○
Dani Pedrosa	Repsol Honda	Four ●●●●	Four ○○○○	**Toni Elias**	San Carlo Gresini Honda	Four ●●●●	Four ○○○○
Andrea Doviziozo	Repsol Honda	Four ●●●●	Four ○○○○	**Niccolo Canepa**	Pramac Racing	Three ●●●	Five ○○○○○
Nicky Hayden	Ducati Team	Four ●●●●	Four ○○○○	**Aleix Espargaro**	Pramac Racing	Three ●●●	Five ○○○○○
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	Three ●●●	Five ○○○○○				

FACT

The Misano circuit made its return to grand prix racing in 2007 after a 14 year absence, and a Bridgestone-shod rider has won at the circuit every year since.

RACE KEY (A: Reason retired, F/R: tyre choice, B, C, D)

A : Reason retired
B : Final race position
C : Grid position
D : Championship points
F : Front tyre choice at start
R : Rear tyre choice at start
●● : Tyre changes
AC : Accident
DQ : Disqualified
RT : Retired
TC : Technical
DNS : Did not start

Calendar & Riders' Championship

AVAILABLE TYRE COMPOUNDS: ○ Soft, ● Medium, ● Hard, ● Extra Hard, ● Wet

	01	02	03	04	05	06	07	08	09	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17
Circuit	Losail	Motegi	Jerez	Le Mans	Mugello	Catalunya	Assen	Laguna	Sachsenring	Donington Park	Brno	Indianapolis	Misano	Estoril	Phillip Island	Sepang	Valencia
Country	QAT	JPN	SPA	FRA	ITA	CAT	HOL	USA	GER	GB	CZE	IND	RSM	POR	AUS	MAL	VAL
Date	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, Medium	Soft, Medium	Medium, Hard	Soft, Medium	Medium, Hard	Medium, Hard	Soft, Medium	Medium, Hard	Hard, Ex. Hard	Soft, Medium	Hard, Ex. Hard	Medium, Hard	Medium, Hard	Soft, Medium			
ALLOCATED - REAR TYRES	Soft, Medium	Soft, Medium	Soft, Medium	Soft, Medium	Medium, Hard	Hard, Ex. Hard	Soft, Medium	Medium, Hard	Hard, Ex. Hard	Soft, Medium	Medium, Hard	Hard, Ex. Hard	Medium, Hard	Medium, Hard			
RACE WEATHER CONDITIONS	22º 26º	22º 35º	26º 49º	14º 24º	16º 25º	32º 52º	23º 35º	21º 46º	19º 27º	17º 22º	27º 48º	21º 35º					
RACE TRACK CONDITIONS	DRY	DRY	DRY	WET/DRY	WET/DRY	DRY	DRY	DRY	DRY	DAMP	DRY	DRY					

Each race cell: final race position / grid position / championship points (reason retired shown first where given).

