# 03 ARGENTINA
## AUTÓDROMO TERMAS DE RÍO HONDO

27 APRIL 2014

OFFICIAL MotoGP CLASS TYRE

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# SYMMETRIC REAR SLICKS FOR SOUTH AMERICAN RETURN

**2014 sees MotoGP™ return to South America for the first time since 2004, as Argentina's Autodromo de Rio Termas Hondo hosts round three of the season.**

Measuring 4806 metres in length, the Rio Hondo circuit is characterised by numerous fast, long-radius corners that are expected to result in one of the highest average speeds of the year. The high speeds, hard braking zones and high camber angles in some corners makes the circuit one of the more severe for tyres.

The Rio Hondo circuit has an unbalanced layout with nine right-hand corners compared to just five left-handers. However, the left-hand corners tend to be more severe in nature than the right-handers, hence overall the loads placed on the left and right shoulders of the tyres is similar. This means the rear tyre allocation for this circuit will be symmetric. The overall severity of the Autodromo de Rio Termas Hondo means the rear tyre allocation features rubber compounds from the harder end of the scale. Rear slick tyre options for the Factory Honda and Yamaha riders are the medium and hard compound rear slick, while the Ducati and open-class riders have access to the soft and medium compound rear slicks. To manage the potentially variable track conditions, riders will get to choose from three front slick tyre options - the soft, medium and hard compounds – instead of the usual two options.

**RIO HONDO HAS NUMEROUS FAST CORNERS THAT COULD RESULT IN ONE OF THE HIGHEST AVERAGE SPEEDS OF THE YEAR**

## GRAND PRIX INFORMATION

### CIRCUIT

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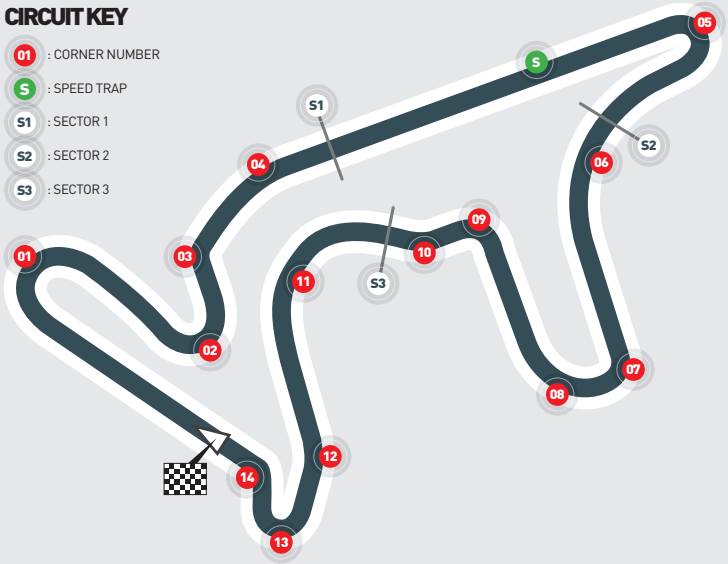
|---|---|
| **First race** | 2014 |
| **No. of GPs held** | 0 |
| **Laps** | 25 (MotoGP) 23 (Moto2) 21 (Moto3) |
| **Track length** | 4.806km / 2.986 miles (Width 16m) |
| **Race distance** | 120.2km / 74.7 miles (25 Laps) |
| **Longest straight** | 1.076m / 0.669 miles |
| **Corners** | 14 (5 left, 9 right) |

### RECORDS

| | |
|---|---|
| **Pole position** | NA - New circuit |
| **Fastest lap** | NA - New circuit |
| **Race time** | NA - New circuit |
| **2013 Winner** | NA - New circuit |

SOURCE : www.motogp.com

## CIRCUIT KEY

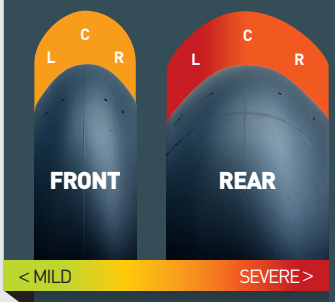



## SLICK TYRE COMPOUNDS

### RIO HONDA - FRONT SLICKS

### RIO HONDA - REAR SLICKS

## TYRE SEVERITY RATING




SECTION OF TYRE :
**L** : LEFT / **C** : CENTRE / **R** : RIGHT

## TIME SCHEDULE

SHOWING RACE LOCAL TIME (GMT -3)

