ASSEN HOLLAND 25/06/2011



BRIDGESTONE

THE CATHEDRAL CALLING

Known as The Cathedral of motorcycling for its history and heritage, the Assen circuit has appeared in various guises over the years, including as the historic TT road course. Last year it underwent another change in the form of the re-profiling and smoothing of the Ruskenhoek kink. Allowing riders to carry more speed through the fast right-handed kink, the change made the circuit 13 metres shorter and the laptimes two seconds faster.

The result of all these changes though is that Assen's track surface is inconsistent and the mix of newer and older asphalt offers differing levels of grip and abrasion, where the new sections of tarmac are slippery and the older parts abrasive. This makes it hard for riders to get a consistent feeling throughout a lap, and very tricky in the wet.

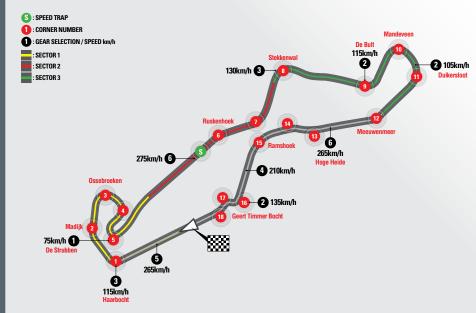
Generally, Assen is not so demanding for front tyres so the soft and medium compounds can be used to generate more grip and more positive feeling for the riders on the slippery tarmac. Loads are high on the right shoulders of the rear tyres though because of the circuit's fast and flowing nature and specifically the long and fast succession of corners from turn ten to thirteen when the right shoulders of the rear tyres have very little respite.



The asymmetric medium and hard compound rear slicks will again be used at Assen, meaning Bridgestone's tyre allocation is unchanged from this race last year.

EVENT SCHEDULE LOCAL TIME

THURSDAY	
09:15-09:55	125cc Free Practice 1
10:10-10:55	MotoGP Free Practice 1
11:10-11:55	Moto2 Free Practice 1
13:15-13:55	125cc Free Practice 2
14:10-14:55	MotoGP Free Practice 2
15:10-15:55	Moto2 Free Practice 2
FRIDAY	
09:15-09:55	125cc Free Practice 3
10:10-10:55	MotoGP Free Practice 3
11:10-11:55	Moto2 Free Practice 3
13:00-13:40	125cc Qualifying Practice
13:55-14:55	MotoGP Qualifying Practice
15:10-15:55	Moto2 Qualifying Practice
SATURDAY	
08:40-09:00	Moto2 Warm Up
09:10-09:30	MotoGP Warm Up
09:40-10:00	125cc Warm Up
12:00	125cc Race (22 Laps)
13:15	Moto2 Race (24 Laps)
15:00	MotoGP Race (26 Laps)
MILD -	TYRE SEVERITY RATING SEVERE



CIRCUIT RECORL)S	CIRCUIT INFORMATION						
Pole position	1m 34.515s (173.001km/h)	First race	1949					
	Jorge Lorenzo (Yamaha, 2010)	No. of GPs held	62					
Fastest lap	1m 34.525s (172.982km/h)	Laps	26 (MotoGP) 24 (Moto2) 22 (125cc)					
	Dani Pedrosa (Honda, 2010)	Track length	4.542km / 2.822 miles (Width 10-14m)					
Race time	41m 18.629s (171.518km/h)	Race distance	118.092km / 73.378 miles (MotoGP)					
	Jorge Lorenzo (Yamaha, 2010)	Longest straight	0.487km / 0.303 miles					
2010 Winner	Jorge Lorenzo (Yamaha)	Corners	18 (6 left, 12 right)					

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



Assen is a smooth circuit that requires asymmetric tyres because of the high loads placed on the right shoulders of the rear tyres. Following its modification in 2006 there are two distinct types of tarmac; the new part is slippery whilst the old is abrasive, making it particularly tricky in the wet. The circuit was also changed slightly for last year's race when the Ruskenhoek corner was smoothed out to reduce the total lap length by 13 metres. The

REAR : MEDIUM / HARD

tyres have to cope with a wide range of corners from very slow to high speed and shoulder grip is crucial. The first few corners are linked as one and gradually tighten, requiring good right shoulder durability, and corners such as the 200km/h+ Ramshoek demand absolute commitment and generate relatively high tyre temperature.



