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BARCELONA TEST 2 – DAY 3

Driver: Pierre Gasly
Car: RB15
Laps: 65
Best time: 1:17.091
Circuit length: 4.655km

The penultimate day of Aston Martin Red Bull Racing's final pre-season test was brought to an early end midway through the afternoon when Pierre crashed at Turn 9 of the Circuit de Barcelona-Catalunya. Pierre was unhurt in the incident but car damage prevented any further running. The Team will conduct overnight repairs ahead of the final test day when Max returns to the wheel before F1 heads to the opening round of the season, the Australian Grand Prix.

"We looked a bit more at performance today and we learned a lot" said Pierre. "We still have a lot of work to do but overall we're pleased. I'm feeling good with the car and the package in general – the chassis and engine are really good. In the afternoon, I made a mistake in Turn 9 and lost the car. It was a pretty big crash, but I'm fine, a little bit shaken, but generally OK. I'm feeling more sorry for the guys in the garage. They have a long night ahead but the most important thing is that Max is back in the car tomorrow and we'll focus on the positives. It's not an ideal way to end the final test, but over the four days we managed to get lots of laps in and that was positive. We have good performance and we just need to understand how to maximise the package, so we bring the best car we can to Melbourne."

Head of Race Engineering, Guillaume Rocquelin, added: "The crash was simply a case of Pierre going slightly wide into Turn 9 and losing control. You're pretty much flat out there, so if it goes wrong, you're going to feel it. Thankfully Pierre is OK. We have a long night ahead of us in order to get the car ready for tomorrow, however today's incident shouldn't compromise our plans. Prior to Pierre's off, we had a good morning. We worked on how we manage a qualifying session, which is good knowledge for the driver and it gets the pit crew back in the zone. The incident was unfortunate but these things happen. We'll deal with it and move on."

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