### FRIDAY - 25 APRIL

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Moto3 | FP1 | 09:00 - 09:40 |
| **MotoGP** | **FP1** | **09:55 - 10:40** |
| Moto2 | FP1 | 10:55 - 11:40 |
| Moto3 | FP2 | 13:10 - 13:50 |
| **MotoGP** | **FP2** | **14:05 - 14:50** |
| Moto2 | FP2 | 15:05 - 15:50 |

### SATURDAY - 26 APRIL

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Moto3 | FP3 | 09:00 - 09:40 |
| **MotoGP** | **FP3** | **09:55 - 10:40** |
| Moto2 | FP3 | 10:55 - 11:40 |
| Moto3 | QP | 12:35 - 13:15 |
| **MotoGP** | **FP4** | **13:30 - 14:00** |
| **MotoGP** | **Q1** | **14:10 - 14:25** |
| **MotoGP** | **Q2** | **14:35 - 14:50** |
| Moto2 | QP | 15:05 - 15:50 |

### SUNDAY - 27 APRIL

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Moto3 | WUP | 08:40 - 09:00 |
| Moto2 | WUP | 09:10 - 09:30 |
| **MotoGP** | **WUP** | **09:40 - 10:00** |
| Moto3 | RACE | 11:00 |
| Moto2 | RACE | 12:20 |
| **MotoGP** | **RACE** | **14:00** |

INFORMATION SUBJECT TO CHANGE

## TYRE TALK WITH SHINJI AOKI

**Manager, Bridgestone Motorsport Tyre Development Division**

The Autodromo Termas de Rio Hondo is a new addition to the MotoGP in 2014, and our test at the circuit last year shows it is one of the harshest circuits on the calendar for tyres. This circuit has a high average speed with some sections featuring high-camber angles, while corners like turn six are large radius, high-speed corners that generate very high tyre loads. The circuit is interesting in that although there are nine right-handed corners compared to five left-handed corners, the left shoulder of the tyre experiences higher temperatures than the right shoulder, due to the left-handers generally being faster, more demanding corners. Both our front and rear tyre allocation for this race have to provide high levels of durability, stability and resistance to overheating, so we will provide tyres formulated from our harder rubber compounds for the Argentina Grand Prix.

# TEAMS & RIDERS *MOST RECENT PERFORMANCE LISTED

## REPSOL HONDA TEAM
HONDA RC213V

### MARC MARQUEZ #93

DOB: 17/2/1993
Nationality: Spanish
GP Debut: QAT13 (MotoGP)
GP Starts: 20 (MotoGP)
Best Championship Pos: 1st (2013)
Wins: 8
Poles: 11
Fastest laps: 12
Podiums: 18
Points: 384

### DANI PEDROSA #26

DOB: 29/9/1985
Nationality: Spanish
GP Debut: SPA06 (MotoGP)
GP Starts: 134 (MotoGP)
Best Championship Pos: 2nd (2012*)
Wins: 25
Poles: 26
Fastest laps: 39
Podiums: 86
Points: 2072

## MOVISTAR YAMAHA MOTOGP
YAMAHA YZR-M1

### JORGE LORENZO #99

DOB: 4/5/1987
Nationality: Spanish
GP Debut: QAT08 (MotoGP)
GP Starts: 104 (MotoGP)
Best Championship Pos: 1st (x2, 2012*)
Wins: 31
Poles: 29
Fastest laps: 18
Podiums: 74
Points: 1784

### VALENTINO ROSSI #46

DOB: 16/2/1979
Nationality: Italian
GP Debut: RSA00 (500cc)
GP Starts: 236 (MotoGP/500cc)
Best Championship Pos: 1st (x7, 2009*)
Wins: 80
Poles: 49
Fastest laps: 68
Podiums: 148
Points: 3851

## GO & FUN HONDA GRESINI
HONDA RC213V / RCV1000R

### ALVARO BAUTISTA #19

DOB: 21/11/1984
Nationality: Spanish
GP Debut: QAT10 (MotoGP)
GP Starts: 70 (MotoGP)
Best Championship Pos: 5th (2012)
Wins: 0
Poles: 1
Fastest laps: 1
Podiums: 2
Points: 501

