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Moto2 & Moto3 InFocus: April

Dunlop Grips The World In Moto2 & Moto3 Battles

The 2016 FIM Moto2™ and Moto3™ World Championships continues its travels around the world next month pitching some of the best and brightest up-and-coming riders head to head aboard Dunlop-shod machines. With round one completed in Qatar on 20 March, all eyes now turn to the next three rounds; Termas Rio de Hondo, Argentina (3 April), COTA, USA (10 April) and Jerez, Spain (24 April).

March Recap – Record 34c track temperatures greet Dunlop riders in Qatar

A thrilling opening round took place in Qatar on 20 March, where a dirty track and high winds in practice greeted the Dunlop riders. Using the new size front in Moto3 practice for the first time since they were introduced in Jerez 2015, all riders subsequently elected to run medium front and medium rears, and saw the first 20 separated by just one second. Romano Fenati beat last year's pole time, lapping in 2'06.131.

In Moto2 all riders chose medium front and hard rears and also saw the top 20 in qualifying covered by just one second. Morning warm-up offered up a staggering 34c track temperature, but the Dunlop tyres performed well throughout, providing a new pole record for Jonas Folger (1'59.052) and new circuit record on the final lap for Sam Lowes (1'59.421).

#ForeverForward 2016

Dunlop's #ForeverForward Award also got underway in Qatar, and it is Moto2 riders who occupy the top three places. Sharing the top spot, Luis Salom and Luca Marini both improved 15 places from their start positions, with Hafizh Syahrin, Hiroki Ono and Jules Danilo, just behind on 11 points. Moto2 riders Simone Corsi and Miguel Oliveira scored 10 points. <[Click here for full points table](#)>

Round 2: Termas Rio de Hondo - 3 April 2016

- The Termas Rio de Hondo is an extremely abrasive track, where Dunlop technicians have previously seen the benefit of scrubbing in race tyres

Track Facts:

- Length: 4.8km
- Left Turns: 5
- Right Turns: 9
- Energy level: mid/high
- Left:right bias: mid

Tyre Allocation:

Moto2	Option 1	Option 2	Wets
<i>Fronts:</i> 120/75R17	Soft '1' (black 'Dunlop' on yellow)	Medium '2' (black on silver)	Medium 'S2'
<i>Rears:</i> 195/75R17	Hard '3' (yellow on black)	Hard '4' (white on black)	Medium 'S2'
Moto3	Option 1	Option 2	Wets
<i>Fronts:</i> 90/80R17	Soft (black on yellow)	Medium (black on silver)	WB
<i>Rears:</i> 115/75R17	Soft 'S1' (black on yellow)	Medium 'M1' (black on silver)	WB

2015 Highlights

- Johann Zarco set a new Moto2 pole record in qualifying 1'42.809, while Jonas Folger set a new race lap record of 1'43.001
- Miguel Oliveira was fastest in Moto3 qualifying (1'48.46) and the race (1'48.977), breaking both records from the previous year
- 17 Moto2 riders qualified faster than the previous year, and the race was over 21 seconds faster
- Every Moto3 and Moto2 record was broken over the weekend

Round 3: COTA 10 - April 2016

- Another abrasive track, where scrubbed wets work best in the rain

Track Facts:

- Length: 5.5km
- Left Turns: 11
- Right Turns: 9
- Energy level: mid/high
- Left:right bias: 55%/45%

Tyre Allocation:

Moto2	Option 1	Option 2	Wets
<i>Fronts:</i> 120/75R17	Soft '1' (black 'Dunlop' on yellow)	Medium '2' (black 'Dunlop' on silver)	Medium 'S2'
<i>Rears:</i> 195/75R17	Hard '3' (yellow on black)	Hard '4' (white on black)	Medium 'S2'
Moto3	Option 1	Option 2	Wets
<i>Fronts:</i> 90/80R17	Soft (black on yellow)	Medium (black on silver)	WB
<i>Rears:</i> 115/75R17	Soft 'S1' (black on yellow)	Medium 'M1' (black on silver)	WB

