



Press Release

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## 2024 Formula 1 Japanese Grand Prix, Saturday

### Today in numbers

**Free Practice 3:** Esteban P14 (1min 31.022secs); Pierre P17 (1min 31.141secs)

**Qualifying:** Esteban P15 (1min 29.816secs); Pierre P17 (1min 30.119secs)

**Esteban Ocon:** "..."

**Pierre Gasly:** *"It's definitely disappointing to be out in Q1 today. The car felt good in Sector 1 on my second push lap but, after that, we seemed to slide a lot and maybe overheated the rear tyres. I was struggling with traction out of corners, had a snappy rear end and it was just too messy for a completely clean lap. It's an area we have to analyse and understand as it's where we lack right now. We will fight in the race tomorrow as we always do. There will be chances and we have to maximise those tomorrow. We'll play our cards on strategy and see if we can benefit from anything in front of us."*

**Bruno Famin, Team Principal:** *"The upgrades have worked as expected for us but, clearly, there is still a lot of hard work ahead of us. We probably did not maximise the potential of both cars this afternoon, which we will analyse. There are things we must quickly understand, especially on tyre warm-up and management, as this is a big differentiator in such a tightly packed field. Tomorrow's race will feature some interesting strategies. We will assess our options and look to progress our cars up the field and towards the all-important points positions."*