### SCOTT REDDING #45

DOB: 4/1/1993
Nationality: British
GP Debut: QAT14 (MotoGP)
GP Starts: 2
Best Championship Pos: NA
Wins: 0
Poles: 0
Fastest laps: 0
Podiums: 0
Points: 9

## DRIVE M7 ASPAR
HONDA RCV1000R

### NICKY HAYDEN #69

DOB: 30/7/1981
Nationality: American
GP Debut: JPN03 (MotoGP)
GP Starts: 187 (MotoGP)
Best championship pos: 1st (x1, 2006)
Wins: 3
Poles: 5
Fastest laps: 7
Podiums: 28
Points: 1634

### HIROSHI AOYAMA #7

DOB: 25/10/1981
Nationality: Japanese
GP Debut: QAT10 (MotoGP)
GP Starts: 48 (MotoGP)
Best championship pos: 10th (2011)
Wins: 0
Poles: 0
Fastest laps: 0
Podiums: 0
Points: 176

## DUCATI TEAM
DUCATI DESMOSEDICI

### ANDREA DOVIZIOSO #4

DOB: 23/3/1986
Nationality: Italian
GP Debut: QAT08 (MotoGP)
GP Starts: 108 (MotoGP)
Best championship pos: 3rd (2011)
Wins: 1
Poles: 1
Fastest laps: 2
Podiums: 22
Points: 1153

### CAL CRUTCHLOW #35

DOB: 29/10/1985
Nationality: British
GP Debut: QAT11 (MotoGP)
GP Starts: 54 (MotoGP)
Best championship pos: 5th (2013)
Wins: 0
Poles: 2
Fastest laps: 1
Podiums: 6
Points: 419

## MONSTER YAMAHA TECH 3
YAMAHA YZR-M1

### BRADLEY SMITH #38

DOB: 28/11/1990
Nationality: British
GP Debut: QAT13 (MotoGP)
GP Starts: 20 (MotoGP)
Best Championship Pos: 10th (2013)
Wins: 0
Poles: 0
Fastest laps: 0
Podiums: 0
Points: 127

### POL ESPARGARO #44

DOB: 4/1/1993
Nationality: Spanish
GP Debut: QAT14 (MotoGP)
GP Starts: 2
Best Championship Pos: NA
Wins: 0
Poles: 0
Fastest laps: 0
Podiums: 0
Points: 10

## CARDION AB MOTORACING
HONDA RCV1000R

### KAREL ABRAHAM #17

DOB: 02/01/1990
Nationality: Czech
GP Debut: QAT11 (MotoGP)
GP Starts: 41 (MotoGP)
Best championship pos: 14th (2012*)
Wins: 0
Poles: 0
Fastest laps: 0
Podiums: 0
Points: 132

## LCR HONDA MOTOGP
HONDA RC213V

### STEFAN BRADL #6

DOB: 29/11/1989
Nationality: German
GP Debut: QAT12 (MotoGP)
GP Starts: 36 (MotoGP)
Best championship pos: 7th (2013)
Wins: 0
Poles: 1
Fastest laps: 0
Podiums: 1
Points: 304

## IODARACING PROJECT
ART

### DANILO PETRUCCI #9

DOB: 24/10/1990
Nationality: Italian
GP Debut: QAT12 (MotoGP)
GP Starts: 37 (MotoGP)
Best championship pos: 17th (2013)
Wins: 0
Poles: 0
Fastest laps: 0
Podiums: 0
Points: 55

## NGM MOBILE FORWARD RACING
FORWARD YAMAHA

### COLIN EDWARDS #5

DOB: 27/2/1974
Nationality: American
GP Debut: JPN03 (MotoGP)
GP Starts: 188 (MotoGP)
Best championship pos: 4th (2005)
Wins: 0
Poles: 3
Fastest laps: 3
Podiums: 12
Points: 1238

### ALEIX ESPARGARO #41

DOB: 30/7/1989
Nationality: Spanish
GP Debut: INP09 (MotoGP)
GP Starts: 60 (MotoGP)
Best championship pos: 11th (2013)
Wins: 0
Poles: 0
Fastest laps: 0
Podiums: 0
Points: 268

## PRAMAC RACING
DUCATI DESMOSEDICI

### ANDREA IANNONE #29

DOB: 9/8/1989
Nationality: Italian
GP Debut: QAT13 (MotoGP)
GP Starts: 18 (MotoGP)
Best championship pos: 12th (2013)
Wins: 0
Poles: 0
Fastest laps: 0
Podiums: 0
Points: 72

