NETHERLANDS ASSEN



REVISED REAR SLICKS FOR ASSEN

Round seven of the 2012 MotoGP™ World Championship, the Dutch TT takes place at the historic Assen circuit which despite having one of the shortest straights, has the second fastest average speed of any circuit in the series.

Grip levels throughout the circuit are inconsistent following a partial resurface of the track in 2006 and unsettled weather is often a factor at Assen, so Bridgestone will provide tyres with generally softer rubber compounds to ensure maximum rider safety.

Assen is not particularly demanding for front tyres so the soft and medium compounds are offered to provide better grip and warm-up performance. The rear tyres are put under comparatively more stress and in particular, the sequence of right-handers from Mandeveen to Hoge Heide place a lot of load on the right shoulder of the rear tyre making asymmetric rear slicks essential.

To ensure superior rider safety in cool conditions, the compound selection for the asymmetric rear slicks at Assen has been

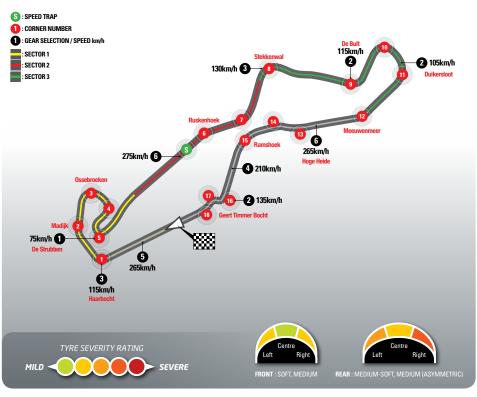
revised for this year with the Medium-Soft and Medium compound options being offered. These slicks feature either the extra-soft or soft rubber on the left shoulder of the tyre to keep the tyre in its optimal temperature range and provide good edge grip from the first lap.

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CIRCUIT INFORMATION

CIRCUIT	DETAILS		CIRCUIT RECORDS			
First race		1949	Pole position	1m 34.515s (173.001km/h)		
No. of GP	s held	63		Jorge Lorenzo (Yamaha, 2010)		
Laps		26 (MotoGP) 24 (Moto2) 22 (Moto3)	Fastest lap	1m 34.525s (172.982km/h)		
Track len	gth	4.542km / 2.822 miles (Width 10-14m)		Dani Pedrosa (Honda, 2010)		
Race dist	ance	118.092km / 73.378 miles (MotoGP)	Race time	41m 18.629s (171.518km/h)		
Longest s	traight	0.487km / 0.303 miles		Jorge Lorenzo (Yamaha, 2010)		
Corners		18 (6 left, 12 right)	2011 Winner	Ben Spies (Yamaha)		





EVENT SCHEDULE LOCAL TIME							
THURSDAY							
09:15-09:55	Moto3 Free Practice 1						
10:10-10:55	MotoGP Free Practice 1						
11:10-11:55	Moto2 Free Practice 1						
13:15-13:55	Moto3 Free Practice 2						
14:10-14:55	MotoGP Free Practice 2						
15:10-15:55	Moto2 Free Practice 2						
FRIDAY							
09:15-09:55	Moto3 Free Practice 3						
10:10-10:55	MotoGP Free Practice 3						
11:10-11:55	Moto2 Free Practice 3						
13:00-13:40	Moto3 Qualifying Practice						
13:55-14:55	MotoGP Qualifying Practice						
15:10-15:55	Moto2 Qualifying Practice						
SATURDAY							
08:40-09:00	Moto3 Warm Up						
09:10-09:30	Moto2 Warm Up						
09:40-10:00	MotoGP Warm Up						
11:00	Moto3 Race (22 laps)						
12:20	Moto2 Race (24 laps)						
14:00	MotoGP Race (26 laps)						

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

TYRE TALK SHINJI AOKI, MANAGER, BRIDGESTONE MOTORSPORT TYRE DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT

Assen is one of the faster circuits on the calendar and requires asymmetric rear tyres because of the high loads placed on the right shoulder of the rear tyre in the fast right-hand corners. Following some alterations made to the circuit in 2006 there are two distinct types of tarmac: the new part is slippery whilst the old is abrasive, which creates variable grip levels and makes it particularly tricky for riders in the wet.

