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FREQUENTLY I'M ASKED IF THE TITLE BATTLES WE'RE EMBROILED IN THIS SEASON FEEL THE SAME AS THOSE IN THE PROSPEROUS DAYS OF RED BULL RACING BETWEEN 2009-2013.

I don't really know how to answer that! In many ways, it seems like a long time since we were in a position to challenge, but equally it also feels like it was only yesterday we were heading into those tense, last race showdowns, much the same as we are this weekend. The one thing I am sure of is that the whole team is relishing this opportunity and giving it everything as we push to the very last in both the Drivers' and Constructors' Championships.

There are still many familiar faces in the team from those Championship-winning years, but many new recruits also, for whom the experience will be entirely new. Things certainly haven't been easy this year. Alongside challenging for titles, we're also working towards preparing our car for the new aerodynamic regulations that come in next season, coming to terms with the cost-cap, dealing with COVID protocols and the small matter of launching a powertrain business!

The whole team has risen to the incredible challenges we've faced and the fact we're in the position we are, is testimony to the astonishing effort they've put in.

So far this year we've won 10 races, taken nine pole positions and seven fastest laps. What do we call the highlight? It's impossible to pull out one key moment out of everything that's been achieved. However, I think if there's going to be a high point of the season, perhaps it's yet to come. We're fighting against the very best and we've got to be at the top of our game to beat them. This weekend, we must be operating at our absolute best on every level.







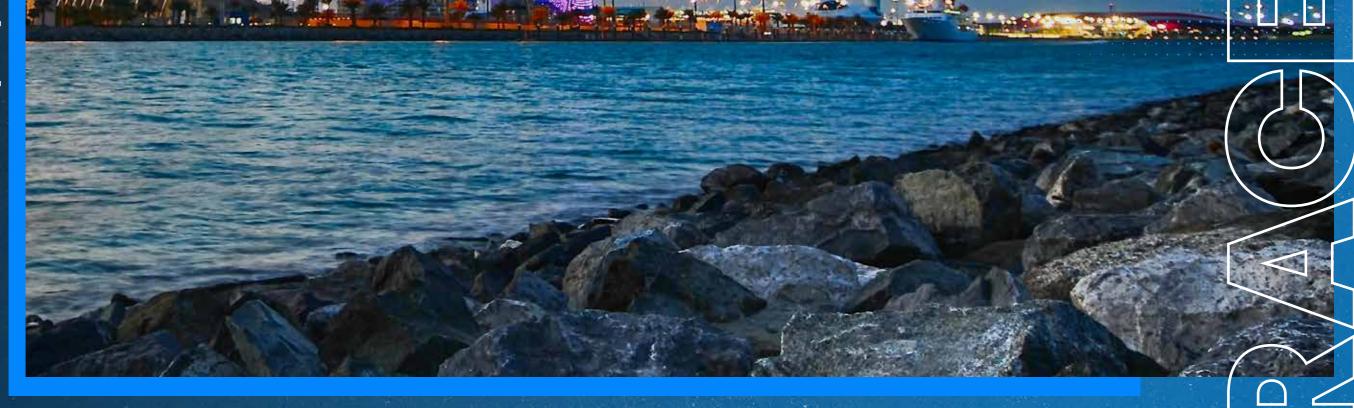


Where better to experience the thrilling Formula One season finale than at the stunning Yas Marina circuit? The custom-built, Tilke-designed track offers tricky turns and excellent opportunities for overtaking, plus new modifications for 2O21, promising plenty of breathtaking action for the hungry crowd.

Away from the action and drama on-track, Yas Island is a family-friendly hub of entertainment, with everything from theme parks, golf and shopping to festive celebrations and beautiful beaches – perfect for those chilled winter vibes. Of course, if you're staying at one of the island's hotels, you'll find everything else you need on your doorstep – even the track!