### YONNY HERNANDEZ #68

DOB: 25/7/1988
Nationality: Columbian
GP Debut: QAT12 (MotoGP)
GP Starts: 35 (MotoGP)
Best championship pos: 17th (2012)
Wins: 0
Poles: 0
Fastest laps: 0
Podiums: 0
Points: 56

## AVINTIA RACING
AVINTIA

### HECTOR BARBERA #8

DOB: 2/11/1986
Nationality: Spanish
GP Debut: QAT10 (MotoGP)
GP Starts: 69 (MotoGP)
Best championship pos: 11th (2011)
Wins: 0
Poles: 0
Fastest laps: 0
Podiums: 0
Points: 291

### MIKE DE MEGLIO #63

DOB: 17/1/1988
Nationality: French
GP Debut: QAT14 (MotoGP)
GP Starts: 2
Championship pos: NA
Wins: 0
Poles: 0
Fastest laps: 0
Podiums: 0
Points: 0

## PAUL BIRD MOTORSPORT
PBM

### MICHAEL LAVERTY #70

DOB: 7/6/1981
Nationality: British
GP Debut: QAT13 (MotoGP)
GP Starts: 20 (MotoGP)
Best championship pos: 25th (2013)
Wins: 0
Poles: 0
Fastest laps: 0
Podiums: 0
Points: 3

### BROC PARKES #23

DOB: 4/8/1986
Nationality: Australian
GP Debut: QAT14 (MotoGP)
GP Starts: 2
Best championship pos: NA
Wins: 0
Poles: 0
Fastest laps: 0
Podiums: 0
Points: 1

## RESULTS ON BRIDGESTONE TYRES

| RIDER | TITLES | WIN | 2ND | 3RD | PODIUM | POLE |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Casey Stoner | 2 | 38 | 10 | 20 | 68 | 38 |
| **Jorge Lorenzo** | **2** | **30** | **27** | **11** | **68** | **24** |
| **Valentino Rossi** | **2** | **18** | **16** | **15** | **49** | **10** |
| **Dani Pedrosa** | **-** | **19** | **26** | **17** | **62** | **16** |
| **Marc Marquez** | **1** | **8** | **6** | **4** | **18** | **11** |
| Loris Capirossi | - | 6 | 7 | 4 | 17 | 5 |
| Makoto Tamada | - | 2 | 1 | 1 | 4 | 3 |
| **Andrea Dovizioso** | **-** | **1** | **7** | **15** | **23** | **1** |
| Chris Vermeulen | - | 1 | 3 | 3 | 7 | 3 |
| Ben Spies | - | 1 | 2 | 3 | 6 | 1 |
| Troy Bayliss | - | 1 | - | - | 1 | - |
| Marco Melandri | - | - | 3 | 1 | 4 | - |
| **Cal Crutchlow** | **-** | **-** | **2** | **4** | **6** | **2** |
| Toni Elias | - | - | 2 | 3 | 5 | - |
| John Hopkins | - | - | 1 | 3 | 4 | 1 |
| Marco Simoncelli | - | - | 1 | 1 | 2 | 2 |
| **Colin Edwards** | **-** | **-** | **1** | **1** | **2** | **-** |
| Shinya Nakano | - | - | 1 | 1 | 2 | - |
| Randy de Puniet | - | - | 1 | 1 | 2 | - |
| **Stefan Bradl** | **-** | **-** | **1** | **-** | **1** | **1** |
| Kenny Roberts Jr | - | - | 1 | - | 1 | 1 |
| Alex de Angelis | - | - | 1 | - | 1 | - |
| Katsuyuki Nakasuga | - | - | 1 | - | 1 | - |
| Oliver Jacque | - | - | 1 | - | 1 | - |
| **Nicky Hayden** | **-** | **-** | **-** | **3** | **3** | **-** |
| **Alvaro Bautista** | **-** | **-** | **-** | **2** | **2** | **1** |
| Carlos Checa | - | - | - | 2 | 2 | - |
| Alex Barros | - | - | - | 1 | 1 | - |
| Jeremy McWilliams | - | - | - | - | - | 1 |
| Sete Gibernau | - | - | - | - | - | 1 |
| **TOTAL** | **7** | **125** | **122** | **115** | **362** | **122** |

A record of every pole position, win, podium and World Championship achieved on Bridgestone tyres since the manufacturer's MotoGP debut in 2002

