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Qatar Losail

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Losail International Circuit will light up the opening round of the 2013 MotoGP season as the twenty-four riders contesting this year's championship prepare to do battle in the Qatari desert.

» This year is Bridgestone's fifth as Official Tyre Supplier to MotoGP and during that time, it has been the fast and technical Losail circuit that has hosted the season opener. This year sees a new practice and qualifying format which has brought with it a revision in

tyre allocation, with each rider being given an extra rear slick and an extra set of wet tyres at each race compared to last year.

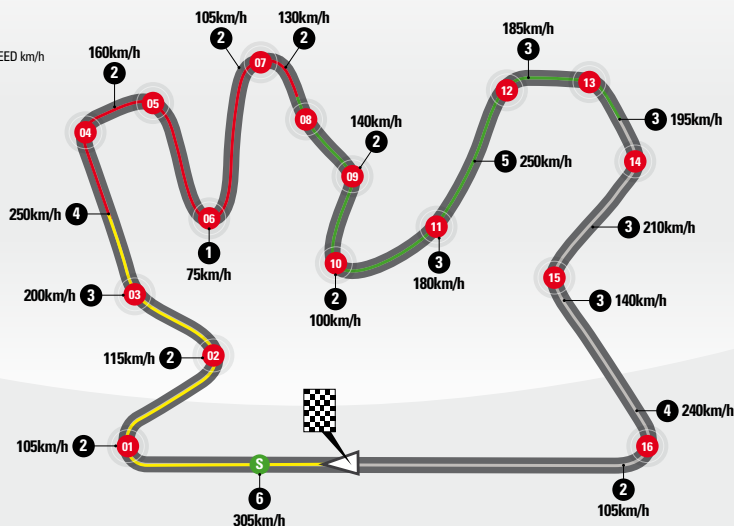
Cool track temperatures, the potential for wind-blown sand on circuit and the flowing nature of the Losail circuit combine to create a challenging environment for race tyres. Although Bridgestone is offering different rear slick specifications for the CRT and works riders this season, the particular demands of this circuit mean that two specifications of rear slick - the medium and hard asymmetric rears - will be provided for all riders at this race. Front slick tyre compounds for Qatar are the as last year, with the soft and hard compounds giving the variety

needed to manage the changeable grip and abrasion levels that often occur at this circuit.

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Circuit Guide

- S : SPEED TRAP
- 1 : CORNER NUMBER
- 1 : GEAR SELECTION / SPEED km/h
- : SECTOR 1
- : SECTOR 2
- : SECTOR 3



CIRCUIT INFORMATION

First race	2004
No. of GPs held	9
Laps	22 (MotoGP) 20 (Moto2) 18 (Moto3)
Track length	5.380km / 3.343 miles (Width 12m)
Race distance	118.360km / 73.546 miles (22 Laps)
Longest straight	1,068m / 0.664 miles
Corners	16 (10 right, 6 left)

CIRCUIT RECORDS

Pole position	1m 53.927s (170.003Km/h) Jorge Lorenzo (Yamaha, 2008)
Fastest lap	1m 55.153s (168.193Km/h) Casey Stoner (Ducati, 2008)
Race time	42m 36.587s (166.665Km/h) Casey Stoner (Ducati, 2008)
2012 Winner	Jorge Lorenzo (Yamaha)

TYRE SEVERITY RATING



FRONT Soft / Hard



REAR Medium / Hard

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



THURSDAY, 4TH APRIL

18:00-18:40	Moto3™	Free Practice 1
18:55-19:40	Moto2™	Free Practice 1
19:55-20:40	MotoGP™	Free Practice 1
20:55-21:35	Moto3™	Free Practice 2
21:50-22:35	Moto2™	Free Practice 2

FRIDAY, 5TH APRIL

18:00-18:45	MotoGP™	Free Practice 2
19:00-19:40	Moto3™	Free Practice 3
19:55-20:40	Moto2™	Free Practice 3
22:55-21:40	MotoGP™	Free Practice 3

SATURDAY, 6TH APRIL

18:00-18:40	Moto3™	Qualifying Practice
18:55-19:40	Moto2™	Qualifying Practice
19:55-20:55	MotoGP™	Free Practice 4
20:35-20:50	MotoGP™	Qualifying 1
21:00-21:15	MotoGP™	Qualifying 2
21:40-22:00	Moto3™	Warm Up
22:15-22:35	Moto2™	Warm Up

