

Press Release

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REPSOL HONDA TEAM RESUMES TESTING AT SEPANG

Twenty days after the previous MotoGP test at Sepang, the Repsol Honda Team picked up where it left off at the Malaysian circuit and continued its meticulous preparations for the upcoming season. Andrea Dovizioso and Dani Pedrosa made the most of the hot, sunny weather at the 5.548km circuit to complete a full day's development work with the new-for-2010 Honda RC212V on which they will mount their challenge for the MotoGP World Championship.

Dovizioso took full advantage of the good track conditions today to up his pace from the last test, setting the third fastest time today with a lap of 2m 01.631s. It was an improvement of more than 0.6s compared with his best from early February, and Dovizioso said he was pleased with the progress he and his team are making in the limited testing time available ahead of the first race of the season in April.

Pedrosa finished the day with a best lap time of 2m 02.036s which was good enough for seventh place with a gap of just under a second to today's fastest time. The Spaniard was less satisfied than his team-mate with the results of the day as he struggled somewhat with the feeling from his machine. The 24-year-old was unhurt in a slow-speed fall as he braked late in to the tight left hand hairpin. With another day of testing here tomorrow, Pedrosa and his crew are confident that improvements to suspension and machine settings can see him close the gap to the front.



ANDREA DOVIZIOSO- Best lap 2m 01.631s 52 laps

"I'm very happy about this first day of testing. We have the third fastest time but the most important thing is that we were able to consistently improve our pace. On every session out of the pits we were able to go quickly and this is encouraging. Of course there is still a lot of work to do as we have to reduce the gap from the first riders but I'm confident, and I'm very happy of the development work done by Honda. Today we changed my position on the bike with very positive results and we also tested some new electronic settings. Tomorrow we want to do more laps to confirm our race pace."



DANI PEDROSA- Best lap 2m 02.036s 47 laps

"We did a lot of work today and ran through quite a few machine adjustments but the bike was moving around quite a lot and we didn't find the solution for that today. Tomorrow we will focus on increasing our speed in the corners and look to make a few improvements to the settings which should help us. I had a slow-speed crash in the hairpin because basically I braked too late but didn't want to run off the track - and the front folded. Testing time is important for us because there's not too much time left before the season starts, so we'll be looking for a productive day tomorrow."

Official lap times

- V. Rossi Fiat Yamaha 2:01.068
- C. Stoner Marlboro Ducati 2:01.219
- A. Dovizioso Repsol Honda 2:01.631
- L. Capirossi Rizla Suzuki 2:01.687
- B. Spies Yamaha Tech3 2:01.843
- C. Edwards Yamaha Tech3 2:01.897
- D. Pedrosa Repsol Honda 2:02.036
- M. Kallio Pramac Ducati 2:02.038
- A. Bautista Rizla Suzuki 2:02.078
- M. Melandri San Carlo Honda 2:02.086
- N. Hayden Marlboro Ducati 2:02.221
- H. Aoyama Interwetten Honda 2:02.419
- A. Espargaro Pramac Ducati 2:02.447
- H. Barbera Aspar MotoGP team 2:02.485
- R. De Puniet LRC Honda 2:02.535
- M. Simoncelli San Carlo Honda 2:03.254