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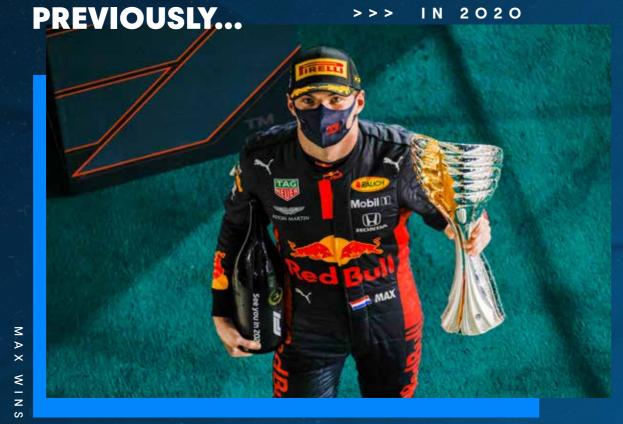
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10_DECEMBER

10:35 - 11:O5 ¹	FIA FORMULA 4 UAE	PRACTICE SESSION
11:35 - 12:2O¹	FIA FORMULA 2	PRACTICE SESSION
13:30 - 14:30¹	FORMULA 1	FIRST PRACTICE SESSION
14:40 - 15:10	FORMULA 1	PIRELLI HOT LAPS
15:55 - 16:15	FIA FORMULA 4 UAE	QUALIFYING SESSION
17:00 - 18:00¹	FORMULA 1	SECOND PRACTICE SESSION
18:30 - 19:00	FIA FORMULA 2	QUALIFYING SESSION

*THESE TIMES REFER TO THE START OF THE FORMATION LAP

1 FIXED END SESSION

²APPROXIMATE FINISHING TIME

11_DECEMBER

11:00* - 11:30	FIA FORMULA 4 UAE	FIRST RACE (25 MINS)
12:2O* - 13:1O²	FIA FORMULA 2	FIRST RACE (23 LAPS OR 45 MINS + 1 LAP)
14:00 - 15:00¹	FORMULA 1	THIRD PRACTICE SESSION
15:50 - 16:10	FORMULA 1	FORMULA 1 PIRELLI HOT LAPS
16:15 - 16:25	FORMULA 1	ASTON MARTIN VALKYRIE DEMONSTRATION
17:00 - 18:00	FORMULA 1	QUALIFYING SESSION
18:45* - 19:35²	FIA FORMULA 2	SECOND RACE (23 LAPS OR 45 MINS + 1 LAP)

12_DECEMBER

11:40* - 12:10²	FIA FORMULA 4 UAE	SECOND RACE (25 MINS)	
13:00* - 14:05²	FIA FORMULA 2	THIRD RACE (33 LAPS OR 60 MINS + 1 LAP)	
14:10 - 14:40	FIA FORMULA 2	F2/F3 PRIZE GIVING CEREMONY	
14:20 - 14:30	FORMULA 1	ASTON MARTIN VALKYRIE DEMONSTRATION	
14:30 - 14:50	FORMULA 1	PIRELLI HOT LAPS	
15:00 - 15:05	FORMULA 1	FASTEST LAP AND PIT STOP OF THE YEAR AWARD	
16:44 - 16:46	FORMULA 1	NATIONAL ANTHEM	
17:00* - 19:00²	FORMULA 1	GRAND PRIX (58 LAPS OR 120 MINS)	



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SERGIO PÉREZ IS THE FIRST RED BULL RACING DRIVER IN 14 YEARS TO BE RECRUITED FROM OUTSIDE THE RED BULL FAMILY. HE'S ADAPTED SUPERBLY TO WORKING WITHIN A NEW ENVIRONMENT AND GIVEN THE CHANCE TO RACE WITH A WINNING CAR FOR THE FIRST TIME, HE'S SEIZED IT WITH BOTH HANDS.

Sergio Pérez, known as Checo, has come a long way with Red Bull Racing Honda in a short period of time. "Joining a new team has definitely been a challenge, but a good challenge," he says. "My year's been a bit up-and-down, moving to a new team; new group of people; new ways of working. But adapting my driving style to make sure we're able to always take the maximum out of the car has been one of the key tasks. I have to say though that it's been very enjoyable and I'm grateful for this opportunity and I will only get stronger."