SATURDAY, 7TH APRIL

18:00-18:20	MotoGP™	Warm Up
19:00	Moto3™	Race (18 laps)
20:20	Moto2™	Race (20 laps)
22:00	MotoGP™	Race (22 laps)

Tyre talk with Shinji Aoki

Manager, Bridgestone Motorsport Tyre Development Division

» The first race of the season at Qatar presents quite a challenge for tyre development. Being run at night, track temperatures are always quite low which would normally require softer compounds, but the desert sand often blows across the circuit, making the surface quite abrasive which makes durability also a priority. This combination of low temperature and high abrasion makes it very tough for tyres, especially on the right shoulders, as they have to be soft enough to provide grip in the low

track temperature but hard enough to resist wear. The tyres also need sufficient stability for the heavy braking points.

To meet these demands, last year we brought asymmetric rear slicks to Qatar for the first time and this helped improve performance and safety, so we will offer the same this year in the medium and hard compounds. Our front tyre compounds will be soft and hard, with the softer option being offered in case especially cool conditions occur.



YAMAHA FACTORY RACING

YZR-M1



Jorge Lorenzo #99

Age: 25 DOB: 4/5/1987
Nationality: Spanish
GP Debut: QAT08 (MotoGP)
GP Starts: 84 (MotoGP)
Wins: 23 Poles: 25
Fastest laps: 16 Podiums: 60
Points: 1444
Best championship position: 1st (2012*)



Valentino Rossi #46

Age: 34 DOB: 16/2/1979
Nationality: Italian
GP Debut: RSA00 (500cc)
GP Starts: 215 (MotoGP/500cc)
Wins: 79 Poles: 49
Fastest laps: 67 Podiums: 141
Points: 3619
Best championship position: 1st (x7, 2009*)

REPSOL HONDA TEAM

RC213V



Dani Pedrosa #26

Age: 27 DOB: 29/9/1985
Nationality: Spanish
GP Debut: SPA06 (MotoGP)
GP Starts: 115 (MotoGP)
Wins: 22 Poles: 24
Fastest laps: 35 Podiums: 71
Points: 1736
Best championship position: 2nd (2012*)



Marc Marquez #93

Age: 20 DOB: 17/2/1993
Nationality: Spanish
GP Debut: QAT13 (MotoGP)
GP Starts: 0 (MotoGP)
Wins: 0 Poles: 0
Fastest laps: 0 Podiums: 0
Points: 0
Best championship position: NA

CARDION AB MOTORACING

ART



Karel Abraham #17

Age: 23 DOB: 02/01/1990
Nationality: Czech
GP Debut: QAT11 (MotoGP)
GP Starts: 30 (MotoGP)
Wins: 0 Poles: 0 Fastest laps: 0
Podiums: 0 Points: 107
Best championship position: 14th (2012*)

LCR HONDA MOTO GP

RC213V

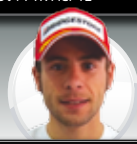


Stefan Bradl #6

Age: 23 DOB: 29/11/1989
Nationality: German
GP Debut: QAT12 (MotoGP)
GP Starts: 18 (MotoGP)
Wins: 0 Poles: 0 Fastest laps: 0
Podiums: 0 Points: 126
Best championship position: 8th (2012)

GO & FUN HONDA GRESINI

RC213V / FTR MGP12



Alvaro Bautista #19

Age: 27 DOB: 21/11/1984
Nationality: Spanish
GP Debut: QAT10 (MotoGP)
GP Starts: 49 (MotoGP)
Wins: 0 Poles: 1
Fastest laps: 0 Podiums: 2
Points: 330
Best championship position: 5th (2012)



Bryan Staring #67

Age: 25 DOB: 1/6/1987
Nationality: British
GP Debut: QAT13 (MotoGP)
GP Starts: 0 (MotoGP)
Wins: 0 Poles: 0
Fastest laps: 0 Podiums: 0
Points: 0
Best championship position: NA

DUCATI TEAM

Desmosedici GP13



Nicky Hayden #69

Age: 31 DOB: 30/7/1981
Nationality: American
GP Debut: JPN03 (MotoGP)
GP Starts: 167 (MotoGP)
Wins: 3 Poles: 5
Fastest laps: 7 Podiums: 28
Points: 1508
Best championship position: 1st (2006)