2015 Highlights

- Moto3 Champion-elect Danny Kent set a new pole record in qualifying 2'15.344
- A new Moto2 pole record lap was set by Xavier Simeon 2'09.88
- Both Moto3 and Moto2 races started on a damp track, with excellent tyre performance throughout the races

Round 4: Jerez 24 April 2016

- During testing earlier this year, Moto2 riders trialled a new specification tyre, which may be introduced as early as at the Jerez race weekend

Track Facts:

- Length: 4.4km
- Left Turns: 5
- Right Turns: 8
- Energy level: low/mid
- Left:right bias: 45%/55%

Tyre Allocation:

Moto2	Option 1	Option 2	Wets
<i>Fronts:</i> 120/75R17	Soft '1' (black 'Dunlop' on yellow)	Medium '2' (black on silver) Medium 'MS0' (no decal)	Medium 'MS2'
<i>Rears:</i> 195/75R17	Soft '1' (black on yellow)		Medium 'MS2'
Moto3	Option 1	Option 2	Wets
<i>Fronts:</i> 90/80R17	Soft (black on yellow)	Medium (black on silver)	WB
<i>Rears:</i> 115/75R17	Soft 'S1' (black on yellow)	Medium 'M1' (black on silver)	WB

2015 Highlights

- One of the most well-attended events on the calendar, with more 243,000 spectators over the weekend
- Dunlop technicians fitted more than 1400 tyres over the event
- Brad Binder claimed a new Moto3 race lap record of 1'46.723
- Overall Moto3 race time was nine seconds faster than previous year

2016 Season Tyre Specifications

The 2016 specification tyres remain similar to last season but Moto3 sees the introduction of H3 for the rears, a tyre closer to 'medium' in characteristics than 2015's H2. The 'H3' offers at least the same performance, but with increased durability.

This year in response to rider feedback Moto2 riders will have the option of the slightly firmer H4, offering similar performance but increased durability compared to the alternative H3 favoured in 2015 at certain race tracks.

Moto2

Soft '1' (black 'Dunlop' on yellow) Front & Rear

Medium '2' (black on silver) Front & Rear

Hard '3' (yellow on black) Front & Rear

Hard '4' (white on black) Rear only

Special Hard 'S1' (black on yellow) Rear only

Special Hard 'S2' (black) Rear only

Moto3

Soft 'S'/'S1' (black on yellow) Front & Rear

Medium 'M'/'M1' (black on silver) Front & Rear

Hard 'H3' (yellow on black) Rear

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Dunlop's extensive racing experience has led to innovative technologies for tyres designed for everyday riding.

Dunlop tyres were on the bike that won the first 500cc championship for motorcycles in 1949 and dominated the series through the following decades. In 1991 a bike on Dunlop tyres won the first of three consecutive World Superbike titles and in 2008 Marco Simoncelli took Dunlop's 200th consecutive 250cc GP win, a series in which Dunlop claimed 17 World Championships. 2010 saw Dunlop become sole tyre supplier to Moto2 with Moto3 following in 2012 and the partnership with Dorna to continue supplying the two main MotoGP support races was renewed for 2015 onwards.

Endurance racing has been dominated by Dunlop teams and riders, with eleven Endurance World Championship titles out of thirteen since 2002 accrued, while each of John McGuinness' 23 Isle of Man TT wins were on Dunlop tyres. Dunlop has won every major motorcycle accolade going – from GP World Championships to the Isle of Man TT, from World Superbike and Supersport to World Endurance, with similar across-the-board success in motocross and other off-road championships.

The latest Dunlop road tyres are fitted on motorcycles from leading manufacturers such as Honda, Kawasaki, KTM, Ducati, Harley-Davidson and Suzuki.