Checo's reputation is that of a driver able to maximise an opportunity and that was the case in Azerbaijan where he rose magnificently to the occasion to take his first victory with the Team. While he says his first win was special, there is little doubt the highlight of the season came at his home race. "Baku was a special moment but going to Mexico and being on that podium with all my people was really special", he says. "It's a memory that will stay with me forever and it was great that the team won the race too."

In the summer Checo's efforts were rewarded with a contract extension for 2022, but before that there's the small matter of a season finale with two championships still up for grabs. "My targets this weekend are simple: support Max in his title fight and help the team to win the Constructors' Championship. I just need to be at my very best," he says. "I have to be able to maximise the car's full potential. That's what I expect from myself and obviously what the Team hired me to do."



2021 WAS SUPPOSED TO BE THE DAWN OF A FRESH START FOR FORMULA ONE, WITH A COMPREHENSIVE REDRAWING OF AERODYNAMIC REGULATIONS SET TO USHER IN AN ENTIRELY NEW GENERATION OF CARS. THEN COVID-19 ARRIVED AND PLANS CHANGED RAPIDLY. THE NEW REGS HAVE BEEN DEFERRED FOR A YEAR AND 2020'S RULES AND HOMOLOGATED CAR DESIGNS ARE CARRIED OVER FOR A SECOND SEASON. THERE ARE, HOWEVER, A FEW TWEAKS AND CAVEATS. BUT WHAT WE HAVE IN 2021 IS THE RB16B AND IT'S READY TO CHARGE.



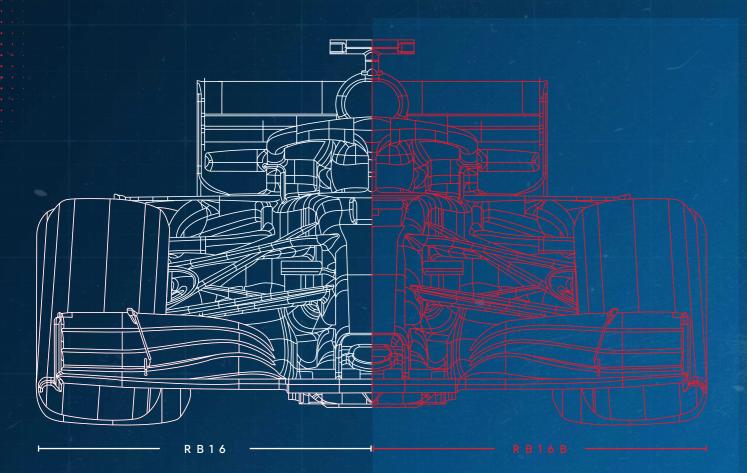
ENGINE	GEARBOX	FUEL
Honda RA621H 1.6-litre turbo	Eight-speed gearbox, longitudinally mounted with hydraulic power shift and clutch operation	Esso Synergy
OIL	ERS	TYRES
Mobil 1	Honda	Pirelli P Zero
BRAKES	RIMS	MAX RPM
Pirelli P Zero Brake pads, discs	Wheel diameter: 13in, front and rear, OZ Racing	15,000RPM
NUMBER OF CYLINDERS	NUMBER OF VALVES	CAPACITY
6	4 per cylinder	1,600cc
VEE ANGLE	WEIGHT	POWER OUTPUT

900HP

150kg

90-degrees

RED BULL RACING HONDA TECHNICAL DIRECTOR,
PIERRE WACHE TALKS CAR EVOLUTION



SO PIERRE, TELL US WHAT'S NEW FOR 2021?

What is new for 2021? That's a small question but a big answer! We have a lot of carryover this year, by regulation the main structure of the car didn't change and we, like all teams, have used parts from last year hence the name RB16B. 2021 also sees lots of technical rule changes, the FIA changed some parts of the aero regulations to reduce the load of the car, included changes on the floor, on the rear brake ducts and some small adjustments on the barge boards. On top of that, F1 now has a budget cap. That has a massive effect on the sport and the front running teams. The way we work and the way we develop the car has to be more efficient in all areas of the business.

CHECO IS NEW TO THE TEAM THIS YEAR, HOW VALUABLE IS IT TO GET HIS FEEDBACK ON THE CAR?