In a similar development to Silverstone, to address the generally cool temperatures encountered at Assen we have changed the selection of asymmetric rear tyres for this weekend to the Medium-Soft and Medium compounds. As the tyres at this circuit have to cope with a wide range of corners from very slow to high speed, shoulder grip is crucial hence us selecting rubber compounds that are relatively softer than we provide at other circuits.



TEAMS AND RIDERS

Teams and riders order based on 2011 team championship position *Most recent performance listed.

REPSOL HONDA TEAM

MACHINE Honda RC213V WFR www.hondanroracina.com



Casev Stoner Bike number 1

Age: 26 DOB: 16/10/1985 Nationality: Australian GP Debut: SPA06 (MotoGP) GP Starts: 106 (MotoGP) Wins: 35 Poles: 36 Fastest laps: 28 Podiums: 64 Points: 1676 Best championship position: 1st (x2, 2011*)



Dani Pedrosa Bike number 26

Age: 26 DOB: 29/9/1985 Nationality: Spanish GP Debut: SPA06 (MotoGP) GP Starts: 104 (MotoGP) Wins: 15 Poles: 20 Fastest laps: 26 Podiums: 61 Points: 1505 Best championship position: 2nd (2010*)

DUCATI TEAM

MACHINE Ducati Desmosedici GP12 WEB www.ducati.com



Valentino Rossi Bike number 46

Age: 33 DOB: 16/2/1979 Nationality: Italian GP Debut: RSA00 (500cc) GP Starts: 204 (MotoGP/500cc) Wins: 79 Poles: 49 Fastest laps: 67 Podiums: 141 Points: 3514 Best championship position: 1st (x7, 2009*)



Nicky Hayden Bi 69

Age: 30 DOB: 30/7/1981 Nationality: American GP Debut: JPN03 (MotoGP) GP Starts: 157 (MotoGP) Wins: 3 Poles: 5 Fastest laps: 7 Podiums: 28 Points: 1435 Best championship position: 1st (2006)

MONSTER YAMAHA TECH 3

MACHINE Yamaha YZR-M1 WEB www.teamtech3.fr



Cal Crutchlow Bike number 35

Age: 26 DOB: 29/10/1985 Nationality: British GP Debut: OAT11 (MotoGP) GP Starts: 22 (MotoGP) Wins: 0 Poles:0 Fastest laps: 1 Podiums: 0 Points: 136 Best championship position: 12th (2011)



Andrea Dovizioso Bike number 4

Age: 26 DOB: 23/3/1986 Nationality: Italian GP Debut: QAT08 (MotoGP) GP Starts: 76 (MotoGP) Wins: 1 Poles: 1 Fastest laps: 1 Podiums: 17 Points: 827 Best championship position: 3rd (2011)

NGM FORWARD RACING

MACHINE Suter-BMW



Colin Edwards Bike number 5

Age: 38 DOB: 27/2/1974 Nationality: American GP Debut: JPN03 (MotoGP) GP Starts: 156 (MotoGP) Wins: 0 Poles: 3 Fastest laps: 3 Podiums: 12 Points: 1167 Best championship position: 4th (2005)

CARDION AB MOTORACING

MACHINE Ducati Desmosodeci GP12 WEB www.karelabraham.com



Karel Abraham Bike number 17

Age: 22 DOB: 02/01/1990 Nationality: Czech GP Debut: QAT11 (MotoGP) GP Starts: 21 (MotoGP) Wins: 0 Poles: 0 Fastest laps: 0 Podiums: 0 Points: 68 Best championship position: 14th (2011)



MACHINES Honda RC213V WFR www.lcr.m.