FRONT : MEDIUM / HARD

YAMAHA FACTORY RACING

MACHINE: Yamaha YZR-M1 WEB: www.yamaha-racing.com



Jorge Lorenzo Bike number 1

Age: 24 DOB: 4/5/1987 Nationality: Spanish GP Debut: QATO8 (MotoGP) GP Starts: 58 (MotoGP) Wins: 15 Poles: 17 Fastest laps: 9 Podiums: 38 Points: 932 Best championship position: 1st (2010)

Ben Spies Bike number 11

Age: 27 DOB: 11/7/1984 Nationality: American GP Debut: GBR08 (MotoGP) GP Starts: 27 (MotoGP) Wins: 0 Poles: 1 Fastest laps: 0 Podiums: 3 Points: 241 Best championship position: 6th (2010)

DUCATI TEAM

MACHINE: Ducati Desmosedici GP11 WEB: www.ducati.com



Valentino Rossi Bike number 46

Age: 32 DOB: 16/2/1979 Nationality: Italian GP Debut: RSA00 (500cc) GP Starts: 187 (MotoGP/500cc) Wins: 79 Poles: 49 Fastest laps: 66 Podiums: 140 Points: 3385 Best championship position: 1st (x7, 2009*)

Nicky Hayden Bike number 69

Age: 29 DOB: 30/7/1981 Nationality: American GP Debut: JPN03 (MotoGP) GP Starts: 140 (MotoGP) Wins: 3 Poles: 5 Fastest laps: 7 Podiums: 28 Points: 1314 Best championship position: 1st (2006)

SAN CARLO HONDA GRESINI

MACHINE: Honda RC212V WEB: www.gresiniracing.com



Marco Simoncelli Bike number 58

Age: 24 DOB: 20/1/1987 Nationality: Italian GP Debut: 0AT10 (MotoGP) GP Starts: 24 (MotoGP) Wins: 0 Poles: 1 Fastest laps: 0 Podiums: 0 Points: 157 Best championship position: 8th (2010)

Hiroshi Aoyama Bike number 7

Age: 29 DOB: 25/10/1981 Nationality: Japanese GP Debut: QAT10 (MotoGP) GP Starts: 18 (MotoGP) Wins: 0 Poles: 0 Fastest laps: 0 Podiums: 0 Points: 96 Best championship position: 15th (2010)

LCR HONDA MOTOGP

MACHINE: Honda RC212V WEB: www.lcr.mc



Toni Elias Bike number 24

Age: 28 DOB: 26/03/1983 Nationality: Spanish GP Debut: SPA05 (MotoGP) GP Starts: 85 (MotoGP) Wins: 1 Poles: 0 Fastest laps: 3 Podiums: 6 Points: 529 Best championship position: 7th (2009)

TOP RESULTS ON BRIDGESTONE TYRES

RIDER	TITLES	WINS	2NDs	3RDs	PODIUMS	POLES
Valentino Rossi	2	17	12	11	40	10
Casey Stoner	1	27	8	12	47	25
Jorge Lorenzo	1	14	13	5	32	13
Dani Pedrosa	-	7	11	8	26	7
Loris Capirossi	-	6	7	4	17	5
Makoto Tamada	-	2	1	1	4	3
Chris Vermeulen	-	1	3	3	7	3
Andrea Dovizioso	-	1	5	4	10	1
Troy Bayliss	-	1	-	-	1	-
Marco Melandri	-	-	3	1	4	-
Toni Elias	-	-	2	3	5	-
John Hopkins	-	-	1	3	4	1
Ben Spies	-	-	1	2	3	1
Shinya Nakano	-	-	1	1	2	-
Randy de Puniet	-	-	1	1	2	-
Kenny Roberts Jr	-	-	1	-	1	1
Alex de Angelis	-	-	1	-	1	-
Colin Edwards	-	-	1	1	2	-
Oliver Jacque	-	-	1	-	1	-
Nicky Hayden	-	-	-	3	3	-
Carlos Checa	-	-	-	2	2	-
Alex Barros	-	-	-	1	1	-
Marco Simoncelli	-	-	-	-	-	1
Jeremy McWilliams	-	-	-	-	0	1
Sete Gibernau	-	-	-	-	0	1
TOTAL	4	76	73	66	215	73