We value Sergio's feedback a lot. I worked with him when he started Formula One in the Sauber team. His feedback and his capacity to drive the car, especially in long runs; how he's managing very well the pace and reducing the degradation. Clearly his current feedback on the handling of the car, and the experience he had with a completely different car concept previously was valuable for us and interesting to understand.

FROM FINISHING TESTING TO FP1, THERE'S ONLY 11 DAYS. WHAT DEVELOPMENT CAN YOU REALISTICALLY ACHIEVE IN SUCH A SHORT PERIOD?

Honestly, the process of development for FP1 in Bahrain starts after Day One of the test. We don't wait for the session to end on Sunday. We tested many parts throughout the three days and tried to understand what is working and what is not working with the car. We guide the process of development in terms of direction, and we try to have some minor updates for Race One. We also have the drivers working in the simulator to correlate with the track and see how we can improve the situation with the tools we have inside the car, or in our set-up, to help us achieve a better balance. When you see something perform a certain way on track and you say "Oh, I can fix that", go to the simulator, make changes on the mechanical side and see if it helps or not.

WE KNOW THAT HONDA HAVE WORKED INCREDIBLY HARD OVER WINTER, AND EXXONMOBIL HAVE ALSO LAUNCHED A NEW FUEL THAT WE'LL USE THIS SEASON. HAVE YOU SEEN AN IMPROVEMENT IN PERFORMANCE?

On the full car dyno we use, we see already some early signs of performance gain compared to last year. I think it is a combination of the engine development plus the ExxonMobil fuel. I'm sure all teams and power units have made gains so we do not know if it put us ahead of anyone at this stage but we are very grateful for the work our partners have put in over the winter. Now we can only hope that the combination with the RB16B chassis is strong enough to take on the best in this engineering race.



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DRY WEATHER COMPOUNDS

Since 2019, each compound no longer has a permanent allocated colour: instead, they are numbered C1 to C5, with C1 being the hardest and C5 being the softest. The compounds are the same as those introduced last year, which were designed to provide greater consistency over the course of a stint. However, there's a new construction intended to increase strength and durability, allowing the tyres to run at a lower pressure. The 2021 cars will have slightly less downforce compared to this year, but past experience has shown that the teams quickly make up any deficits – so performance is likely to be comparable, if not faster, than in 2020.

//C1

The hardest tyre in the 2O21 Pirelli range. It's designed for circuits that put the highest energy loadings through the tyres, which will typically feature fast corners, abrasive surfaces, or high ambient temperatures. The compound takes longer to warm up but offers maximum durability and provides low degradation.

// C 2

A very versatile compound that sits at the harder end of the spectrum. It comes into its own on circuits that tend towards high speeds, temperatures, and energy loadings. This tyre has demonstrated an ample working range and adaptability to a wide variety of different circuits.

//C3

This compound strikes a very good balance between performance and durability, with the accent on performance. It's a very adaptable tyre that can be used as the softest compound at a high-severity track as well as the hardest compound at a low-severity track or street circuit. It's one of the most commonly used compounds of all.

//C4

A compound which works well on tight and twisty circuits. It has a rapid warm-up and huge peak performance, but the other side of this is its relatively limited overall life. However, the improved consistency of this year's compounds should mean that the softer rubber is capable of more versatile use and less prone to overheating.

//C5

This is the heir to the universally popular hyper-soft: the fastest compound that Pirelli has ever made.

This tyre is suitable for all circuits that demand high levels of mechanical grip, but the trade-off for this extra speed and adhesion is a considerably shorter lifespan than the other tyres in the range. It's not a qualifying tyre, but it comes closest.

WET WEATHER COMPOUNDS

The wet and intermediate tyres are carried over from last year, having proved themselves to be efficient and reliable at all the wet races in 2O2O. As with the slick tyres, the colours are also unchanged this year, and they continue to be branded Cinturato, in homage to a name that has been synonymous with safety and control since the 195Os.

//INTERMEDIATE (GREEN)

The intermediates are the most versatile of the rain tyres. They can be used on a wet track with no standing water, as well as a drying surface. This tyre evacuates 30 litres of water per second per tyre at 300kph. The compound has been designed to expand the working range, as seen at a number of races last year, guaranteeing a wide crossover window both with the slicks and the full wets.