Andrea Dovizioso #4

Age: 27 DOB: 23/3/1986
Nationality: Italian
GP Debut: QAT08 (MotoGP)
GP Starts: 87 (MotoGP)
Wins: 1 Poles: 1
Fastest laps: 2 Podiums: 22
Points: 986
Best championship position: 3rd (2011)

Results on Bridgestone tyres

RIDER	TITLES	WIN	2ND	3RD	PODIUM	POLE
Casey Stoner	2	38	10	20	68	38
Jorge Lorenzo	2	22	26	6	54	20
Valentino Rossi	2	17	14	11	42	10
Dani Pedrosa	-	16	18	13	47	14
Loris Capirossi	-	6	7	4	17	5
Makoto Tamada	-	2	1	1	4	3
Andrea Dovizioso	-	1	7	14	22	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
Colin Edwards	-	-	1	1	2	-
Shinya Nakano	-	-	1	1	2	-
Randy de Puniet	-	-	1	1	2	-
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
Cal Crutchlow	-	-	-	2	2	-
Carlos Checa	-	-	-	2	2	-
Alex Barros	-	-	-	1	1	-
Jeremy McWilliams	-	-	-	-	-	1
Sete Gibernau	-	-	-	-	-	1
TOTAL	6	105	102	95	302	103

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

PRAMAC RACING TEAM

Desmosedici GP13



Ben Spies #11

Age: 28 DOB: 11/7/1984
Nationality: American
GP Debut: GBR08 (MotoGP)
GP Starts: 52 (MotoGP)
Wins: 1 Poles: 1
Fastest laps: 1 Podiums: 6
Points: 469
Best championship position: 5th (2011)



Andrea Iannone #29

Age: 23 DOB: 9/8/1989
Nationality: Italian
GP Debut: QAT13 (MotoGP)
GP Starts: 0 (MotoGP)
Wins: 0 Poles: 0
Fastest laps: 0 Podiums: 0
Points: 0
Best championship position: NA

POWER ELECTRONICS ASPAR

ART



Aleix Espargaro #41

Age: 23 DOB: 30/7/1989
Nationality: Spanish
GP Debut: INP09 (MotoGP)
GP Starts: 40 (MotoGP)
Wins: 0 Poles: 0
Fastest laps: 0 Podiums: 0
Points: 155
Best championship position: 12th (2012)

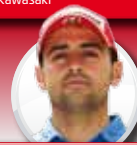


Randy de Puniet #14

Age: 32 DOB: 14/2/1981
Nationality: French
GP Debut: SPA06 (MotoGP)
GP Starts: 121 (MotoGP)
Wins: 0 Poles: 0
Fastest laps: 0 Podiums: 2
Points: 539
Best championship position: 9th (2010)

AVINTA RACING MOTO GP

FTR-Kawasaki



Hector Barbera #8

Age: 26 DOB: 2/11/1986
Nationality: Spanish
GP Debut: QAT10 (MotoGP)
GP Starts: 18 (MotoGP)
Wins: 0 Poles: 0
Fastest laps: 0 Podiums: 0
Points: 255
Best championship position: 11th (2011)



Hiroshi Aoyama #7

Age: 31 DOB: 25/10/1981
Nationality: Japanese
GP Debut: QAT10 (MotoGP)
GP Starts: 30 (MotoGP)
Wins: 0 Poles: 0
Fastest laps: 0 Podiums: 0
Points: 154
Best championship position: 10th (2011)

PAUL BIRD MOTORSPORT

PBM-Aprila / ART



Yonny Hernandez #68

Age: 24 DOB: 25/7/1988
Nationality: Columbian
GP Debut: QAT12 (MotoGP)
GP Starts: 15 (MotoGP)
Wins: 0 Poles: 0
Fastest laps: 0 Podiums: 0
Points: 28
Best championship position: 17th (2012)

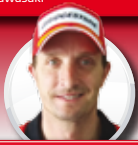


Michael Laverty #70

Age: 31 DOB: 7/6/1981
Nationality: British
GP Debut: QAT13 (MotoGP)
GP Starts: 0 (MotoGP)
Wins: 0 Poles: 0
Fastest laps: 0 Podiums: 0
Points: 0
Best championship position: NA