REPSOL HONDA TEAM

MACHINE: Honda RC212V WEB: www.hondaproracing.com



Dani Pedrosa Bike number 26

Age: 25 DOB: 29/9/1985 Nationality: Spanish GP Debut: SPA06 (MotoGP) GP Starts: 88 (MotoGP) Wins: 13 Poles: 17 Fastest laps: 24 Podiums: 50 Points: 1246 Best championship position: 2nd (2010*)



Andrea Dovizioso Bike number 4

Age: 25 DOB: 23/3/1986 Nationality: Italian GP Debut: QAT08 (MotoGP) GP Starts: 59 (MotoGP) Wins: 1 Poles: 1 Fastest laps: 1 Podiums: 11 Points: 619 Best championship position: 5th (2010*)

Casey Stoner Bike number 27

Age: 25 DOB: 16/10/1985 Nationality: Australian GP Debut: SPA06 (MotoGP) GP Starts: 89 (MotoGP) Wins: 27 Poles: 26 Fastest laps: 22 Podiums: 48 Points: 1327 Best championship position: 1st (2007)

MONSTER YAMAHA TECH 3

MACHINE: Yamaha YZR-M1 WEB: www.teamtech3.fr



RIZLA SUZUKI MOTOGP

Colin Edwards Bike number 5

Age: 37 DOB: 27/2/1974 Nationality: American GP Debut: JPN03 (MotoGP) GP Starts: 142 (MotoGP) Wins: 0 Poles: 3 Fastest laps: 3 Podiums: 12 Points: 1091 Best championship position: 4th (2005)

Cal Crutchlow Bike number 35

Age: 25 DOB: 29/10/1985 Nationality: British GP Debut: QAT11 (MotoGP) GP Starts: 5 (MotoGP) Wins: 0 Poles:0 Fastest laps: 0 Podiums: 0 Points: 30 Best championship position: NA

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MACHINE: Suzuki GSV-R WEB: www.rizla-suzuki-motogp.co.uk



Álvaro Bautista Bike number 19

Age: 26 DOB: 21/11/1984 Nationality: Spanish GP Debut: QAT10 (MotoGP) GP Starts: 21 (MotoGP) Wins: 0 Poles: 0 Fastest laps: 0 Podiums: 0 Points: 107 Best championship position: 13th (2010)

PRAMAC RACING TEAM

MACHINE: Ducati Desmosedici GP11
WEB: www.pramacracing.com



Loris Capirossi Bike number 65

Age: 38 DOB: 4/4/1973 Nationality: Italian GP Debut: AUS95 (500cc) GP Starts: 210 (MotoGP/500cc) Wins: 9 Poles: 13 Fastest laps: 10 Podiums: 42 Points: 1819 Best championship position: 3rd (2006*)

Randy de Puniet Bike number 14

Age: 30 DOB: 14/2/1981 Nationality: French GP Debut: SPA06 (MotoGP) GP Starts: 93 (MotoGP) Wins: 0 Poles: 0 Fastest laps: 0 Podiums: 2 Points: 438 Best championship position: 9th (2010)

MAPFRE ASPAR TEAM

MACHINE: Ducati Desmosedici GP11 WEB: www.teamaspar.net



Héctor Barberá Bike number 8

Age: 24 DOB: 2/11/1986 Nationality: Spanish GP Debut: QAT10 (MotoGP) GP Starts: 24 (MotoGP) Wins: 0 Poles: 0 Fastest laps: 0 Podiums: 0 Points: 124 Best championship position: 12th (2010)