Stefan Bradl Bike number 6

Age: 22 DOB: 29/11/1989 Nationality: German GP Debut: QAT12 (MotoGP) GP Starts: 6 (MotoGP) Wins: 0 Poles: 0 Fastest laps: 0 Podiums: 0 Points: 53 Best championship position: NA

PAUL BIRD MOTORSPORT

SPEED MASTER TEAM

MACHINE ART



James Ellison Bike <mark>number 77</mark>

Age: 32 DOB: 19/9/1980 Nationality: British GP Debut: CZE04 (MotoGP) GP Starts: 45 (MotoGP) Wins: 0 Poles: 0 Fastest laps: 0 Podiums: 0 Points: 43 Best championship position: 18th (2006)



Mattia Pasini <mark>Bike number 54</mark>

MACHINE ART WEB www.sneed



Age: 26 DOB: 13/8/1985 Nationality: Italian GP Debut: QAT12 (MotoGP) GP Starts: 6 (MotoGP) Wins: 0 Poles: 0 Fastest laps: 0 Podiums: 0 Points: 6 Best championship position: NA

CAME IODA RACING PROJECT

MACHINE Ioda-Aprilia



Danilo Petrucci Bike number 9

Age: 21 DOB: 24/10/1990 Nationality: Italian GP Debut: QAT12 (MotoGP) GP Starts: 6 (MotoGP) Wins: 0 Poles: 0 Fastest laps: 0 Podiums: 0 Points: 4 Best championship position: NA

YAMAHA FACTORY RACING

WEB www.yamaha-racing.com



Jorge Lorenzo Bike number 99

: 25 DOB: 4/5/1987 Nationality: Spanish GP Debut: QAT08 (MotoGP) GP Starts: 73 (MotoGP) Wins: 21 Poles: 20 Fastest laps: 14 Podiums: 50 Points: 1234 Best championship position: 1st (2010)



Age: 27 DOB: 11/7/1984 Nationality: American GP Debut: GBR08 (MotoGP) GP Starts: 43 (MotoGP) Wins: 1 Poles: 1 Fastest laps: 1 Podiums: 6 Points: 416 Best championship position: 5th (2011)

SAN CARLO HONDA GRESINI

MACHINES Honda RC213V - FTR MGP12 WEB www.aresiniracina.com



Alvaro Bautista Bike number 19

Age: 27 DOB: 21/11/1984 Nationality: Spanish GP Debut: QAT10 (MotoGP) GP Starts: 38 (MotoGP) Wins: 0 Poles: 1 Fastest laps: 0 Podiums: 0 Points: 210 Best championship position: 13th (2011*)



Michele Pirro Bike number 51

Age: 25 DOB: 5/7/1986 Nationality: Italian GP Debut: QAT12 (MotoGP) GP Starts: 6 (MotoGP) Wins: 0 Poles: 0 Fastest laps: 0 Podiums: 0 Points: 9 Best championship position: NA

ASPAR TEAM MOTOGP

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Randy de Puniet <mark>Bike number</mark> 14

e: 31 DOB: 14/2/1981 Nationality: French GP Debut: SPA06 (MotoGP)



Best championship position: 9th (2010) Aleix Espargaro Bike

Age: 22 DOB: 30/7/1989 Nationality: Spanish GP Debut: INP09 (MotoGP) GP Starts: 28 (MotoGP) Wins: 0 Poles: 0 Fastest laps: 0 Podiums: 0 Points: 101 Best championship position: 14th (2010)

GP Starts: 109 (MotoGP) Wins: 0 Poles: 0 Fastest laps: 0 Podiums: 2 Points: 488

PRAMAC RACING TEAM

MACHINE Ducati Desmosodeci GP12 WEB www.pramacracing.com



Hector Barbera Bike number 8

Age: 25 DOB: 2/11/1986 Nationality: Spanish GP Debut: QAT10 (MotoGP) GP Starts: 40 (MotoGP) Wins: 0 Poles: 0 Fastest laps: 0 Podiums: 0 Points: 209 Best championship position: 11th (2011)