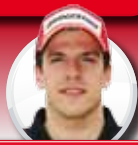
NGM MOBILE FORWARD RACING

FTR-Kawasaki



Colin Edwards #5

Age: 39 DOB: 27/2/1974
Nationality: American
GP Debut: JPN03 (MotoGP)
GP Starts: 168 (MotoGP)
Wins: 0 Poles: 3
Fastest laps: 3 Podiums: 12
Points: 1190
Best championship position: 4th (2005)

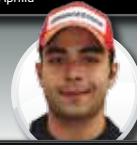


Claudio Corti #71

Age: 25 DOB: 25/6/1987
Nationality: Italian
GP Debut: VAL12 (MotoGP)
GP Starts: 1 (MotoGP)
Wins: 0 Poles: 0
Fastest laps: 0 Podiums: 0
Points: 0
Best championship position: NC (2012)

CAME IODARACING PROJECT

Ioda-Aprila



Danilo Petrucci #9

Age: 22 DOB: 24/10/1990
Nationality: Italian
GP Debut: QAT12 (MotoGP)
GP Starts: 18 (MotoGP)
Wins: 0 Poles: 0
Fastest laps: 0 Podiums: 0
Points: 27
Best championship position: 19th (2012)



Lukas Pesek #52

Age: 27 DOB: 22/11/1985
Nationality: Czech
GP Debut: QAT13 (MotoGP)
GP Starts: 0 (MotoGP)
Wins: 0 Poles: 0
Fastest laps: 0 Podiums: 0
Points: 0
Best championship position: NA

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

CONSTRUCTORS							
1 Honda - -	2 Yamaha - -	3 Ducati - -	4 FTR - -	5 ART - -	6 FTR-Kawasaki - -	7 Ioda-Aprilia - -	8 PBM-Aprilia - -
TEAMS							
1 Repsol Honda Team - -	4 Monster Yamaha Tech3 - -	7 LCR Honda MotoGP - -	10 Avintia Racing MotoGP - -	13 Paul Bird Motorsport - -			
2 Yamaha Factory Racing - -	5 Go&Fun Honda Gresini - -	8 Power Electronics Aspar - -	11 Came Iodaracing Project - -				
3 Ducati Team - -	6 Pramac Racing Team - -	9 Cardion AB Motoracing - -	12 NGM Mobile Forward Racing - -				

Bridgestone Battlax Sport Touring T30: Tour with MotoGP™ technology

Bridgestone's SPORT TOURING T30 is the latest tyre to join the BATTLEAX line-up with technology based on MotoGP™ racing tyres.

The development concept of the new T30 is to give riders the real pleasure of touring, with improved handling and dry grip compared to the predecessor BT023 tyre. To achieve this, Bridgestone developed a new compound, construction and tread pattern, all optimized for better structural rigidity and contact patch.

The T30 is the first Battlax tyre in the touring segment named "T". Bridgestone now uses T for "Touring", S for "Sport" and R for "Race" to more clearly position its extensive range of Battlax tyres.

Bridgestone designed the new T30 compound the way it does for MotoGP™ racing tyres: measuring the range of temperature in which the tyre should operate, and then developing the optimum compound to match the working range. This led to the development of RC polymers, a compound that builds on the company's exclusive "NanoPro-Tech" technology. This revolutionary technology delivers improved grip and performance in a wide range of temperatures.

In-house testing against the BATTLEAX BT023 predecessor shows the improved

manoeuvrability and easy handling of the T30, giving riders the real pleasure of touring. Dry handling, grip and cornering all show improvement, while maintaining high levels of grip in wet conditions.



