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**BARCELONA TEST 2 – DAY 1**

Driver: Pierre Gasly  
Car: RB15  
Laps: 136  
Best time: 1:17.715  
Circuit length: 4.655km

Pierre Gasly kicked off the second week of 2019 pre-season testing for Aston Martin Red Bull Racing by posting 136 laps of the Circuit de Barcelona-Catalunya, the largest single-driver lap count on day one at the Spanish track. The long day's work at the wheel of the RB15 also netted the French driver the second fastest time of the day, a lap of 1:17.715s set on the yellow-banded C3 Pirelli compound.

Commenting on the day's running, Pierre said: "We pushed a little more today, but really it's all about understanding how the car works. There were a lot of aero tests and a lot of items to evaluate for the Team today, and that's good for me as it helps me get more comfortable with the car. Lap after lap it's getting better, but of course there's still work to do. The pace was good, but we just have to focus on ourselves and work through the programme we've defined for each day. So far it's been positive; we've managed to get through our plan and we've gained a lot of mileage. The potential is there so we'll just try to improve in the areas we can, keep our heads down and keep working."

Head of Race Engineering, Guillaume Rocquelin, added: "We had a successful first week of testing here in Barcelona. To start the week, we changed the run plan today slightly and focused on shorter runs, which enabled us to work through a greater number of test items. That obviously meant more time in the garage between runs, but it went very smoothly and we were able to tick a lot of boxes – including some purely procedural things that we wanted to get done. We were also able to look at performance a little more, hence Pierre's run in the afternoon, so in all it's been a very solid start. Tomorrow, we'll start to look more at race preparation."

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