CARDION AB MOTORACING

MACHINE: Ducati Desmosedici GP11
WEB: www.karelabraham.com





Karel Abraham Bike number 17

Age: 21 DOB: 02/01/1990 Nationality: Czech GP Debut: 0AT11 (MotoGP) GP Starts: 6 (MotoGP) Wins: 0 Poles: 0 Fastest laps: 0 Podiums: 0 Points: 33 Best championship position: NA

BRIDGESTONE FACT

Of the 76 victories scored in the premier class on Bridgestone tyres since the manufacturer's debut in 2002, an impressive 27 have been at the hands of Casey Stoner since 2007.





AVAILABLE TYRE COMPOUNDS:	SoftMediumHardExtra HardWet	Losail OAT 20/03/11	SPA 03/04/11	POR (0) 01/05/11	FRA 15/05/11	CAT CAT 05/06/11	GE	BR HO	DL ITA	GER 17/07/11	Laguna Seca USA 24/07/11	CZE 14/08/11	IND IND 28/08/11	Misano RSM 04/09/11	Motorland Aragon ARA 18/09/11	JPN 02/10/11	Phillip Island AUS ** 16/10/11	Sepang MAL 23/10/11	Valencia VAL 06/11/1
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RACE TRACK COND	TIONS	DRY	WET	DRY	DRY	DRY	W	ET											
POSITION - RIDER	TOTAL WINS PTS	01	02	03	04	05	0	6 0	7 08	09	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
Casey Stoner (27)	W 4 PD 5 116	F 1 1 RO 25	AC - 1 FO - F RO F	3 4 6 16	1 1 Ro 25		2 5 Ro	1 1 25											
? Jorge Lorenzo (1)	W 1 PD 4 98	F 2 3 RO 20	FO 1 3 RO 25	2 1 20	4 5 RO 13	F	3 AC F O R O	- 3											
Andrea Dovizioso (4	W - 83	F• 4 7 Ro 13	12 6 Ro 4	4 6 0 13	2 3 Ro 20	F0 4 R0 1	5 3 FO	2 5 20											
Valentino Rossi (46)	W - PD 1 68	F 7 9 Ro 9	512 Ro 11	5 9 0 11	3 9 RO 16		7 1 FO 1 RO	613 10											
Dani Pedrosa (26)	W 1 PD 3 61	F• 3 2 RO 16	2 2	1 2	AC - 4	DNS -	- DNS												
Nicky Hayden (69)	W - PD 1 60	913 Ro 7	311	040	740		8 8 RO	4 7 13											
7 Hiroshi Aoyama (7)	W - 43	1012 FO 6	410	711	813		1 FO RO	9 <mark>11</mark> 7											
Colin Edwards (5)	W - PD 1 37	F 810 RO 8	AC - 8 FO - F	67		DNS _	Fo RO	3 <mark>8</mark> 16											
Ben Spies (11)	W - PD 1 36	F 6 5 RO 10	AC _ 4 /	AC - 5	6.8		4 AC F O R O	- 4											
10 Karel Abraham (17	W - 33	1315 Ro 3	716	AC -12	1016		5 6 Ro	7 6											
11 Marco Simoncelli (5	8) W - 32	5 4 RO 11	AC - 5 / FO - F	AC - 2	5 2		1 AC F O R O	- 2											
12 Hector Barbera (8)	W - 31	12 6 Ro 4	613	AC -10	914		0 5 Ro	11 12 5											
3 Cal Crutchlow (35)	W - 30	11 8 RO 5	8 9	88	AC - 6	_{E0} 7	6 DNS 9	-16											
14 Toni Elias (24)	W - 28	AC -16 F •	917	ຸ 11 17	11 17 RO 5	FO 131	4 3 FO	814 8											
15 Álvaro Bautista (19	W - 22	DNS -17	DNS	_o 1315	. 1212		9 4 FO RO	5 <mark>9</mark> 11											
16 Loris Capirossi (65)	W - PD - 22	RT -14 F ● RO	11 15	<u>_ 1214</u>	AC -15	0.4		1015 6											
7 Randy De Puniet (1	- PD -	AC -11 F ● RO	AC - 7 FO - F	1016	AC -11	AC -1	•	1210 4											
18 John Hopkins (21)	W - PD - 6	- <u>-</u> 	1014	- -		-	_ DNS	- <u>-</u>											

