

ASTON MARTIN



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GERMAN GP – FRIDAY PRACTICE

MAX VERSTAPPEN

First Practice Session: 1:14.330, Position: 4, Laps: 28

Second Practice Session: 1:14.133, Position: 5, Laps: 23

"Today was ok. We haven't quite found the perfect balance yet but we are also not too far behind. In FP2 I didn't have a clean lap on the softest compound as I had to abort and around here it is really a one lap tyre. I ended up doing extra laps on the tyre and the peak of the grip was gone. We are a little bit behind Mercedes and Ferrari but with some fine-tuning it will be ok and I think we are better than the times from FP2 show. It's always good to get plenty of running on a Friday, even if the conditions are going to change, as you can still get an understanding and find the right direction for the rest of the weekend. One thing I know for sure is that it's very hot and I've been sweating a lot!"

PIERRE GASLY

First Practice Session: 1:14.813, Position: 6, Laps: 23

Second Practice Session: 1:15.089, Position: 15, Laps: 19

"It was quite a tricky day today. We managed to get some decent laps during FP1 and the feeling with the car was good. We completed the normal tests and then in FP2, we had a couple of issues which meant we didn't get a short run on soft tyres and that put us back in the classifications, but the feeling was still good. Unfortunately, towards the end of the session I lost the car exiting the final corner during a long run and hit the barrier. Fortunately I wasn't using my race engine or gearbox, but more importantly I'm really sorry for the boys in the garage and I want to apologise to them as the repairs will make for a long night. Looking ahead to tomorrow, the conditions are going to be completely different so we need to learn from today and analyse all the tests we have done."

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