



Press Release

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2024 Formula 1 Chinese Grand Prix, Friday

Today in numbers

Free Practice 1

Esteban, P7, 1min 37.213secs, 23 laps

Pierre, P20, 1min 39.276secs, 21 laps

Sprint Qualifying

Esteban P17 (1min 37.720secs)

Pierre P16 (1min 37.632secs)

Esteban Ocon: *"We did not maximise the potential of the car today. I think we can extract more performance from the car and, unfortunately with only one practice session, we did not put everything together in time for Sprint Qualifying. We will try our best to make progress in the Sprint Race tomorrow morning and make changes to the car when Parc Fermé opens ahead of Qualifying for the Grand Prix. We will do some analysis overnight and evaluate what set-up changes we can make between sessions to improve tomorrow."*

Pierre Gasly: *"A challenging Friday morning session for us, due to a high voltage problem but the team worked hard and managed to swap the Power Unit and the battery before Sprint Qualifying as a precautionary measure. The session turned out slightly better than expected, although, we are far from where we want to be currently. From what we have seen so far, the upgrades to Esteban's car look to be a step in the right direction, so I am looking forward to Miami where we both will be able to run the updated car. In the meantime, we will continue working hard to get the maximum out of the car in the Sprint Race and Qualifying tomorrow."*