CONSTRUCTORS' CHAMPIONSHIP

1. Honda - 145 2. Yamaha - 114 3. Ducati - 76 4. Suzuki - 28

TEAMS' CHAMPIONSHIP

1. Repsol Honda Team - 171

2. Yamaha Factory Racing - 1344. San Carlo Honda Gresini - 757. Pramac Racing - 323. Ducati Team - 1285. Monster Yamaha Tech 3 - 678. Mapfre Aspar Team

5. Monster Yamaha Tech 3 - 67
6. Cardion AB Motoracing - 33

7. Pramac Racing - 32

8. Mapfre Aspar Team - 31

9. Rizla Suzuki MotoGP - 28

10. LCR Honda MotoGP - 28

RESULTS ON BRIDGESTONE TYRES BY SEASON

YEAR	TEAM AND RIDERS	RACES	CHAMPIONSHIP	TEAMS	WINS	POLES	PODIUMS
2002	2 Teams - 3 Riders	16	12th (Aoki)	7th (Proton)	0 (best 5th)	1	0
2003	2 Teams - 3 Riders	16	11th (Tamada)	9th (Pramac)	0 (best 3rd)	0	1
2004	3 Teams - 5 Riders	16	6th (Tamada)	3rd (Camel)	2	4	4
2005	3 Teams - 7 Riders	17	6th (Capirossi)	4th (Ducati)	2	3	8
2006	3 Teams - 8 Riders	17	3rd (Capirossi)	3rd (Ducati)	4	6	11
2007	5 Teams - 12 Riders	18	1st (Stoner)	1st (Ducati)	12	6	33
2008	7 Teams - 13 Riders	18	1st (Rossi)	1st (Yamaha)	15	12	35
2009	12 Teams - 22 Riders	17	1st (Rossi)	1st (Yamaha)	17	17	51
2010	10 Teams - 22 Riders	18	1st (Lorenzo)	1st (Yamaha)	18	18	54
2011	10 Teams - 18 Riders	6	-	-	6 (x4 Stoner) (x1 Lorenzo) (x1 Pedrosa)	6	18
TOTAL		159	4	4	76	73	215



BRIDGESTONE KEEPS ON WINNING OFF-TRACK

Bridgestone's latest hypersport motorcycle road tyre, the Battlax BT-016 PRO, has taken its third win in a row in independent tests, establishing it as the class-leading tyre.

The BT-016 PRO benefits from more of Bridgestone's MotoGP technology than ever before in areas such as 3LC compound technology for better grip, HTSPC and MS-Belt for improved bump absorption and high-speed stability, and RC Polymer and Silica Rich Ex for superb wet-weather performance, and it's proving a winning combination.

After being declared champion in the wet

and joint overall test winner by Motorrad and PS magazines, MO magazine was the latest to sing BT-016 PRO's praises, saying: "The Bridgestone does not fail to impress ...it quickly warms up and becomes flexible, guaranteeing outstanding handling.

"When it comes to steering effort, the tyre feels as if it's on a knife edge and always ready to change direction in an instant. In the blink of an eye you can drop into a comfortable and reassuring lean. The tyre weaves its way through winding roads effortlessly."

"They have doubled the lifespan of the

front tyre, just as the people from Bridgestone predicted. At the back, the lifespan has also been improved. This is a tyre for those with an obsession for precision and it copes splendidly with anything the open road can throw up."