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)	W 4 PD 8	212	2 / 2 / 20	2 / 1 / 20	1 / 4 / 25	16 / 4 / -	3 / 4 / 16	1 / 2 / 25	1 / 1 / 25	2 / 2 / 20	1 / 1 / 25	5 / 1 / 11	1 / 1 / 25	AC - / 3 / -					
2 Jorge Lorenzo (99)	W 3 PD 8	187	3 / 3 / 16	1 / 3 / 25	AC - / 1 / -	1 / 2 / 25	2 / 1 / 20	2 / 1 / 20	2 / 3 / 20	3 / 1 / 16	2 / 2 / 20	AC - / 3 / -	AC - / 2 / -	1 / 2 / 25					
3 Casey Stoner (27)	W 2 PD 5	150	1 / 1 / 25	4 / 2 / 13	3 / 3 / 16	5 / 3 / 11	1 / 2 / 25	3 / 3 / 16	3 / 4 / 16	4 / 3 / 13	4 / 3 / 13	14 / 4 / 2	DNS - / - / -	DNS - / - / -					
4 Dani Pedrosa (3)	W 1 PD 5	141	11 / 14 / 5	3 / 11 / 16	2 / 2 / 20	3 / 1 / 16	AC - / 8 / -	6 / 8 / 10	AC - / 2 / -	1 / 4 / 25	3 / 8 / 16	9 / 2 / 7	2 / 3 / 20	10 / 1 / 6					
5 Colin Edwards (5)	W - PD 1	123	4 / 6 / 13	12 / 5 / 4	7 / 7 / 9	7 / 6 / 9	6 / 6 / 10	7 / 6 / 9	4 / 5 / 13	7 / 7 / 9	9 / 7 / 7	2 / 6 / 20	7 / 5 / 9	5 / 5 / 11					
6 Andrea Dovizioso (4)	W 1 PD 1	120	5 / 4 / 11	5 / 7 / 11	8 / 8 / 8	4 / 5 / 13	4 / 7 / 13	4 / 4 / 13	AC - / 8 / -	AC - / 5 / -	- / 6 / -	1 / 5 / 25	4 / 6 / 13	4 / 8 / 13					
7 Alex De Angelis (15)	W - PD 1	88	6 / 9 / 10	13 / 15 / 3	14 / 15 / 2	11 / 16 / 5	15 / 12 / 1	12 / 14 / 4	10 / 11 / 6	11 / 12 / 5	5 / 5 / 11	4 / 12 / 13	8 / 7 / 8	2 / 4 / 20					
8 Loris Capirossi (65)	W - PD -	86	AC - / 5 / -	7 / 6 / 9	6 / 6 / 10	8 / 8 / 8	5 / 3 / 11	5 / 11 / 11	9 / 6 / 7	AC - / 10 / -	11 / 9 / 5	11 / 14 / 5	5 / 9 / 11	7 / 11 / 9					
9 Randy De Puniet (14)	W - PD 1	84	10 / 7 / 6	11 / 16 / 5	4 / 5 / 13	14 / 10 / 2	8 / 5 / 8	8 / 7 / 8	7 / 10 / 9	9 / 14 / 7	- / 6 / -	3 / 10 / 16	10 / 13 / 6	12 / 12 / 4					
10 Marco Melandri (33)	W - PD 1	79	14 / 11 / 2	6 / 8 / 10	5 / 11 / 11	2 / 9 / 20	11 / 15 / 5	14 / 17 / 2	11 / 14 / 5	10 / 11 / 6	7 / 13 / 9	7 / 7 / 9	AC - / 15 / -	AC - / 9 / -					
11 Chris Vermeulen (7)	W - PD -	77	7 / 8 / 9	10 / 4 / 6	10 / 7 / 6	6 / 7 / 10	10 / 11 / 6	11 / 12 / 5	5 / 7 / 11	8 / 9 / 8	13 / 12 / 3	13 / 13 / 3	11 / 11 / 5	11 / 14 / 5					
12 Nicky Hayden (69)	W - PD -	73	12 / 16 / 4	- / 12 / -	15 / 16 / 1	12 / 13 / 4	12 / 16 / 4	10 / 13 / 6	8 / 13 / 8	5 / 8 / 11	8 / 4 / 8	15 / 15 / 1	6 / 8 / 10	3 / 6 / 16					
13 James Toseland (52)	W - PD -	72	16 / 13 / -	7 / 10 / 7	13 / 14 / 3	9 / 12 / 7	7 / 9 / 14	13 / 9 / 3	6 / 9 / 10	DQ - / 15 / -	10 / 14 / 6	6 / 9 / 10	9 / 14 / 7	6 / 10 / 10					
14 Toni Elias (24)	W - PD 1	70	9 / 12 / 7	15 / 9 / 1	9 / 9 / 7	10 / 11 / 6	14 / 9 / 2	AC - / 5 / -	12 / 15 / 4	6 / 6 / 10	6 / 17 / 10	- / 8 / -	3 / 4 / 16	9 / 7 / 7					
15 Mika Kallio (36)	W - PD -	42	8 / 10 / 8	8 / 17 / 8	RT - / 17 / -	AC - / 14 / -	13 / 17 / 3	9 / 10 / 7	AC - / 12 / -	DNS - / - / -	14 / 10 / 2	10 / 11 / 6	AC - / 10 / -	8 / 15 / 8					
16 Niccolo Canepa (88)	W - PD -	32	17 / 18 / -	14 / 18 / 2	16 / 18 / -	15 / 17 / 1	AC 9 / 13 / 7	16 / 18 / -	14 / 1 / 2	12 / 16 / 4	12 / 15 / 4	8 / 16 / 8	12 / 12 / 4	RT - / 13 / -					
17 Sete Gibernau (59)	W - PD -	12	13 / 15 / 3	- / 14 / -	11 / 12 / 5	DNS - / - / -	DNS - / - / -	15 / 15 / 1	13 / 16 / 3	AC - / 13 / -	DNS - / - / -	DNS - / - / -	DNS - / - / -	DNS - / - / -					
18 Gabor Talmacsi (41)	W - PD -	10	DNS - / - / -	DNS - / - / -	DNS - / - / -	DNS - / - / -	DNS - / - / -	17 / 19 / -	16 / 19 / -	AC - / 17 / -	15 / 16 / 1	12 / 17 / 4	13 / 17 / 3	14 / 17 / 2					
19 Yuki Takahashi (72)	W - PD -	9	15 / 17 / 1	- / 13 / -	12 / 13 / 4	13 / 15 / 3	AC - / 10 / -	AC - / 16 / -	15 / 18 / 1	DNS - / - / -	DNS - / - / -	DNS - / - / -	DNS - / - / -	DNS - / - / -					
20 Aleix Espargaro (44)	W - PD -	3	DNS - / - / -	DNS - / - / -	DNS - / - / -	DNS - / - / -	DNS - / - / -	DNS - / - / -	DNS - / - / -	DNS - / - / -	DNS - / - / -	DNS - / - / -	DNS - / - / -	13 / 16 / 3					
21 Michel Fabrizio (84)	W - PD -	0	DNS - / - / -	DNS - / - / -	DNS - / - / -	DNS - / - / -	DNS - / - / -	DNS - / - / -	DNS - / - / -	DNS - / - / -	DNS - / - / -	DNS - / - / -	RT - / 16 / -	DNS - / - / -					