AVINTIA RACING MOTOGP

MACHINE FTR-Kawasaki WEB www.teamhar.com



Yonny Hernandez Bike

Age: 23 DOB: 25/7/1988 Nationality: Columbian GP Debut: QAT12 (MotoGP) GP Starts: 6 (MotoGP) Wins: 0 Poles: 0 Fastest laps: 0 Podiums: 0 Points: 4 Best championship position: NA



Ivan Silva I 22

Age: 30 DOB: 12/6/1982 Nationality: Spanish GP Debut: NED06 (MotoGP) GP Starts: 10 (MotoGP) Wins: 0 Poles: 0 Fastest laps: 0 Podiums: 0 Points: 1 Best championship position: NC (2007*)

TOP RESULTS ON BRIDGESTONE TYRES

RIDERS	TITLES	WINS	2NDs	3RDs	PODIUMS	POLES
Casey Stoner	2	35	10	18	63	35
Valentino Rossi	2	17	13	11	41	10
Jorge Lorenzo	1	20	18	6	44	16
Dani Pedrosa	-	9	16	12	37	10
Loris Capirossi	-	6	7	4	17	5
Makoto Tamada	-	2	1	1	4	3
Andrea Dovizioso	-	1	7	8	16	1
Chris Vermeulen	-	1	3	3	7	3
Ben Spies	-	1	2	3	6	1
Troy Bayliss	-	1	-	-	1	-
Marco Melandri	-	-	3	1	4	-
Toni Elias	-	-	2	3	5	-
John Hopkins	-	-	1	3	4	1
Marco Simoncelli	-	-	1	1	2	2
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	-
Oliver Jacque	-	-	1	-	1	-
Nicky Hayden	-	-	-	3	3	-
Carlos Checa	-	-	-	2	2	-
Alex Barros	-	-	-	1	1	-
Jeremy McWilliams	-	-	-	-	0	1
Sete Gibernau	-	-	-	-	0	1
Alvaro Bautista	-	-	-	-	-	1
TOTAL	5	93	90	83	266	91

BRIDGESTONE CALENDAR & RIDERS CHAMPIONSHIP Medium-Soft GER ITA MediumHard **AVAILABLE** Le Mans Jerez Estoril Catalunya Assen Sachsenring Mugello Brno Phillip Island Valencia TYRE COMPOUNDS **(**• 29/04/12 06/05/12 08/07/12 14/10/12 21/10/12 08/04/12 15/07/12 O Soft ● Medium ● Medium **ALLOCATED - FRONT TYRES** ● Medium ○ Soft ● Medium ○ Soft ● Medium ● Hard ● Medium ○ Hard ● Medium ○ Hard ALLOCATED - REAR TYRES WEATHER CONDITIONS TRACK TRACK CONDITIONS WET DRY POSITION - RIDER TOTAL WINS PTS 01 02 06 08 140 F. 1 1 F. 2 1 F. 24 F. 14 F. 25 1 Jorge Lorenzo (99) 2 Casey Stoner (1) 101 Fe 27 8 32 8 32 8 41 8 25 8 35 3 Dani Pedrosa (26) PD 5 4 4 FO 5 3 FO 8 5 FO 5 3 FO 621 11 RO 10 4 Cal Crutchlow (35) 5 6 5 7 4 7 7 3 3 6 19 8 11 8 13 8 9 8 16 8 7 5 Andrea Dovizioso (4) 60 PD 1 6 Valentino Rossi (46) **58** 7 Alvaro Bautista (19) 711 Re 9 RO 7 9 50 911 50 513 50 11 80 8 Stefan Bradl (6) 51 9 Nicky Hayden (69) 49 9 8 10 12 10 8 9 9 11 11 10 6 6 8 9 7 8 9 5 8 9 6 37 10 Hector Barbera (8) 11 4 5 6 8 5 8 6 16 6 6 6 6 11 11 Ben Spies (11) 12 Aleix Espargaro (41) 20 Fe 1314 -10 1314 AC -12 Fe 1513 Fe 1212 Fe 1 1513 Fe 4 13 Randy De Puniet (14) 11 -17 -15 1416 1414 1416 1314 14 Michele Pirro (51) -20 RT -19 11 16 16 17 14 17 7 15 James Ellison (77) 1718 FO 1416 AC 2 RO -21 FO 4 FO -16 -16 16 Mattia Pasini (54) 17 Karel Abraham (17) 1213 1621 DNS -18 - - RT -14 1615 18 Colin Edwards (5) 19 Danilo Petrucci (9) 4