Last years race

2012 QUALIFYING TIMES				
RIDER	TEAM	TOP KM/H	TIME	GAP
1	Jorge Lorenzo	Yamaha Factory Racing	327.1	1m54.634s
2	Casey Stoner	Repsol Honda Team	331.9	1m54.855s +0.221s
3	Cal Crutchlow	Monster Yamaha Tech 3	328.0	1m55.022s +0.388s
4	Ben Spies	Yamaha Factory Racing	326.1	1m55.512s +0.878s
5	Nicky Hayden	Ducati Team	334.2	1m55.637s +1.003s
6	Andrea Dovizioso	Monster Yamaha Tech 3	328.9	1m55.858s +1.224s
7	Dani Pedrosa	Repsol Honda Team	330.8	1m55.905s +1.271s
8	Hector Barbera	Pramac Racing Team	337.1	1m55.983s +1.349s
9	Stefan Bradl	LCR Honda MotoGP	334.0	1m56.063s +1.429s
10	Karel Abraham	Cardion Ab Motoracing	333.5	1m56.198s +1.564s
11	Alvaro Bautista	San Carlo Honda Gresini	334.3	1m56.521s +1.887s
12	Valentino Rossi	Ducati Team	338.1	1m56.813s +2.179s
13	Colin Edwards	NGM Mobile Forward Racing	314.8	1m57.644s +3.010s
14	Randy De Puniet	Power Electronics Aspar	309.6	1m58.266s +3.632s
15	Alex Espargaro	Power Electronics Aspar	312.1	1m58.520s +3.886s
16	Yonny Hernandez	Avintia Blusens	303.6	1m58.795s +4.161s
17	Michele Pirro	San Carlo Honda Gresini	311.1	1m59.085s +4.451s
18	Mattia Pasini	Speed Master	311.5	1m59.195s +4.561s
19	Daniilo Petrucci	Came Iodaracing Project	296.8	1m59.664s +5.030s
20	Ivan Silva	Avintia Blusens	306.1	2m00.493s +5.859s
21	James Ellison	Paul Bird Motorsport	309.9	2m00.757s +6.123s

2012 RACE RESULTS				
RIDER	TEAM	TOP KM/H	TIME	GAP
1	Jorge Lorenzo	Yamaha Factory Racing	42m44.214	166.170
2	Dani Pedrosa	Repsol Honda Team	42m45.066	166.115 +0.852s
3	Casey Stoner	Repsol Honda Team	42m47.122	165.981 +2.908s
4	Cal Crutchlow	Monster Yamaha Tech 3	43m01.328	165.068 +17.114s
5	Andrea Dovizioso	Monster Yamaha Tech 3	43m01.634	165.048 +17.420s
6	Nicky Hayden	Ducati Team	43m12.627	164.349 +28.413s
7	Alvaro Bautista	San Carlo Honda Gresini	43m12.660	164.347 +28.446s
8	Stefan Bradl	LCR Honda MotoGP	43m13.678	164.282 +29.464s
9	Hector Barbera	Pramac Racing Team	43m15.598	164.161 +31.384s
10	Valentino Rossi	Ducati Team	43m17.879	164.016 +33.665s
11	Ben Spies	Yamaha Factory Racing	43m41.121	162.562 +56.907s
12	Colin Edwards	NGM Mobile Forward Racing	43m42.302	162.489 +58.088s
13	Randy De Puniet	Power Electronics Aspar	43m54.864	161.714 +70.650s
14	Yonny Hernandez	Avintia Blusens	44m00.157	161.390 +75.943s
15	Alex Espargaro	Power Electronics Aspar	44m10.947	160.733 +86.733s
16	Ivan Silva	Avintia Blusens	44m27.541	159.733 +103.327s
17	Mattia Pasini	Speed Master	44m31.633	159.488 +107.419s
18	James Ellison	Paul Bird Motorsport	44m36.096	159.222 +111.882s
NC	Daniilo Petrucci	Came Iodaracing Project	30m29.288	158.815 7 laps
NC	Karel Abraham	Cardion Ab Motoracing	14m40.447	153.985 15 laps
NC	Michele Pirro	San Carlo Honda Gresini	43m46.733	110.601 7 laps

Bridgestone Fact

As the only night race on the calendar, Qatar experiences the lowest average track temperature of the MotoGP season with the asphalt seldom reaching more than room temperature; 22° C

FASTEST RACE LAP				
RIDER	TEAM	TIME	TOP KM/H	LAP
Casey Stoner	Repsol Honda Team	1m55.541s	167.628	4

Source : www.motogp.com & Haynes MotoGP Season Review.
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Bridgestone Motorsport Round-up

American Le Mans Series Bridgestone has teamed up with DeltaWing Racing Cars for the revolutionary racing concept's entry in the 2013 ALMS championship. Bridgestone, who through its Firestone brand supplied tyres to the DeltaWing car at the inception of the project, will produce bespoke slick and wet tyres for drivers Olivier Pla and Andy Meyrick. Mechanical issues brought an early conclusion to the car's first outing at the season opener at Sebring, though Bridgestone and DeltaWing are raring to go for the next race at Long Beach on April 20.

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