Home sweet home?

Misano is the home race of San Carlo Honda Gresini rider Alex de Angelis, but whilst he labels it as his most important race, it is far from his favourite. "Of course, it is a very special race for me being my home event" said the Sammarinese rider "and I have many sponsors and many fans.

"It is a slow circuit though, with only one corner to the finish that is really fast, and I prefer faster circuits like Sachsenring. It is a difficult track as there is a lot of heavy braking for slow corners and the bike moves a lot beneath you.

"I crashed on the first lap last year which was very bad in my most important race. Last year the crashes we had came from problems with my qualifying time I think. On qualifying tyres, my starting position would usually be 15th or something like that, and I give myself a lot to do in the race and sometimes I try too hard in the opening laps.

"I think now though that without qualifying tyres this season this has helped me. The other riders compared to me are maybe faster in the first lap when they start on new tyres, so now

that we qualify on Bridgestone's race tyres you can take more laps to get up to speed and the tyre is still there to do the times.

Qualifying on Bridgestone's race tyre this season has helped me I think. The situation is much better for me

"It is not difficult knowing I only have six races left with the team as they are all working hard for me. In the past races I have finished fifth, fourth and eighth position and my mind must be 100 percent so that I can carry on with results like this as I do all I can to help me get a ride next year."

2002-2009 Bridgestone MotoGP cumulative statistics

- 130 Grands Prix
- 2 World Championships
- 47 Victories
- 44 Pole Positions
- 128 Podiums (in 68 GPs)
- 126 Front Row Starts (in 74 GPs)
- 6622 Championship Points

FACT

Misano is another circuit at which the lap record was set on Bridgestone tyres. Valentino Rossi set the best lap of 1m 34.904s en-route to victory last year.

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During the Indianapolis GP, Lorenzo, de Angelis and Hayden marked the 125th premier class front row start for Bridgestone tyres

Team news

Espargaro impressed by GP9

MotoGP debutant Aleix Espargaro was full of excitement at being given his first chance aboard a satellite Ducati GP9 at Indianapolis with Pramac Racing. The Spanish 250cc rider said about his first time on track: "The night before I think I woke up about one hundred times, I was so excited! It has been a fantastic experience. These bikes have impressive acceleration but I found my self at ease since the first laps."

New tyre regulations

There was an amendment to the tyre regulations issued during the Indianapolis Grand Prix to address rider changes and front slick tyre allocations. It states that in the event of a rider changing teams, he must retain his originally chosen split of front tyre compounds (whether four of each or five of one and three of the other). Any new rider entering the championship will be allocated four of each tyre for his first race.

De Puniet's ankle improving

Having broken his ankle during a motocross training accident before the Czech Republic Grand Prix, Randy de Puniet feels his ankle is improving, though still not fully recovered. The LCR Honda is being cautious not to take any unnecessary risks to avoid further damage. "I can feel that the ankle is improving but we are being careful to avoid silly crashes and further damages" said the Frenchman.