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 **S** : Tyre changes **AC** : Accident **DQ** : Disqualified **RT** : Retired **DNS** : Did not start

1620 FO 1519 RT - ?? FO 1819 FO 2021 FO 1819

A B C R D D

CONSTRUCTORS & TEAMS CHAMPIONSHIP

F 1416 RO 2 RO

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PD -W -

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20 Yonny Hernandez (68)

22 Chris Vermeulen (7)

21 Ivan Silva (22)

1. Yamaha - 140 2. Honda - 126	3. Ducati - 65 4. ART* -	- 24 5. FTR* - 9 6. S	uter* - 4 7. loda* - 4	8. BQR* - 3 9. BQR-FTR* - 2
1. Repsol Honda Team - 216	4. Ducati Team - 107	7. Pramac Racing Team - 37	10. Speed Master - 6	13. NGM Forward Racing - 4
2. Yamaha Factory Racing - 175	5. San Carlo Honda Gresini - 67	8. Power Electronics Aspar - 31	11. Avintia Racing MotoGP - 5	14. Came IodaRacing Project - 4
3. Monster Yamaha Tech 3 - 126	6. LCR Honda MotoGP - 51	9. Paul Bird Motorsport - 7	12. Cardion AB Motoracing - 4	

* denotes CRT entry

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	11 Teams - 22 Riders	17	1st (Stoner)	1st (Honda)	17	18	51
2012	14 Teams - 22 Riders	6			6 (x4 Lorenzo) (x2 Stoner)	6 (x3 Stoner) (x1 Lorenzo) (x1 Pedrosa) (x1 Bautista)	18
TOTAL		176	5	5	93	91	266

BRIDGESTONE NEWS



BRIDGESTONE BROADENS WINTER TYRE RANGE WITH THE NEW BLIZZAK LM-32C

Bridgestone has extended its winter tyre offering with the launch of the Blizzak LM-32C for car-derived vans and small vans of up to 3 tons. Compared with its predecessor LM-18C, the new Blizzak LM-32C provides significantly stronger snow traction, better wet braking and a greater than 10% increase in mileage.

Bridgestone achieved improvements in terms of mileage and durability through the development of a new top compound, unidirectional tread pattern and new lighter construction material

The new top tread compound with high silica content improves both wet grip and rolling resistance, while extending wear life.

The unidirectional tread pattern is based on the Blizzak LM-32 passenger-car tyre and designed for top performance on snow and wet without compromising dry handling. A combination of Bridgestone's advanced siping technologies is applied across the different tread blocks, and at different angles, to maximize the total number of edge components for better grip on compact snow.

"The LM-32C is responding to the current size demand for winter tyres while also catering to new vehicle sizes" says José Enrique Gonzalez, Director, Marketing and Sales Support, Bridgestone Europe. The Blizzak LM-32C being available from 2012 in 9 sizes from 14-16 inch wheels in series 60-70 with a speed rating of B and T



BRIDGESTONE FACT

LAST YEARS RACE

So far this season, Power Electronics Aspar rider Aleix Espargaro is the only CRT rider to have scored points at every race.