# CALENDAR & RIDERS CHAMPIONSHIP

BRIDGESTONE

| COUNTRY | QAT | USA | ARG | ESP | FRA | ITA | CAT | NED | GER | IND | CZE | GBR | RSM | ARA | JPN | AUS | MAL | VAL |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| AVAILABLE TYRE COMPOUNDS (Extra-Soft, Soft, Medium, Hard, Wet-Soft, Wet-Hard) | Losail | Austin | Rio Hondo | Jerez | Le Mans | Mugello | Catalunya | Assen | Sachsenring | Indianapolis | Brno | Silverstone | Misano | Aragon | Motegi | Phillip Island | Sepang | Valencia |
| | 23/03/14 | 13/04/14 | 27/04/14 | 04/05/14 | 18/05/14 | 01/06/14 | 15/06/14 | 28/06/14 | 13/07/14 | 10/08/14 | 17/08/14 | 31/08/14 | 14/09/14 | 28/09/14 | 12/10/14 | 19/10/14 | 26/10/14 | 09/11/14 |
| ALLOCATED-FRONT TYRES | Soft / Hard | Soft / Medium | Soft / Medium / Hard | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| ALLOCATED-REAR TYRES | Soft / Medium / Hard | Soft / Medium / Hard | Soft / Medium / Hard | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| WEATHER CONDITIONS (AIR / TRACK) | 20° / 18° | 26° / 32° | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| RACE TRACK CONDITIONS | DRY | DRY | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |

| POSITION | | WINS & PODIUMS | PTS | 01 | 02 | 03 | 04 | 05 | 06 | 07 | 08 | 09 | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | Marc Marquez #93 | W 2 / PD 2 | 50 | 1 1 / 25 | 1 1 / 25 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 2 | Dani Pedrosa #26 | W - / PD 2 | 36 | 3 6 / 16 | 2 2 / 20 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 3 | Valentino Rossi #46 | W - / PD 1 | 28 | 2 10 / 20 | 8 6 / 8 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 4 | Andrea Dovizioso #4 | W - / PD 1 | 27 | 5 4 / 11 | 3 10 / 16 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 5 | Aleix Espargaro #41 | W - / PD - | 20 | 4 9 / 13 | 9 4 / 7 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 6 | Andrea Iannone #29 | W - / PD - | 15 | 10 11 / 6 | 7 9 / 9 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 7 | Stefan Bradl #6 | W - / PD - | 13 | AC - 7 / - | 4 3 / 13 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 8 | Nicky Hayden #69 | W - / PD - | 13 | 8 13 / 8 | 11 14 / 5 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 9 | Bradley Smith #38 | W - / PD - | 11 | AC - 3 / - | 5 8 / 11 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 10 | Pol Espargaro #44 | W - / PD - | 10 | RT - 12 / - | 6 11 / 10 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 11 | Cal Crutchlow #35 | W - / PD - | 10 | 6 8 / 10 | AC - 7 / - | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 12 | Scott Redding #45 | W - / PD - | 9 | 7 16 / 9 | AC - 13 / - | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 13 | Hiroshi Aoyama #7 | W - / PD - | 9 | 11 15 / 5 | 12 16 / 4 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 14 | Colin Edwards #5 | W - / PD - | 7 | 9 14 / 7 | RT - 19 / - | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 15 | Yonny Hernandez #68 | W - / PD - | 7 | 12 17 / 4 | 13 15 / 3 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 16 | Jorge Lorenzo #99 | W - / PD - | 6 | AC - 5 / - | 10 5 / 6 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 17 | Karel Abraham #17 | W - / PD - | 5 | 13 18 / 3 | 14 17 / 2 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 18 | Danilo Petrucci #9 | W - / PD - | 2 | 14 20 / 2 | 17 22 / - | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 19 | Hector Barbera #8 | W - / PD - | 1 | RT - 19 / - | 15 18 / 1 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 20 | Broc Parkes #23 | W - / PD - | 1 | 15 21 / 1 | RT - 21 / - | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 21 | Michael Laverty #70 | W - / PD - | - | - 23 / 16 | 16 20 / - | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 22 | Mike Di Meglio #63 | W - / PD - | - | - 22 / 17 | 18 23 / - | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 23 | Alvaro Bautista #19 | W - / PD - | - | AC - 2 / - | AC - 12 / - | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |

RACE KEY — 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; DNS: Did not start