Last year's race : Misano 2008

2008 FASTEST LAP Valentino Rossi, Yamaha
Lap 6 - Average speed: 160.305km/h - Time: 1m 34.904s

2008 Qualifying times

Pos	Rider	Team	Time	Km/h	Gap
1	Casey Stoner	Ducati Team	1m33.378s	271.629	
2	Valentino Rossi	Fiat Yamaha Team	1m33.888s	267.194	+0.510s
3	Jorge Lorenzo	Fiat Yamaha Team	1m33.964s	269.730	+0.586s
4	Randy De Puniet	LCR Honda MotoGP	1m34.236s	263.865	+0.858s
5	Toni Elias	Alice Team	1m34.322s	274.739	+0.944s
6	Dani Pedrosa	Repsol Honda Team	1m34.398s	273.833	+1.020s
7	Chris Vermeulen	Rizla Suzuki MotoGP	1m34.461s	263.414	+1.083s
8	Shinya Nakano	San Carlo Honda Gresini	1m34.494s	267.857	+1.116s
9	James Toseland	Tech 3 Yamaha	1m34.652s	266.009	+1.274s
10	Colin Edwards	Tech 3 Yamaha	1m34.795s	268.189	+1.417s
11	Loris Capirossi	Rizla Suzuki MotoGP	1m34.926s	266.600	+1.548s
12	Sylvain Guintoli	Alice Team	1m34.961s	273.833	+1.583s
13	Alex De Angelis	San Carlo Honda Gresini	1m35.153s	264.705	+1.775s
14	Andrea Dovizioso	JiR Team Scot MotoGP	1m35.381s	262.518	+2.003s
15	Marco Melandri	Ducati Team	1m35.418s	269.461	+2.040s
16	Nicky Hayden	Repsol Honda Team	1m35.584s	270.000	+2.206s
17	John Hopkins	Kawasaki Racing Team	1m35.980s	264.187	+2.602s
18	Anthony West	Kawasaki Racing Team	1m37.047s	265.095	+3.669s

2008 Race results

Source : www.motogp.com

Pos	Rider	Team	Time	Km/h	Gap
1	Valentino Rossi	Fiat Yamaha Team	44m41.884s	158.836	
2	Jorge Lorenzo	Fiat Yamaha Team	44m45.047s	158.649	+3.163s
3	Toni Elias	Alice Team	44m53.589s	158.146	+11.705s
4	Dani Pedrosa	Repsol Honda Team	44m59.354s	157.808	+17.470s
5	Chris Vermeulen	Rizla Suzuki MotoGP	45m05.293s	157.461	+23.409s
6	James Toseland	Tech 3 Yamaha	45m08.092s	157.299	+26.208s
7	Loris Capirossi	Rizla Suzuki MotoGP	45m08.708s	157.263	+26.824s
8	Andrea Dovizioso	JiR Team Scot MotoGP	45m09.475s	157.218	+27.591s
9	Marco Melandri	Ducati Team	45m15.053s	156.895	+33.169s
10	Colin Edwards	Tech 3 Yamaha	45m18.413s	156.702	+36.529s
11	Sylvain Guintoli	Alice Team	45m23.965s	156.382	+42.081s
12	Shinya Nakano	San Carlo Honda Gresini	45m25.692s	156.283	+43.808s
13	Anthony West	Kawasaki Racing Team	45m36.758s	155.651	+54.874s
14	John Hopkins	Kawasaki Racing Team	45m37.038s	155.635	+55.154s
NC	Casey Stoner	Ducati Team	11m11.968s		21 Lap
NC	Alex De Angelis	San Carlo Honda Gresini	1m46.395 s		27 Lap
NC	Randy De Puniet	LCR Honda MotoGP			DNF Lap 1
NC	Nicky Hayden	Repsol Honda Team			Did not start

Bridgestone Motorsport Round-Up

F1 Ferrari's Kimi Raikkonen took victory at the Belgian Grand Prix, held at the Spa circuit. The Finn took victory from Force One India's Giancarlo Fisichella in the team's best finish. Sebastien Vettel was third whilst Jenson Button didn't finish. Button leads the championship by 16 points with five races to go.

GP2 ORT's Alvaro Parente won the first race at Spa ahead of ART's Nico Hulkenberg and Lucas di Grassi of the Racing Engineering team. In race two it was Giedo van der Garde ahead of Roldan Rodriquez and Diego Nunes. Hulkenberg leads the championship on 83 points ahead of Vitaly Petrov on 56 and di Grassi on 46.

INDYCAR Penske's Ryan Briscoe won in a photo finish at the Chicagoland Speedway, Illinois on 29 August crossing the line just 0.0077seconds ahead of Scott Dixon. After 15 rounds of 17 Briscoe now leads the championship by 25 points from Dario Franchitti and Dixon trails by 33 points.

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