//WET (BLUE)

The full wet tyres are the most effective for heavy rain.

These tyres can evacuate 85 litres of water per second per tyre at 300kph: when it rains heavily, visibility rather than grip causes issues. The profile has been designed to increase resistance to aquaplaning, which gives the tyre more grip in heavy rain. The diameter of the full wet tyre is 10mm wider than the slick tyre.

THE RULES

Pirelli will still provide three different compounds of slick tyre for teams to use at each race weekend. The number of slick sets provided for each car during a weekend will remain at 13, with specified sets that need to be used in qualifying and the race.

The 'standard' allocation introduced last year will remain for this year: two sets of hards, three sets of mediums and eight sets of softs.

Drivers must continue to use at least two different compounds during a dry race. The top 10 on the grid must use the tyre with which they set their fastest Q2 time to start the race: everyone else has a free choice.

As usual teams will continue to hand back tyres to Pirelli over the course of the weekend. This will still leave them with seven sets available for qualifying and the race (which must include the mandatory sets).







C3_ C4_ C5 /

:: SELECTED COMPOUNDS ::







WHITE HARD C3

YELLOW MEDIUM C4

RED SOFT C5

SLOWER

FASTER

THE COMPOUNDS_:

C1

C2

C3

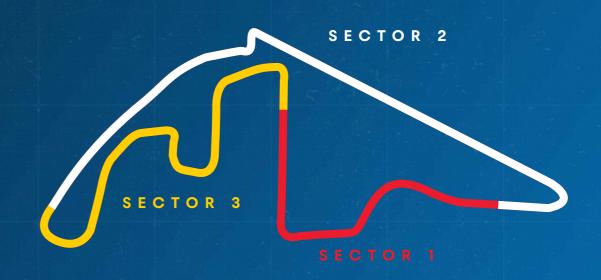
C4

C5





_CIRCUIT_INFORMATION:



58 LAPS **5.281KM**

CIRCUIT LENGTH

306.183KM

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TRACTION

3 BRAKING

TYPE STRESS

LATERAL

3
ASPHALT ABRASION

ASPHALT GRIP

DOWNFORCE

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TEAM JOY IN _ MONACO _!











//CHECO CELEBRATES_

/ MEET THE RED BULL RACING ESPORTS_TEAM

_SEBASTIAN JOB:



British driver Sebastian Job joined the Team at the start of 2019 and has becoming a member of the Bulls. His biggest achievement to date is being crowned the 2020 Porsche TAG Heuer Esports Supercup Champion - a dream he's had since he started racing. He followed that up in 2021 by taking the Porsche Carrera Cup GB title.

MARCEL KIEFER_/



Marcel joined the Team in 2020 and instantly made an impact with gone from strength to strength since competitors and fans alike. In his first has been one of the busiest drivers season as a Bull he was able to help the Red Bull Racing Esports Team regain the Teams' Championship in the F1 Esports Pro Series. Along the way he was also victorious at the Red Bull Ring, along with a further six podiums. He finished third overall in the Drivers' Championship.

:GRAHAM CARROLL



Since making the switch from motorsport to Esports, Graham for the Bulls. In 2020, Graham finished eighth in the standings of the Porsche TAG Heuer Esports Supercup. He won the season opener at Circuit Zandvoort and also completed the double, winning both the sprint race and endurance race, at the season finale in Monza.

/ JONI TÖRMÄLÄ



2021 sees Finnish Joni enter his fourth full season racing for the Team and his fifth in the F1 Esports Series. Last year he raced for sister team AlphaTauri, where he finished 10th in the Drivers' Championship. Alongside Graham Carroll, he also competed in the inaugural season of the V1O R-League and will be returning for season two.