# CONSTRUCTOR & TEAM CHAMPIONSHIP

## CONSTRUCTORS

| | | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 Honda : 50 | 2 Yamaha : 31 | 3 Ducati : 27 | 4 Forward Yamaha : 20 | 5 ART : 2 | 6 Avintia : 1 | 7 PBM : 1 |

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## TEAMS

| | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 Repsol Honda Team : 86 | 4 NGM Mobile Forward Racing : 27 | 7 Monster Yamaha Tech 3 : 21 | 10 Cardion AB Motoracing : 5 | 13 Paul Bird Motorsport : 1 |
| 2 Ducati Team : 37 | 5 Drive M7 Aspar : 22 | 8 LCR Honda MotoGP : 13 | 11 IodaRacing Project : 2 | |
| 3 Movistar Yamaha MotoGP : 34 | 6 Pramac Racing Team : 22 | 9 GO&FUN Honda Gresini : 9 | 12 Avintia Racing : 1 | |

BRIDGESTONE Motorsport

# BRIDGESTONE'S NEW S20 EVO: THE BEST GOT EVEN BETTER

**Bridgestone has launched the BATTLAX Hypersport S20 EVO; the successor to the award-winning S20 tyre with the help of Valentino Rossi.**

When developing the S20 EVO, Bridgestone called on the expertise of its Motorcycle Tyre Adviser, nine-time World Champion Valentino Rossi to help it transfer the technology it uses in MotoGP into a road tyre that everyone can use.

When it comes to using the combined MotoGP experience of Bridgestone and Valentino to produce the ultimate road tyre, Rossi said that "When pushing to the limit you learn a lot about everything. Yourself. The bike. The tyre. Sharing my experience, feelings and knowledge from the racetrack is important to those around me, it keeps the technology evolving".

The S20 EVO is available now and builds on the class-leading grip and warm-up performance of the S20 with a 22% improvement in durability for the rear tyre, and enhanced stability for even better cornering performance.

## TEAM NEWS

### MARQUEZ MAKES IT TWO FROM TWO

Repsol Honda's Marc Marquez got his title defence off to the perfect start by winning the first two races of the season. Marquez led every session at Circuit of the Americas and went on to win the race, but the reigning champion expects the competition to be tougher for the rest of the season. Speaking after his win in Austin, Marquez explained "It was a perfect weekend in Austin and it gives us plenty of confidence, although we are aware that the coming races will be different."

### DOVI AND DUCATI FIGHT BACK IN TEXAS

Andrea Dovizioso put in an impressive ride at Circuit of The Americas to score Ducati's first podium since the 2012 San Marino Grand Prix. Dovi explained his result is a real boost to the team, saying "Getting a result like this at this time of the season is very important, also for all the engineers and mechanics in the racing division back in Bologna, who are working very hard to improve the Desmosedici's competitiveness."

### SMITH ENJOYS EXCITING FINALE IN AUSTIN

Yamaha Tech3's Bradley Smith continued his good form at Austin by finishing the race as the highest-placed Yamaha rider in 5th. Smith was involved in an exciting battle with LCR Honda's Stefan Bradl in the latter stages of the race, which proved to be a thrill for the Briton. "With 12 laps to go, I put my head down and when I got to Bradl and gave everything I could. When I reached those left right left corners, I tried to go underneath him and my heart rate just went through the roof."

## BRIDGESTONE MOTORSPORT ROUND-UP

**SuperGT** The 21st season of the Super GT Championship got underway earlier this month with the first race on April 6 at Okayama International Circuit. The season opener was the first race of the new era, with all the manufacturers back with completely new cars for 2014.

Bridgestone-fitted cars dominated the race weekend, taking the front row of the starting grid in qualifying and filling the top four positions in Sunday's race. The race was won by the KeePer TOM's Lexus RC-F driven by Daisuke Ito and Andrea Caldarelli. Speaking after taking victory, Ito-san exclaimed "I felt great here in Okayama. Bridgestone provided us with strong tyres even with such a short development time. Thank you very much!"

## BRIDGESTONE FACT

**THE LAST TIME THE WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP VISITED ARGENTINA WAS IN 1999, WHEN THE AUTODROMO GÁLVEZ HOSTED THE LAST ROUND OF THE SEASON. THE 500CC GRAND PRIX WAS WON BY SUZUKI'S KENNY ROBERTS JR.**

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