FASTEST RACE LAP

Ben Spies, Yamaha - Lap 12 - Time: 1m 35.240s - Average speed: 171.684 km/h

2011 QUALIFYING TIMES					2011 RACE RESULTS						
	RIDER	TEAM	TOP KM/H	TIME	GAP		RIDER	TEAM	TIME	TOP KM/H	GAP
1	Marco Simoncelli	San Carlo Honda Gresini	291.0	1m34.718s		1	Ben Spies	Yamaha Factory Racing	41m44.659s	169.736	
2	Ben Spies	Yamaha Factory Racing	293.1	1m34.727s	+0.009s	2	Casey Stoner	Repsol Honda Team	41m52.356s	169.216	+7.697s
3	Casey Stoner	Repsol Honda Team	298.7	1m35.008s	+0.290s	3	Andrea Dovizioso	Repsol Honda Team	42m12.165s	167.892	+27.506s
4	Jorge Lorenzo	Yamaha Factory Racing	300.7	1m35.143s	+0.425s	4	Valentino Rossi	Ducati Team	42m15.343s	167.681	+30.684s
5	Andrea Dovizioso	Repsol Honda Team	295.0	1m35.244s	+0.526s	5	Nicky Hayden	Ducati Team	42m27.831s	166.860	+43.172s
6	Cal Crutchlow	Monster Yamaha Tech 3	291.3	1m35.329s	+0.611s	6	Jorge Lorenzo	Yamaha Factory Racing	42m29.195s	166.770	+44.536s
7	Karel Abraham	Cardion AB Motoracing	291.7	1m35.742s	+1.024s	7	Colin Edwards	Monster Yamaha Tech 3	42m52.771s	165.242	+68.112s
8	Colin Edwards	Monster Yamaha Tech 3	294.5	1m35.818s	+1.100s	8	Hiroshi Aoyama	Repsol Honda Team	42m55.412s	165.073	+70.753s
9	Nicky Hayden	Ducati Team	302.1	1m35.866s	+1.148s	9	Marco Simoncelli	San Carlo Honda Gresini	43m09.584s	164.169	+84.925s
10	Randy De Puniet	Pramac Racing Team	300.2	1m36.435s	+1.717s	10	Toni Elias	Honda MotoGP	43m10.875s	164.087	+86.216s
11	Valentino Rossi	Ducati Team	301.2	1m36.564s	+1.846s	11	Alvaro Bautista	Rizla Suzuki MotoGP	43m23.125s	163.315	+98.466s
12	Hiroshi Aoyama	Repsol Honda Team	293.5	1m36.580s	+1.862s	12	Hector Barbera	Mapfre Aspar Team MotoGP	42m11.017s	161.508	+1 lap
13	Hector Barbera	Mapfre Aspar Team	293.2	1m36.590s	+1.872s	13	Kousake Akiyoshi	San Carlo Honda Gresini	42m58.437s	158.537	+1 lap
14	Alvaro Bautista	Rizla Suzuki MotoGP	300.1	1m36.820s	+2.102s	14	Cal Crutchlow	Monster Yamaha Tech 3	43m07.755s	151.648	+2 laps
15	Loris Capirossi	Pramac Racing Team	290.9	1m37.130s	+2.412s	NC	Randy De Puniet	Pramac Racing Team	1m52.494s	145.351	25 laps
16	Toni Elias	LCR Honda MotoGP	282.2	1m37.651s	+2.933s	NC	Karel Abraham	Cardion AB Motoracing			
17	Kousake Akiyoshi	San Carlo Honda Gresini	281.3	1m39.006s	+4.288s	DNS	Loris Capirossi	Pramac Racing Team			

BRIDGESTONE MOTORSPORT ROUND-UP

Super GT The Weider Honda Racing pairing of Takashi Kogure and Carlo Van Dam took a dominant victory at round 3 of the 2012 Super GT series at Sepang on June 10. 48000 spectators were on hand to watch Kigure and Van Dam win the race and cap off a perfect weekend in which they also took pole position and recorded the fastest lap in the race. The Sepang round of the Super GT series was a resounding success for Bridgestone, with the top three places in the GT500 class riding on Bridgestone POTENZA tyres.





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