FREDE RASMUSSEN

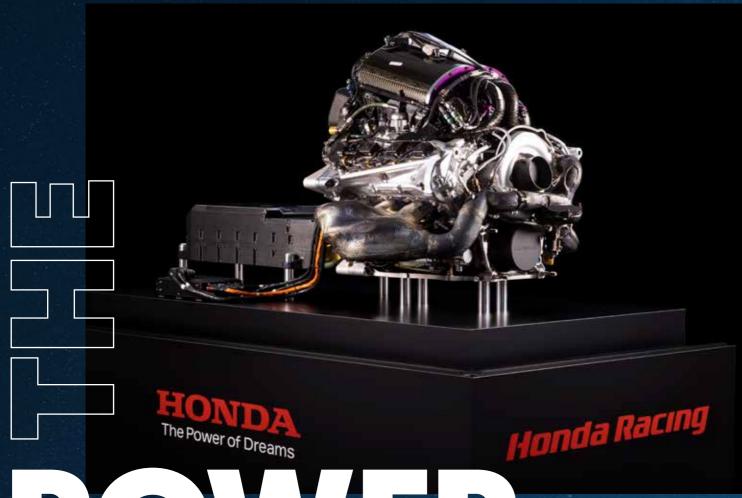


Frederik joined the Bulls in 2019 and, alongside Joni, helped lead the Team to glory, picking up the 2019 Teams' Championship, whilst finishing second in the Drivers' standings. In 2020 he finished runner-up and took three wins in the 12-race season. With Marcel Kiefer as his teammate, the pair took the Teams' Championship title, making Frede a back-to-back champion.

NÉSTOR GARCÍA_



Néstor García is relatively new to the Esports scene, however he has achieved a fair amount of success in the three years he's been racing. In 2019, García won the Assetto Corsa Carrefoure et Madrid and Carrefore et A Coruña. He then switched to iRacing and alongside Frede Rasmussen and Sebastian Job finished third overall in the VRS GT iWC.



>> A LOOK AT THE NEW POWER_UNIT_



HONDA HAS INTRODUCED A NEW POWER UNIT FOR THE 2021 SEASON TO POWER THE RB16B THROUGH THE 23 RACE CALENDAR. THE TEAM IN SAKURA AND MILTON KEYNES HAVE BEEN WORKING INCREDIBLY HARD OVER THE WINTER AND DEVELOPED NEW CONCEPTS FOR THE INTERNAL COMBUSTION ENGINE, TURBO AND THE ENERGY RECOVERY SYSTEM. A SMALLER AND LOWER CENTRE OF GRAVITY PACKAGE HAS ENABLED AN EASIER INSTALLATION OF THE PU IN THE CAR AND SHOULD ALSO PROVIDE INCREASED PERFORMANCE AND STABILITY.



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/ AFTER_21 RACES

1	MERCEDES	587.5
2	RED BULL RACING	559.5
3	FERRARI	307.5
4	McLAREN	269
5	ALPINE	149
6	ALPHATAURI	120
7	ASTON MARTIN	77
8	WILLIAMS	23
9	ALFA ROMEO	13
10	HAAS	0

\\ DRIVER STANDINGS _

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1	MAX VERSTAPPEN	RED BULL RACING	369.5
2	LEWIS HAMILTON	MERCEDES	369.5
3	VALTTERI BOTTAS	MERCEDES	218
4	SERGIO PÉREZ	RED BULL RACING	190
5	CHARLES LECLERC	FERRARI	158
6	LANDO NORRIS	McLAREN	154
7	CARLOS SAINZ	FERRARI	149.5
8	DANIEL RICCIARDO	McLAREN	115
9	PIERRE GASLY	ALPHATAURI	100
10	FERNANDO ALONSO	ALPINE	77
11	ESTEBAN OCON	ALPINE	72
12	SEBASTIAN VETTEL	ASTON MARTIN	43
13	LANCE STROLL	ASTON MARTIN	34
14	YUKI TSUNODA	ALPHATAURI	20
15	GEORGE RUSSELL	WILLIAMS	16
16	KIMI RÄIKKÖNEN	ALFA ROMEO	10
17	NICHOLAS LATIFI	WILLIAMS	7
18	ANTONIO GIOVINAZZI	ALFA ROMEO	3
19	MICK SCHUMACHER	HAAS	0
20	ROBERT KUBICA	ALFA ROMEO	0
21	NIKITA MAZEPIN	HAAS	0



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