BRIDGESTONE FACT

The Dutch TT is steeped in history – this year's running is the 81st Assen TT weekend, and marks the 62nd time the race had appeared on the Grand Prix calendar having been included every year since 1949.



LAST YEAR'S RACE

FASTEST RACE LAP

Dani Pedrosa, Honda - Lap 4 - Time: 1m 34.525s - Average speed: 172.982 km/h

20	10 QUALIFYING TIMES					2010	RACE RESULTS				
	RIDER	TEAM	TOP KM/H	TIME	GAP		RIDER	TEAM	TIME	AV. KM/H	GAP
1	Jorge Lorenzo	Fiat Yamaha Team	303.6	1m34.515s		1	Jorge Lorenzo	Fiat Yamaha Team	41m18.629s	171.518	
2	Randy De Puniet	LCR Honda MotoGP	303.7	1m34.797s	+0.282s	2	Dani Pedrosa	Repsol Honda Team	41m21.564s	171.315	+2.935s
3	Casey Stoner	Ducati Team	308.5	1m34.803s	+0.288s	3	Casey Stoner	Ducati Team	41m25.651s	171.034	+7.022s
4	Ben Spies	Monster Yamaha Tech 3	300.8	1m34.926s	+0.411s	4	Ben Spies	Monster Yamaha Tech 3	41m31.894s	170.605	+13.265s
5	Nicky Hayden	Ducati Team	312.0	1m34.999s	+0.484s	5	Andrea Dovizioso	Repsol Honda Team	41m33.952s	170.464	+15.323s
6	Andrea Dovizioso	Repsol Honda Team	288.8	1m35.015s	+0.500s	6	Randy De Puniet	LCR Honda MotoGP	41m34.401s	170.434	+15.772s
7	Dani Pedrosa	Repsol Honda Team	289.8	1m35.162s	+0.647s	7	Nicky Hayden	Ducati Team	41m44.496s	169.747	+25.867s
8	Marco Simoncelli	San Carlo Honda Gresini	285.9	1m35.283s	+0.768s	8	Colin Edwards	Monster Yamaha Tech 3	41m47.620s	169.535	+28.991s
9	Colin Edwards	Monster Yamaha Tech 3	296.6	1m35.393s	+0.878s	9	Marco Simoncelli	San Carlo Honda Gresini	41m54.287s	169.086	+35.658s
1	Aleix Espargaro	Pramac Racing Team	305.5	1m35.593s	+1.078s	10	Aleix Espargaro	Pramac Racing Team	41m54.466s	169.074	+35.837s
1	Loris Capirossi	Rizla Suzuki MotoGP	295.7	1m35.664s	+1.149s	11	Mika Kallio	Pramac Racing Team	42m15.398s	167.678	+56.769s
1.	Alvaro Bautista	Rizla Suzuki MotoGP	285.6	1m36.344s	+1.829s	12	Hector Barbera	Paginas Amarillas Aspar	42m15.519s	167.670	+56.890s
1.	Mika Kallio	Pramac Racing Team	303.7	1m36.502s	+1.987s	13	Loris Capirossi	Rizla Suzuki MotoGP	42m19.244s	167.424	+60.615s
1	Hector Barbera	Paginas Amarillas Aspar	295.2	1m36.569s	+2.054s	14	Álvaro Bautista	Rizla Suzuki MotoGP	42m26.703s	166.933	+68.074s
1:	Kousuke Akiyoshi	Interwetten Honda MotoGP	294.8	1m38.198s	+3.683s	15	Kousuke Akiyoshi	Interwetten Honda MotoGP	41m42.019s	163.380	+1 lap
1	Marco Melandri	San Carlo Honda Gresini									

BRIDGESTONE MOTORSPORT ROUND-UP

IndyCar There were two different winners at the Firestone Twin 275s at the Texas Motor Speedway on 11 June: Dario Franchitti took the honours in the first race and Will Power won the second. After six rounds, Power leads the championship standings from current champion Franchitti with Scott Dixon in third. The next round is at the Milwaukee Mile on 19 June, after this stat sheet went to print.



